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Region I News

Legislators to Make Law Include Proof of Ownership *(Maryland)*

Current law allows an auto recycling shop to take vehicles without evidence of ownership. The law is designed to get abandoned vehicles off the streets, but it has also created an opportunity for thieves because no title is required. Maryland is currently trying to crack down on the problem with stricter legislation that takes effect in October. It includes proof of ownership, clear identification as to who is selling the car, and it requires a copy of their driver's license and the registration of the vehicle. Under the new law, anyone who steals a car and sells it to a salvage yard can face up to 10 years in prison. Junk yards also face penalties if it's proven that they knowingly took in a stolen vehicle.

Hundreds Of Offenders on Roads *(Massachusetts)*

Nearly 1,000 drivers with five or more drunken-driving convictions are still on Massachusetts roads — legally, with licenses in their wallets, even after Melanie's Law made lifetime revocation mandatory. RMV data indicates that 947 drivers have five or more OUI convictions that predated the 2006 law, and still have active licenses. Registrar Rachel Kaprielian, whose agency produced the data at the Herald's request, called the figure "unnerving." Because the drivers are grandfathered in, there is little authorities can do until they re-offend — when the law holds that each driver's priors will be taken into account, automatically triggering lifetime revocation. Drunken-driving's high recidivism rate means any one of those 947 drivers — despite six years without a conviction — is "very likely" to end up dangerously drunk behind the wheel and in a courtroom again soon, said Dr. James Fell, senior research scientist at the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation. For every offense on your record, your probability increases that you're going to get arrested again. Anybody with five or more, their probability of repeating is very high. [Read the full story in the Boston Herald.](#)

Proof of Residency Requirement to Get License Shot Down *(Massachusetts)*

Gov. Deval Patrick signed a \$32.5 billion state budget this week — up 4% from last year — but rejected a requirement that drivers prove legal U.S. residency by showing a driver's license or Social Security card to obtain a motor vehicle registration. "I have acknowledged the national challenge of illegal immigration," Patrick said. "I will not accept any Arizona-style legislation while I serve in this office." Patrick sent the provision back with an amendment that broadens the acceptable forms of identification and allows the Registry of Motor Vehicles to exempt certain groups. [Read the full story in the Boston Herald.](#)

Massachusetts Governor Closes Drunk Driving Loophole

Gov. Deval Patrick has signed new legislation closing a loophole that would have allowed repeat drunk driving offenders who refused to take a breathalyzer test to receive less serious penalties. Patrick signed the measure Sunday. It was attached to the legislature's budget proposal for the new fiscal year. The new law would allow refusing a breathalyzer test to be treated as a conviction if an individual receives a ruling of "continuance without a finding" in court. The law previously allowed individuals to avoid having their refusal of the test counted against them in future decisions on license revocation. [Read the full story at Boston.com.](#)

[New Jersey Lawmakers Focus On Driver Distractions](#)

New Jersey lawmakers hope to curb one out of every four traffic crashes in the state. The Senate voted unanimously to advance a bill to the governor to make easier prosecution for vehicular homicide or assault by vehicle against someone who is found in violation of the state's hands-free cell phone law. Assembly lawmakers already approved it by unanimous consent. If A1074 becomes law, proof that someone was in violation of the ban could be used to show the person was driving recklessly. As a result, offenders could face up to 10 years in prison rather than up to 18 months under the current rule. Judges could also suspend a driver's license for 90 days for three or more convictions. The Senate voted unanimously to advance a separate bill to the Assembly to put in place a "three strikes" policy when dealing with distracted drivers. First-time offenders would face \$200 fines – up from \$100. Repeat offenses could result in \$400 fines, while subsequent offenses would cost \$600. Third-time offenders would also face the loss of driving privileges for 90 days. In addition, three points would be added to licenses. [Read the full story in Land Line Magazine.](#)

[PennDOT Seeks Driver Feedback through Online Safety Survey](#)

PennDOT is asking Pennsylvania motorists to help the department monitor its highway safety efforts by sharing their opinions on traffic safety enforcement and driving behaviors through an online survey available through July 27 at www.JustDrivePA.com. The 22-question survey focuses on highway safety issues, including seat belts, impaired driving, speeding, motorcycles and distracted driving. People completing the survey may remain anonymous, but are asked to provide their gender, age and ZIP code. More than 3,500 people responded to last year's survey. Last year's notable results included that, in the previous 60 days, nearly 77% of respondents had not driven a motor vehicle within two hours after consuming alcoholic beverages. Also, 93% of drivers indicated they used a seat belt all or most of the time. The NHTSA requires states to conduct this survey annually. [Read the DMV press release.](#)

[New Law Penalizes Drivers Who Ignore Barricades \(Pennsylvania\)](#)

Motorists who become stranded after driving around police barricades during storms and flooding will receive more than a rescue under a bill signed into law Thursday. The legislation, dubbed "Turn Around, Don't Drown", takes effect in 60 days, ensures that anyone who requires rescue, towing or medical care after ignoring a barricade or warning sign would be fined \$250 to \$500 and have points assessed to their driving record. [Read the full story in the North Hampton Patch.](#)

[Donate Life-PA Busts Organ Donation Myths with New Videos](#)

As part of its 2012 organ and tissue donor campaign, Donate Life Pennsylvania (Donate Life-PA), a partnership of the state's two organ procurement organizations and the Pennsylvania Department of Health, have unveiled two new videos designed to help debunk the myths around organ and tissue donation. In an effort to engage Pennsylvanians and raise awareness of organ and tissue donation, the videos will be shared through social media channels. According to an August 2011 survey, one in four Pennsylvanians who are not currently registered as organ and tissue donors believe that, if they were ever seriously injured, doctors would not try to save their life - and have not become donors for that reason. Based on this data, one of the myth busting videos was specifically created to address this myth. The second video is aimed at dispelling the myth that monetary status plays a role in an individual's ability to receive an organ transplant. Nearly 30% of Pennsylvanians who stated that they are 'not at all likely' to become a registered organ donor stated that receiving information that dispels common myths about organ and tissue donation would motivate them to become a donor. [Read the full story in the Sacramento Bee.](#)

Vermont State Police Initiate Excessive Driving Speed Enforcement Campaign

The Vermont State Police are preparing to initiate a statewide traffic enforcement campaign based on carefully focused analytical review of the 34 crashes that have killed 39 people in Vermont during the first six months of 2012. To help combat the epidemic of serious and fatal crash rates of 2012, the Vermont State Police will be kicking off 63 days of Operation Summer H.E.A.T. (High Enforcement Area Team) from July 4 – September 3, 2012. Vermont has experienced a disturbing increase of deadly crashes during the past six months. The hard realities are that 50% of all of this year's fatalities were unbelted; 15 of those operators appear to have been impaired by either alcohol or other substances; and 10 were directly caused by excessive speed. In recent years highway fatalities have been reduced by about 25% nationwide, including a record [60 year low] with only 55 roadway deaths in Vermont during 2011. For the rest of the summer, the motoring public can expect to see more state, county and local law enforcement officers working in the specific areas that have been identified as having higher crash rates. Analysts will continue to monitor data on a daily basis to evaluate where and when the deployment of enforcement resources will provide the most significant impact. [Read the full story in the Vermont Digger.](#)

Region II News

Kentucky 'I Support Veterans' License Plate Now Available

Kentuckians can show their support for veterans with newly available vehicle license plates. The new plates – available even to those who are not veterans themselves – show support for veterans and also raise funds for veterans programs. “The ‘I Support Veterans’ license plate will give an opportunity for all Kentuckians who wish to support veterans' services to do so, and to show that support by putting this license plate on their vehicle. The new license plates were designed in response to citizens' interest in supporting veterans. [Read the full story in the Examiner.](#)

Study: Teen Drivers Who Text Are More Persistent, Harder To Catch (North Carolina)

North Carolina adopted a cell phone ban for teen drivers in 2006, but a recently published study shows that many teens ignore the law and more are engaging in the hazardous practice of texting and driving. The results of the study by the Highway Safety Research Center at UNC-Chapel Hill appear in the current issue of Accident Analysis and Prevention. It is based on the observation of 5,000 teen drivers leaving high school parking lots. Sen. Stan Bingham was disappointed by the findings, but not surprised. He said the law may be redrawn. “We’ve passed a law that’s impossible to enforce,” he said. “This study will be used to aid future legislation.” In the UNC study, researchers observed the driving behavior of teens in North Carolina in 2006 and repeated the observations two years later after the cell phone ban was passed. For the study, a researcher was stationed at the exit of a high school parking lot, and noted whether each driver was talking or physically manipulating a phone, presumably texting. In their observations, overall cell phone use among the teen drivers decreased slightly in the two years since the law passed, 11% to 9.7% . But the number of texting teen drivers in North Carolina has gone up, about a 40% increase between the year of the ban and the researchers' observations two years later. Breaking the teen cell phone law is a primary offense, meaning it can be the sole reason someone is pulled over. But since it's hard to detect violators, officers may only catch a teen texting. [Read the full story in Journal Now.](#)

South Carolina Offers 370 New Specialty License Plates

South Carolina motorists will be able to choose from 370 new specialty license plates that lawmakers have authorized. Among them: a yellow “Don’t Tread on Me” rattlesnake plate; Beach Music; Largemouth Bass, and one that reads “Tree My Dog,” a reference used by raccoon hunters. The fees generated by the plates will go to various organizations related to the license tags. Don't want to get pulled over on the Interstate? We recommend the

“South Carolina Highway Patrol – Retired” specialty tag. You would, however, have to prove that you’re a retired highway patrolman. You would not have to prove that you enjoy fishing for largemouth bass if you want the fisherman’s plate. [Read the full story in the Free-Times.](#)

South Carolina DMV Offices get Free TVs in Exchange for Display Ads

DMV offices continually look to technology to run more efficiently. In the past, DMVs have implemented websites and mobile apps to help customers keep track of wait times at field offices, but some states are providing technology to field offices through perhaps less traditional means. For [South Carolina](#), that technology comes without a price tag. Earlier this year, the South Carolina DMV installed TVs in 42 of the state’s 67 DMV offices that connect to a queuing system, which assists with connecting people with customer service representatives. The TVs display the queue information, including which customer ticket number is ready for service, and the current wait time. Although queuing systems and information TVs may not be new technology in DMV field offices around the country, South Carolina took an innovative approach to implementing the system without upfront costs or fees. The department doesn’t have to pay for the technology because of an advertising arrangement the state has with Motor Vehicle Network. The vendor provides the queuing technology and TVs (which are purchased separately from a second vendor) in exchange for access to display paid advertisements on the TVs. All the ads are sold by Motor Vehicle Network. They collect the money for it, and as a result, they keep the DMV system operating. Motor Vehicle Network displays community interest items such as the weather, ads for TV shows, public service announcements and typical advertisements for various businesses and services. The department has the final say on what advertisements can and can’t be shown. [Read the full story in Government Technology.](#)

Texas Voter ID Fight Returning To Federal Court

The decades-old legal battle between states’ rights and civil rights returns to a familiar venue - a federal courtroom - on Monday as lawyers for the state of Texas try to convince a panel of judges that the U.S. Justice Department has no legal authority to block the state from immediately implementing a voter ID law. Civil rights groups contend that Texas’ 2011 law requiring voters to provide identification with a photo issued by the state or the military discriminates against minority citizens and violates the federal Voting Rights Act. They say it harkens back to state laws designed to disenfranchise minorities, such as poll taxes and literacy tests. Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott argues that the state has a responsibility to guard against election fraud, and that its new law is not subject to Justice Department review under Section 5 of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. That provision, which has angered Southern conservatives for decades, requires jurisdictions with a historical pattern of discrimination to win federal “pre-clearance” from the Justice Department or a federal court in Washington, D.C., before implementing changes in voting laws or political lines. Southern states, led by Alabama, have argued that Section 5 is a violation of states’ rights. Texas Republicans have charged that President Barack Obama’s Justice Department has manipulated its powers under the Voting Rights Act to benefit Democrats. Texas’ legal challenge has drawn strong opposition from civil rights leaders, who argue that the Texas law was designed to reduce voting participation by minorities, young voters and the elderly, who are less likely to have acceptable identification cards. They note that the law was written to allow voters to use a concealed gun permit as an acceptable form of identification, but not ID cards from universities or colleges. [Read the full story in the Houston Chronicle.](#)

License Plate Photos Could Help Catch Illegal Immigrants (Texas)

The search for illegal immigrants is going high-tech in Texas. The Dallas office of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has asked companies to help design a way to use a national database to find vehicles that fugitive illegal immigrants are driving. The system is described as a “widely used mobile law enforcement database tool. The technology works by tapping into a database of license plate images captured by a national network of cameras. The cameras feed the National Vehicle Location Service, a partnership between law enforcement and

private businesses, including car-financing companies. The cameras are mounted in stationary locations and on police cars in 27 metropolitan areas, scanning and capturing the tags of vehicles and comparing them in real time to a "hot list" set up to alert authorities. It would allow officers to identify the whereabouts of vehicles registered in the system, in order to better locate and apprehend at-large, convicted criminal aliens.

ICE officials in Dallas are weighing at least two proposals. During a six-month trial using a system provided by California-based Vigilant Video, the agency made 100 arrests, some of which were believed to be cold cases. For now, only the Dallas office is requesting this technology, but other ICE offices could use it in the future. [Read the full story at CNN.](#)

DMV Message Program Reaches 1 Million Mark *(Virginia)*

One million Virginians have signed up to receive notices from the Virginia DMV via email, text or phone message. Since each piece of U.S. mail not processed by DMV saves 59 cents in printing, processing and postage fees, the million customers are saving \$590,000. Customers sign up to receive electronic renewal notices for vehicle registrations (decals) and driver's licenses by creating a myDMV account at www.dmvNOW.com/myDMV. Using a personal identification number (PIN), customers check a box indicating they want to receive decal renewal notices via email, phone or text message, and they can also manage their DMV records without visiting an office.

With a myDMV account, customers see all of their DMV information on one page including when their driver's license and decals expires, and their safe driving points. Customers may access their myDMV account using a social security number or DMV customer number. [Read the full story in the Augusta Free Press.](#)

Region III News

New Laws to Hit Books *(Iowa)*

Several new Iowa laws and penalties go into effect Sunday. Among them is Senate File 2218 — known as "Kadyn's Law" for a 7-year-old girl who was killed last year by a driver who was illegally passing a stopped school bus. The law increases the penalty for those who pass a school bus with an extended stop sign with flashing lights from \$200 to a range of \$250 to \$675 with 30 days in jail for the first offense. Following violations could result in fines up to \$1,875. If a driver causes injury, he or she could face additional fines, jail time or a suspended license. House File 2403 authorizes the Iowa DOT to waive the driving skills test for a commercial driving license for active duty military or has separated from service within 90 days as long as the person meets certain requirements. Those military personnel seeking a CDL cannot have more than one conviction of an offense committed while operating any type of motor vehicle that is listed as a serious traffic violation and cannot have had any driver's license suspended, revoked, or canceled, as well as other stipulations. [Read the full story in the Clinton Herald.](#)

Legislators Approve Audit of DMV Computer System Upgrade *(Kansas)*

An audit of the DMV's \$40 million upgraded computer system is set to begin some time before the end of this year. The idea is to learn from the issues this upgrade encountered. Revenue Secretary Nick Jordan reminded a committee of the Kansas Legislature of the responsibility of company 3M to fix problems before the state will pay the last \$4 million of the bill. At Secretary Jordan's request, the investigation of the system won't begin until December with audit results ready some time in the spring of 2013. Senator Kelly says information from a similar 3M system and the audit of that system was conducted in Montana will be useful in the audit here. Members of the committee also say a bill that would call for the evaluation of technology upgrades in the state, as they happen, may be refreshed for discussion after seeing problems encountered at the Department of Revenue, and others in the past 10 years. [Read the full story at KSNT.com.](#)

Appeals Court Overturns Intoxilyzer Decision (Ohio)

Ohio's controversial breath-testing machine has cleared an important legal hurdle. In a precedent-setting decision released Monday, an appeals court reversed a Clermont County judge's decision to throw out test results from the Intoxilyzer 8000 machine, which is used to test motorists' breath for evidence of drunken driving. As a result, the case is headed back to Clermont County with test results that can be used against a driver whose case has been pending since December 2010. As a case of "first impression," which had never before been considered by the the Ohio 12th District Court of Appeals, the ruling applies to all similar cases in eight southwest Ohio counties. The decision also may exert influence in Hamilton County, although appeals from that county go to a separate court, the 1st District Court of Appeals in Cincinnati. In a decision last August, Clermont County Municipal Judge Kenneth Zuk ruled that authorities weren't following their own rules governing use of the machine. But on Monday the appeals court agreed. The appeals court concluded that the wording in the Administrative Code was "misinterpreted". That set of rules specifies that a "dry gas control test" must be done "before and after every subject test." People who are given the test are required to blow into the machine twice. [Read the full story at Cincinatti.com.](#)

State Highway Patrol Looking To Increase Its Ranks (Ohio)

The State Highway Patrol is looking for more than a few good men — and women. The Patrol wants to add 180 troopers to its force and has scheduled two academy training courses this fall. Ninety cadets are being sought for each of the 22-week courses, starting in September and November, in Columbus. The last class began this spring with only 70 recruits. With the 180 potential recruits, the Patrol hopes for a net gain of 120 troopers statewide when candidates graduate in spring 2013. The back-to-back classes are a new strategy needed to meet the goal of increasing the number of troopers from about 1,400 to 1,520 — an increase of about 9%. In the past, the patrol occasionally has gone up to 1½ years between classes at the academy. Ohio law sets the maximum number of troopers at 1,600. Applicants for the academy must be 20 to 34 years old, an Ohio resident, have a high school diploma or general educational development diploma, and a proper state ID with a positive driving record and no felony convictions. A college degree is not required. They also must pass physical fitness requirements, a polygraph test, medical exam and background check. Those accepted will earn \$18.66 per hour while attending the academy. Starting salary for a trooper is between \$50,000 and \$60,000 a year. [Read the full story in the Chronicle.](#)

New Plan Will Speed Up DMV Wait Time (South Dakota)

Governor Dennis Daugaard is announcing a plan to speed up wait times and make services more efficient at the DMV. That action is a six-point plan to make licensing more efficient and convenient. It will extend hours of operation at the two Sioux Falls exam stations until 7 p.m. Employee overtime will be authorized as needed, and new aggressive hiring and training policies will be put in place. When it comes to renewing your license, the new plan will allow for advance scheduling, which means citizens will be able to go online to schedule appointments for renewals and duplicate licenses. This will be implemented in Sioux Falls and Rapid City in the next few weeks on a trial basis. While it will take up to 10 months to get into place, self-serve kiosks will also be installed at several exam stations around the state. The kiosks, paid for through a federal grant, allow drivers to complete part of the application or renewal process themselves. And finally, people needing immediate temporary licenses can call the Driver Licensing Program in Pierre. The temporary license will be good for six months. All of the changes are to help the citizens being served. The Governor says he believes the long wait times have come from the summer rush, coupled with staff turnover. [Read the full story at Keloland.com](#)

Shaw Court Fire Has Ongoing Impacts On Services To Albertans

Wednesday's incident at the Shaw Court Centre in Calgary has impacted the availability of some provincial services ranging from registries to requests for high school transcripts. Service Alberta made a decision to move to their back up site as it will be the quickest way to restore electronic services. Testing on data has begun and individual services will be made available once the integrity of the data and system is verified. When the computer systems went down Wednesday afternoon due to the explosion and fire the government invoked its data emergency response plan preparing and sending back-up data to an alternative site. Information technology teams from across the government worked with IBM through the night on the best approach to restore impacted government systems. Current services being impacted include the following. A number of government websites as well as some systems that process grants and payments to contracted agencies. Registry services including: operator licensing, vehicle registration, and fines collections, registration for land titles, registration for survey plans, land title searches, searches on survey plans, survey control marker data and other land related information are unavailable. [Read the Alberta press release.](#)

Poll Finds 61% of Californians Less Likely to Vote for Governor Brown if He Signs Bill Giving Driver's Licenses to Illegal Aliens

A new poll conducted by Pulse Opinion Research finds that 61% of Californians say they will be less likely to vote for Governor Jerry Brown if he signs into law a bill giving illegal aliens authorization to legally obtain California driver's licenses. The Driver's license bill will be introduced later this year for the eighth time by LA Assemblyman Gil Cedillo. The bill is expected to be approved and presented to Governor Brown for his signature before the end of the year. Similar bills were passed by the California legislature in previous years but were vetoed by Governor Schwarzenegger. 63% of poll participants oppose driver's licenses for illegal aliens. Top reasons include: Illegal aliens have broken the law and should not be rewarded. The license will become an official ID card illegal aliens can use to obtain other taxpayer benefits. It will encourage more illegal immigration. The poll was recently conducted among one thousand likely voters in California. [Read the full story in Marketwatch.com.](#)

DMV Worker Gets Prison for Taking Bribes (California)

A former DMV employee who accepted cash in exchange for falsifying records for commercial driver's licenses was sentenced to Friday to four years in state prison. The sentence for Michelle Carbajal, 38, was divided under new statewide sentencing rules that will send her to county jail for 14 months followed by two years and 10 months under mandatory supervision. With good behavior, Carbajal will be out of jail in seven months. Carbajal, a single mother, pleaded guilty to a court offer April 18 to 21 felony counts of altering public documents and 21 felony counts of computer access and fraud. At the time, she was working at the Fullerton office of the DMV and had the ability to alter driver's license records through her work. Between Sept. 9, 2008, and April 27, 2010, Carbajal accepted money from 14 people in exchange for unlawfully altering their driver's license records. These 14 individuals were referred to her through a third party or parties, who remain unidentified at this time. Carbajal marked in the records of the 14 individuals that they had passed both the written and driving tests to obtain a commercial license. None of the 14 individuals had passed any of the tests. After altering the records to falsely represent that the tests had been passed, Carbajal issued commercial licenses to the 14 individuals. In all, the 14 purchasers paid \$23,700. It is unclear how much Carbajal fraudulently accepted and how much was paid to the unidentified third party/parties. The DMV Investigation Division began investigating the case after Carbajal's supervisor became suspicious of her conduct at work. She was arrested Aug. 19, 2011, by DMV investigators. Carbajal worked at the DMV for nine years. [Read the full story in the Orange County Register.](#)

Road Deaths up in First 6 Months of 2012 (Nevada)

More people have died on Nevada roads during the first half of 2012 compared with the same six months last year. Nevada DOT officials counted 129 traffic deaths through July 2, which is up 9 from the first half of 2011. Even with the uptick, Nevada traffic deaths are falling from their peak in 2006. The state saw 432 deaths that year, and 246 in 2011. [Read the full story at 8 News Now.](#)

New Mexico to Use Technology to Verify License Information

New technology will soon be used in New Mexico to verify information documents presented by people seeking driver's licenses. The state is grappling with recurring incidents of fraud, as critics claim New Mexico has become a go-to place nationally for illegal immigrants — or preying criminals representing them — wanting to obtain real driver's licenses. Critics attribute most of the problem to the 2003 state law that allows foreign nationals to obtain New Mexico licenses, regardless of whether they are in the country legally. The Albuquerque Journal reports that the changes being carried out include getting bar code readers to help verify bank statements and utility bills, and other software to help ensure passports are legitimate. In addition, the MVD is considering establishing a field office in Albuquerque that would handle all foreign national applicants in the state's largest city. Other MVD field offices around the state would still handle all types of driver's license applicants. About 70% of New Mexico's appointments for foreign national licenses are made in Albuquerque. A decision on whether to set up the field office for foreign nationals, who can only obtain licenses through state-run MVD offices, is expected to be made later this summer. Recent busts of two "rings" that obtained New Mexico licenses driver's licenses for illegal immigrants in other states prompted renewed scrutiny of the state's law — and how it is being enforced. [Read the full story at SFGate.com.](#)

ATM Fees to Help Fight Impaired Driving (Saskatchewan)

Getting cash from an ATM at two Regina liquor stores will support Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Saskatchewan, thanks to a new pilot project launched Tuesday. The Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority has partnered with MADD to place ATMs at the South Albert and North Albert liquor stores. "MADD is not against the consumption of alcohol," Steve Raine, organizer of the ATM project in Saskatchewan, said. "I think it sends a great message to people that, when you're buying the liquor with the plan of consuming it later, one of the first things you should be thinking about is how you're going to get home." The 99-cent fee collected when a person withdraws money from one of the ATM will go to MADD. "MADD advises us that 99 cents is one of the cheapest fees within Canada," said Donna Harpauer, the minister responsible for the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority. MADD will donate nine cents to Students Against Drunk Driving in Saskatchewan to help fund its programs. "SADD - also has a different demographic that they move forward and to partner with them is just natural for us," Raine said. The money raised will support school presentations, advertising and the Report Impaired Drivers campaign in Saskatchewan. The multimedia school presentations teach high school students the dangers of drinking and driving, and were shown in 35 Saskatchewan schools last year. The pilot project follows the lead of two similar initiatives in Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island. [Read the full story in the Star Phoenix.](#)

Other News of Interest

Screaming Banshee and BikerBuddy Form Alliance to Create the Ultimate Safety System For Motorcycles

Screaming Banshee and BikerBuddy are announcing a partnership that will produce a remarkable new safety product for motorcyclists that could significantly reduce accidents. The BikerBuddy Headlight Modulator has been proven to increase a rider's visibility by 200%, and will now be combined with the Banshee Horn warning system. The Banshee Horn is a loud warning system that integrates seamlessly with a stock horn so that cyclists can beep

politely when pressing the horn button briefly. However, if a rider finds himself in a dangerous situation, he simply holds the horn button down for ¼ second and the banshee system kicks in. This blasts the 139 decibel air horn while simultaneously pulses the high beam headlights. This combination of audible and visual warnings gives the noticeability a rider needs to avoid those all too common life-threatening situations. [Read the full story in Virtual Strategy.Com](#)