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AAMVA Awards Program 2020 - Call for Entries
Don't miss this opportunity to be recognized for the great work your jurisdiction does every day - improving day-to-day business, reaching out to the community, and saving lives. The AAMVA Awards Program recognizes members of the motor vehicle and law enforcement community by honoring individuals, teams, and organizations who have committed their time and resources to the following categories: Safety, Service, Security, Public Affairs & Consumer Education (PACE), and International Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC).

AAMVA Awards are open to all AAMVA jurisdiction member agencies whose FY2020 dues are paid. Entries submitted for the 2020 Awards must have been conducted (produced, implemented, and/or developed) between October 1, 2018 and September 30, 2019. If an entry won an award in 2019, it cannot be resubmitted for 2020 unless it has major upgrades or developments.

Massachusetts Conducts NMVTIS Transactions Online
AAMVA is very pleased to announce Massachusetts has completed a title system re-write and is now conducting online updates and inquiry in NMVTIS. Massachusetts is now fully participating online in NMVTIS. Congratulations, Massachusetts! For more information about NMVTIS requirements, please contact Tom Manuel, Senior Program Manager tmanuel@aamva.org.

License Plate Standard Working Group Requesting Input
AAMVA has established a new License Plate Standards Working Group to review the AAMVA License Plate Standard published in 2016. This Working Group will update the content to reflect the current best practice methods that should be considered by motor vehicle agencies and their vendors in the design and manufacture of license plates. The Working Group will expand the scope of the current Standard to include digital/electronic license plates; temporary (paper) license plates; and specialty/vanity plate approval processes. To help the working
Systems Training

*Register for the following training sessions HERE.

DECEMBER - CDLIS

10 | CDLIS Reports Timeliness (intermediate)
11 | CDLIS Reports Data Quality (intermediate)
12 | CDLIS 4.1 Out-of-State Transaction as SOR Reports (advanced)
17 | CDLIS Reports Identifying Potential Issues SDLA (advanced)
18 | CDLIS Reports Identifying Potential Issues Qtrl OP (advanced)

DECEMBER - SPEXS

2 | SPEXS Overview (basic)
3 | SPEXS Transactions AMIE (intermediate)
9 | SPEXS Transactions NIEM (intermediate)
10 | SPEXS Batch Inquiry (intermediate)
11 | SPEXS Bulk Load (intermediate)
12 | SPEXS SPM (intermediate)
16 | SPEXS WEB UI and Reports (intermediate)

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Driver Standing Committee Seeks PACE Representative

AAMVA is looking for a jurisdiction member with Public Affairs and Consumer Education (PACE) experience to serve on the Driver Standing Committee. Serving on a committee is an ideal way to influence policy, develop best practices and network with your peers. If you would like to be considered for this position, please complete the Committee Member Application Form. If you have questions, please contact Dianne Graham at committees@aamva.org or 703.522.4200.

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Improving Road Testing in Alberta

As part of a review of the province’s driver examination system, Albertans can provide feedback about their experiences with road testing through an online survey. Government is looking for feedback on what improvements could be made to enhance the system. The survey will be available online from Nov. 21 to Dec. 22. Government will also meet with key stakeholders, including registry agents, driver examiners and the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees to discuss ways to improve wait times and service delivery over the long term. Feedback from the public and stakeholders will be used to develop a broad range of options to improve service and enhance the system. Read more at alberta.ca.

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To submit your entry, go to the AAMVA Awards Program webpage and click on Submit Entry in the top right. If you have any questions or issues about your entry, contact awards@aamva.org.

DMV Holds Televised Spanish-Language REAL ID Phone Bank (California)

The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) teamed up with Univision 19 (KUVS-TV) to educate Spanish-speaking Sacramento residents about REAL ID driver licenses and identification cards. DMV representatives discussed the REAL ID program during the station's morning news program "A Primera Hora" and hosted a phone bank during its 6 p.m. newscast, in which DMV representatives will answer viewer questions. This REAL ID phone bank focused specifically on a Spanish-speaking audience. Read more here.
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**Tens of Thousands of Teenagers Impacted by Manitoba Public Insurance’s Popular Friends for Life Speaker Series (Manitoba)**

Thousands of Manitoba high school students will listen to impactful, first-person stories of how making a bad decision can lead to death or life-changing injuries as the result of an automobile collision. Manitoba Public Insurance’s highly popular Friends for Life speaker series opened this week with four keynote speakers visiting more than 40 schools during November. "Friends for Life stresses how making a poor decision, or exhibiting high-risk driving behaviours, can have a lifetime consequence," said Satvir Jatana, vice-president responsible for Corporation Communications, Manitoba Public Insurance. [Read more at mpi.mb.ca](https://mpi.mb.ca).

**Attorney General Fox and MVD Award Grants to Montana Non-Profits**

Attorney General Tim Fox and Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) Administrator Sarah Garcia awarded four non-profit organizations the Montana Department of Justice’s Chrome for Kids Wish Fund grants today. Grant funding comes from sales of Chrome for Kids motorcycle license plates; proceeds are awarded to Montana-based nonprofit organizations to fulfill the wishes of chronically or seriously ill Montana children. [Read more at dojmt.gov](https://dojmt.gov).

**Unhelmeted Motorcyclist Deaths at Decade High (Virginia)**

So far in 2019, there have been seven motorcyclist deaths where the rider wasn’t wearing a helmet, which is a decade high for Virginia with more than a month left in the year. There were zero unhelmeted motorcyclist fatalities last year, one in 2017, four in 2016 and three in 2015. "A helmet is the most important safety equipment a motorcyclist wears," said DMV Commissioner Richard D. Holcomb, the Governor’s Highway Safety Representative. "Before you even think about getting on your bike, make sure you have on the proper gear, including an approved helmet." In Virginia, the law requires motorcyclists and their passengers to always wear a helmet, and the helmet must meet or exceed the standards and specifications of the Snell Memorial Foundation, the American National Standards Institute Inc., or the U.S. Department of Transportation. [Read more at dmv.virginia.gov](https://dmv.virginia.gov).

**NCDMV License & Theft Bureau Receives CALEA Accreditation (North Carolina)**

Following a 15-month process, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, (CALEA) granted the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles License and Theft Bureau accreditation status. As part of the process, DMV’s License and Theft Bureau participated in an on-site assessment that examined all aspects of the bureau’s policy and procedures, management, operations and support services to verify it met the 181 CALEA standards. The last step was a final interview in Covington, Kentucky by members of the bureau’s leadership team with a panel of CALEA Commissioners. The purpose of the Commission is to develop standards based on international best practices in public safety, and to establish and administer the accreditation process. [Read more at ncdot.gov](https://ncdot.gov).

**GA Department of Driver Services (DDS) Receives New Grant Funding Dedicated to Teen Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program (ADAP)**

Department of Driver Services (DDS) Commissioner Spencer R. Moore recently...
(SWI) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature

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

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OPEN RFPs

NOVEMBER

AAMVA RFP FY20-17376: Investment Management Services
November 26, 2019, 5pm ET

AAMVA RFP FY20-21238 2020 February Resource Reciprocity Working Group Meeting
November 27, 2019

AAMVA RFP FY21-21222 2020 October Combined Standing Committee Meeting
November 27, 2019

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AAMVA RFP FY20-21331: 2020 January Third Party Agent Working Group Meeting
December 2, 2019

FEDERAL NEWS

Congress Extends Federal Funding and Removes Highway Spending Rescission
The United States Congress has passed a continuing resolution (HR 3055) that would fund the government through December 20th. The additional time was necessary as current funding was scheduled to expire at midnight on November 21st. The extension provides appropriators with additional time to consider full term appropriations measures. The appropriations process has been at an impasse as legislators struggle to find the appropriate subcommittee allocations for fiscal 2020 appropriations bills. Most significantly to the transportation community, and encapsulated within the extension’s language, the measure prevents the cancellation of $7.6 billion in highway spending that was set to take place on July 1, 2020 under the 2015 surface transportation law (PL 114-94). AAMVA had joined the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and other safety and infrastructure stakeholders to ensure the rescission of highway funds was removed prior to the funding’s cancellation.

FCC Announces Proposal to Open Reserved Transportation Safety Spectrum
Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Ajit Pai announced a proposal splitting a band of radio frequencies that had been set aside since 1999 for transportation safety purposes, splitting its purposes between companies that want to boost Wi-Fi services and vehicle communications. The proposal was announced in a speech on November 20th, and would reallocate both the upper and lower parts of the previously reserved 5.9 GHz transportation safety band for high speed internet access. The FCC will vote on the proposal, which will be embodied in a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, on December 12th followed by an
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A opportunity to provide public comment. In response to the proposal, the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) referred to its previous testimony and correspondence that the 75 MHz allocated in the 5.9 GHZ safety band must be preserved for transportation safety purposes.

**US DOT Releases State and Local Government Data Analysis Tools for Roadway Safety NOFO**
The U.S. Department of Transportation OST announced the release of a Safety Data Initiative Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) titled State and Local Government Data Analysis Tools for Roadway Safety. It seeks to build the capacity of state, local, and tribal governments to use innovative data tools and information to improve roadway safety.

- **Funding available:** up to $3 million for up to 12 awards
- **Eligible applicants:** State or local governments, metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) and regional governments, other political subdivisions of a State or local government, and tribal governments
- **Application due date:** January 17, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. ET

DOT OST will be offering a webinar on Tuesday, December 3 at 2:30 p.m. ET to provide an overview of the NOFO.

For more information about the NOFO, please visit the Safety Data Initiative webpages, including FAQs.

DOT OST also recently released a pre-solicitation notice for a Safety Data Initiative Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) titled Conducting Innovative, Applied Research to Gain New Roadway Safety Insights and Tools and plans to publish the final version later this year, to which offerors may apply.

The National Transportation Safety Board called upon federal regulators Tuesday to create a review process before allowing automated test vehicles to operate on public roads, based upon the agency’s investigation of a fatal collision between an Uber automated test vehicle and a pedestrian. During a board meeting held to determine the probable cause of the March 18, 2018, Tempe, Arizona crash, the NTSB said an Uber Technologies Inc. division’s “inadequate safety culture” contributed to the March 18, 2018, nighttime fatal collision between an Uber automated test vehicle and a pedestrian. The vehicle operator was uninjured in the crash, the pedestrian died. Read more at ntsb.gov.

**NHTSA Requests Comments on ADAS Test Procedures**
The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has issued a request for comments regarding “Advanced Driver Assistance Systems Draft Research Test Procedures.” Through the request, NHTSA seeks public comment on a series of nine draft research test procedures developed by the agency to assess the performance of certain types of Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) available to consumers. NHTSA is specifically requesting comment on whether these draft research test procedures adequately, objectively, and practically assess the system performance of the underlying ADAS in a test track environment. NHTSA intends to use these draft research test procedures to further its research goals by using the output from clearly defined test methods to help better understand system operation, performance, and potential limitations. Comments on the request are due by January 21, 2020. AAMVA members submitting comments are encouraged to copy governmentaffairs@aamva.org in their submissions so that AAMVA may reflect those comments in their own. Read more at govinfo.gov.

Historical coding practices of safety data are documented in the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) from 1975 to 2018, a manual from The U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. This manual aims to enable the users to become familiar with the FARS data system. FARS is used to identify highway safety problem areas, provide a basis for regulatory and consumer information initiatives, and form the basis for cost and benefit analyses of highway safety initiatives. [Read more at trb.org](https://trb.org).

**Senate Commerce Committee Holds Hearing on Federal Perspective Regarding AVs**

The United States Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation held a hearing titled "Highly Automated Vehicles: Federal Perspectives on the Deployment of Safety Technology," on November 20. During the hearing, Senators heard from federal witnesses including leadership at the U.S. Department of Transportation, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and the Transportation Safety Board. The hearing examined, and sought insight on federal direction on, plans for the safe testing and deployment of highly automated vehicles and recommendations for realizing the potential safety, mobility, and efficiency benefits of AVs. An archived webcast of the hearing is available here. While the entire hearing provided insight into federal perspective on AVs, AAMVA provides the following items of interest (and timestamps) for those unable to review the entire hearing.

- NTSB Recommendations as a Result of Recent Report Findings (36:13)
- DOT Next Steps (40:29)
- Requirements for Safety Assessments (50:16)
- NHTSA Action on False Nomenclature (51:30)
- Preemption (56:48)
- NHTSA Efforts to Educate Consumers (59:16)

[Read more at commerce.senate.gov](https://commerce.senate.gov).

**PARTNER NEWS**

**Medication Use in Older Adult Drivers: AAA LongROAD Study**

The AAA Longitudinal Research on Aging Drivers (LongROAD) utilized data to examine the amount and types of medications used by older drivers. Many medications – such as antihistamines, narcotic analgesics, central nervous system (CNS) drugs, muscle relaxants and tricyclic antidepressants – have been associated with increased crash risk. There was a high medication usage, with 97% of participants taking at least one medication; the median number reported taken was seven. In this study, medication usage was categorized by class and type in the cohort of older drivers enrolled in LongROAD. The most frequently used types of medication were cardiovascular medications, CNS agents, electrolyte pills, hormones and vitamins. Usage varied by age, gender and ethnicity. [Read more at aaafoundation.org](https://aaafoundation.org).