AAMVA’s The Week in Review for August 10, 2020

AAMVA Hosts 2020 Annual Regional Membership Meetings Virtually
As part of AAMVA’s ongoing efforts to keep members connected and informed, we hosted annual membership meetings for all four AAMVA regions online from July 28-31, 2020. The meetings included updates from each region’s leadership team and AAMVA’s President & CEO, Anne Ferro, as well as the annual election of the region’s board of directors. Congratulations to our four new regional presidents: Walter “Bud” Craddock, RI (Region 1); Pam Goheen, VA (Region 2); Peter Lacy, IN (Region 3); Eric Jorgensen, AZ (Region 4). We will be hosting our annual international membership meeting on September 1, 2020 from 2:30 – 4:30 pm EDT. Tune in for an update from Whitney Brewster, Chair of the Board and Anne Ferro, as well as the annual election of the International Board of Directors. Click here to register.

2020 October and November Meetings Cancelled In-Person
The 2020 AAMVA Region 1 Board, Planning and Administrators Meeting; the 2020 Region 2 Board, Planning and Administrators Meeting; and the Region 4 Chief Administrators Meeting have been cancelled due to health and safety concerns about COVID-19 (coronavirus), as well as travel bans being imposed by many entities that traditionally participate in these events. These meetings will instead be held virtually via GoToMeeting. More information will be provided soon. For questions, please contact Julie Knittle, Patrice Aasmo, or Samara Fetner.

New AAMVAcast Episode
In this episode of AAMVAcast, our host, Ian Grossman, speaks with Julie Butler, Director of the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles, about childcare considerations during the pandemic, and how her agency is tackling workforce management. You can find AAMVAcast on its own website, as well as on Apple podcasts, Google podcasts, Stitcher, and Spotify. We’ll be releasing new episodes every Monday, featuring conversations with Ian Grossman and members of the AAMVA Community. Subscribe today!

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This Week’s Webinars
Conference Session Series: Digital Service Delivery
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The 2020 Region 1, Region 2, Region 3, and Region 4 Conferences, as well as the Annual International Conference are cancelled. Visit our website for the full cancelation list.

SEPTEMBER

1 | AAMVA Annual Membership Meeting

AUGUST - CDLIS

11 | CDLIS 10 Year History (intermediate)

12 | CDLIS Improving Data Quality (basic)

13 | CDLIS Error Detection and Resolution (intermediate)

18 | CDLIS Rules for Driver Convictions (intermediate)

19 | CD11 Report Out-of-State Conviction (intermediate)

20 | CD12 Negate Out-of-State Conviction (intermediate)

25 | CDLIS Rules for Driver Withdrawals (intermediate)

26 | CD16 Report Out-of-State Withdrawal (intermediate)

27 | CD17 Negate Out-of-State

*Register for the following training sessions HERE.

Jurisdiction Response to COVID-19

Click here to view consolidated information and see how motor vehicle administrations are handling driver licensing and vehicle registration. This document will be updated with the most current information on our homepage.

Motor Vehicle Industry Response on COVID-19 Pandemic

Below are a selection of news releases and announcements regarding the effects of coronavirus on the motor vehicle community.

COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE

• Disability Placards Extended by Governor Murphy (New Jersey)
• Driver Licence Renewal Now Available Online (Nova Scotia)

COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE

• Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) Serves Over One Million Customers During the Pandemic
• Gov. Beshear Announces Opening of KYTC Regional Driver Licensing Office in Prestonsburg (Kentucky)

COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

• Fairfield Driver Services Facility Reopens Wednesday, August 5 (Illinois)
• Midlothian Drivers Services Facility Opens Aug. 5 (Illinois)
• McLeansboro Driver Services Facility Reopens Thursday, August 6 (Illinois)
Withdrawal (intermediate)

REGISTER ONLINE!

AUGUST

12 | Conference Session Series: Digital Service Delivery

13 | AAMVA IT LMS (Learning Management System)

13 | NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States (Web Service Version) – Part 2

17 | AAMVA IT LMS (Learning Management System)

18 | NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site

19 | Conference Session Series: Analytical Tools for Investigating Internal and External Fraud

20 | NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States (AMIE Version) – Part 1

20 | SPEXS Duplicate Resolution Collaboration Tool

25 | NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature

26 | Conference Session Series: Strengthening Every Link in the Chain from Ticket to License Action

27 | NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States (AMIE Version) – Part 2

SEPTEMBER


3 | NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States (Web Service Version)

COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- Diversey Express Driver Services Facility Reopens Monday, August 10 (Illinois)
- Mobile Driver Testing Services Resuming (Manitoba)

- Online MVD Usage Vastly Expands as AZ MVD Now Hits 1 Million Mark (Arizona)
- Some Temporary COVID-19 Support Measures to Expire (British Columbia)
- DMV Expands Online Services With Commercial Driver’s License Renewals (California)
- DMV Extends Learner’s Permits Expiring Through November (California)
- Union Gap, West Seattle Offices to Reopen by Appointment Aug. 11 (Washington)

JURISDICTION NEWS

Notice: Gasoline and Undyed Diesel Fuel Excise Tax Law Changes (Alabama)

On March 12, 2019, Governor Kay Ivey signed into law Act 2019-2, also known as the Rebuild Alabama Act (the “Act”). The Act was codified in Title 40, Chapter 17, Articles 12 and 12A. Pursuant to the provisions of the Act, the following fuel tax rate changes and filing requirements will take effect on October 1, 2020. Read more at revenue.alabama.gov.

August is ADOT MVD Saves Lives Month (Arizona)

August is the Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division Saves Lives Month. Working with Donor Network of Arizona, the MVD urges all Arizonans to consider giving the gift of life by becoming an organ donor. “Organ and tissue donation is one of the best gifts you can give someone,” said MVD Director Eric Jorgensen. “Through our great partnership with the Donor Network of Arizona, we’re able to help make it easier for people to sign up and that’s especially important now as we face the ongoing public health emergency. It’s a great reminder that not only can you sign up during your driver license renewal, but you can do it online during the registration renewal process. It’s never been easier to become a donor.” Read more at azdot.gov.

FLHSMV Leads Child Safety Awareness Campaign This August (Florida)

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) recognizes August as Child Safety Awareness Month and reminds motorists to do their part in protecting children on Florida roads by driving safely. FLHSMV is educating the public on all aspects of child safety in and around vehicles in partnership with the Florida Department of Children and Families, Florida Department of Education, Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Sheriffs Association, Florida Police Chiefs Association and AAA – The Auto Club Group. Read more at flhsmv.gov.

Jesse White Encourages Organ/Tissue Donation for Virtual National Minority Donor Awareness Month (Illinois)

Secretary of State Jesse White is hosting a virtual National Minority Donor Awareness Month “Wave Away the Waiting” to promote organ/tissue donation for multicultural communities at www.LifeGoesOn.com. “We are working together to end the wait for those in need of organ donation,” said White. “Unfortunately, minorities are in great need of organ transplants, yet they donate at a lower rate. I encourage everyone to register to become an organ/tissue donor to help give the gift of life to someone in need.” Read more at cyberdriveillinois.com.
Unbuckled? What’s Holding You Back? MDOT MVA Reminds Motorists to Buckle Up, Every Seat, Every Ride (Maryland)

After declining in recent months during Maryland’s COVID-19 State of Emergency, motor vehicle traffic volumes continue to rise toward pre-pandemic levels. As travelers return to the roads, the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration’s (MDOT MVA) Highway Safety Office is reminding motorists their first line of defense against injury in a crash is buckling up – every seat, every ride. Increased enforcement for seat belt violations is currently underway across the state. Read more at mva.maryland.gov.

Governor Cuomo Announces Statewide Crackdown on Speeding (New York)

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that New York State Police and local law enforcement will be increasing patrols over the next week to crack down on speeding across the state. Unsafe speed was a contributing factor in 34 percent of all fatal crashes from January to May this year, compared to 30 percent of fatal crashes during the same period in 2019, according to data from the Institute for Traffic Safety Management and Research at the University at Albany's Rockefeller College. Read more at governor.ny.gov.

Oregon Now Compliant With Federal Real ID Act

The Department of Homeland Security notified Gov. Kate Brown on Monday that Oregon is in compliance with the federal Real ID Act. As of Oct. 1, 2021, the Transportation Security Administration will require identification that complies with the Real ID Act to pass through airport security when boarding a domestic flight. This date was moved forward one year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Read more at content.govdelivery.com.

TxDOT’s New Augmented Reality Game Urges Drivers to Never Drive Distracted (Texas)

Despite stay at home orders and less traffic the past few months, Texas has continued to see about the same amount of fatalities on our state’s roadways. In an effort to reach drivers more creatively about the dangers of distracted driving, TxDOT has launched a new web-based augmented reality (AR) game that reinforces the importance of paying attention behind the wheel and reminds drivers to keep their heads up. Around 1 in 5 crashes on Texas roads are caused by distracted driving and all of them are preventable. Read more at txdot.gov.

Progress on Impaired Driving - Let’s Keep Going, Saskatchewan!

Even though 2019 was a record low year for the number of people killed and injured in impaired driving collisions in the province, the work isn’t done. It’s up to everyone to continue to bring impaired driving numbers in Saskatchewan even lower...That’s one reason law enforcement and SGI are focusing on impaired driving during the August Traffic Safety Spotlight. Most people in Saskatchewan have decided it’s simply not OK to drive impaired, but 21 people still lost their lives needlessly on Saskatchewan roads last year, and police have reported nearly 2,000* impaired driving offences in the first half of this year. Read more at sgi.sk.ca.

Online Options for Dealer License and Audit Units (South Carolina)

South Carolinians can now file complaints about vehicle dealers even faster with the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV). Customers now have the option to visit SCDMVOnline.com (File a Dealer Complaint) to submit a complaint about licensed dealers in South Carolina...Also now available on SCDMVOnline.com.
Driver record monitoring and reviewing services (Ends 08/24/2020)

Communication Impairment Decal/Sticker (Ends 08/25/2020)

Kiosk Functionality & Locations (Ends 08/14/2020)

Vehicle Registration - Stickers and Cards (Ends 08/18/2020)

Registration of Salvage Vehicles (Ends 08/14/2020)

Imported Vehicles (Ends 08/28/2020)

Title with Model Year Earlier than 1981 (Ends 08/17/2020)

You can view all open surveys and responses to all surveys by visiting the survey tool. Please contact Janice Dluzynski if you have any questions about using the survey tool.

Highway Patrol: Traffic Safety a Necessity at Sturgis Rally (South Dakota)
As the 80th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally begins this week, the message of the South Dakota Department of Public Safety remains the same as in past years: Stay safe. The rally begins Friday (today) and runs through Sunday, Aug. 16. That means more motorists on many different kinds of vehicles traveling the highways through the Black Hills and statewide. DPS Cabinet Secretary Craig Price said several DPS agencies will help with the rally. Most notably, the Highway Patrol will work to keep highways safe. Read more at news.sd.gov.

FEDERAL NEWS

NHTSA Grant Program for States
NHTSA announced a grant program to help states inform vehicle owners about safety recalls. AAMVA has prepared further information on resources available regarding access to vehicle safety recall information. The closing date for grant applications is September 15, 2020. Read more at nhtsa.gov.

PARTNER NEWS

Motorcycle Safety Foundation Releases Enhanced Motorcycle Operator Manual; Free to Motor Vehicle Agencies
The Motorcycle Safety Foundation has updated their Motorcycle Operator Manual, or "MOM," that helps motorcycle license applicants learn basic motorcycling concepts and prepare for the written knowledge test. Updates in the new version include changes in driving/riding under-the-influence laws pertaining to alcohol and cannabis and updates to the "Ride Within Your Abilities" section to incorporate the "Pretend you're invisible" safety strategy. The MSF also publishes the Motorcycle Operator License Exam (MOLE) with five versions of the knowledge test for DMV use and range diagrams for the 2- and 3-wheel MSF Rider Skill Tests to assist DMVs in setting up the riding test exercises at local field offices. DMV officials can obtain the suite of licensing materials at no charge – the MOM, the MOLE, and the RST diagrams – from MSF by contacting Ken Glaser at 949.727.3227 x3011 or kglaser@msf-usa.org.