

# July 25, 2014 - Regional News

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## AAMVA News

### **AAMVA Names Anne Ferro New President and CEO**

The Board of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators today unanimously voted to name Anne Ferro as their new President and CEO. Ferro, who currently serves as the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administrator, will join AAMVA on August 25th. Read the press release.

<http://www.aamva.org/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=5457&libID=5433>

### **Overflow Hotel Arrangements Made for Annual International Conference**

The Dover Downs Hotel & Casino hotel is currently sold out on the night of Sunday, August 24th. We have made additional arrangements with the Comfort Inn & Suites located less than a half mile from the Dover Downs Hotel & Casino. For reservations at the Comfort Inn & Suites please call 302-677-0505 and reference the AAMVA Conference. The rate should be \$103 plus taxes. Please note that AAMVA does NOT have a contract with the Comfort Inn & Suites. Feel free to continue to call Dover Downs as cancellations often occur. For more information, visit the Annual International Conference Web site at

<http://www.aamva.org/2014-AIC-Landing-Page/>

### **Download the Webinar on Electronic Disclosure of Odometer Readings**

If you missed the July 16th Webinar on electronic disclosure of odometer readings, you can now download it from the Webinar archives page. The webinar walks you through a draft report written by E-Odometer Task Force and be a tool for you to analyze the report. Visit the Webinar Archives page to download the webinar. <http://www.aamva.org/Webinar-Archives/>

## Region I

### **Cameras Take Snapshots of License Plates, Replace Tollbooths (Massachusetts)**

On Monday, the state Department of Transportation replaced the toll booths on the upper deck of the bridge with a cashless electronic tolling system that's expected to eventually replace every toll booth in Massachusetts. Read the full story at [EagleTribune.com](http://EagleTribune.com).

<http://www.eagletribune.com/boston/x1927876450/Cameras-take-snapshots-of-license-plates-replace-tollbooths>

### **New Hampshire DMV Begins Issuing Vanity Plates Under New Rule**

The New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles will begin processing more than 2,000 backlogged applications for vanity plates under guidelines set by an interim rule that took effect yesterday. Read the full story at ConcordMonitor.com.

<http://www.concordmonitor.com/home/12756346-95/new-hampshire-dmv-begins-issuing-vanity-plates-under-new-rule>

### **DMV: Rhode Island has ‘Love Affair’ with Vanity License Plates**

Would you shell out an extra \$100 per year just to have your own customized license plate? If so, you’re not alone. Rhode Island drivers, it seems, have what a top-ranking official with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) called a “love affair” with vanity license plates. Read the full story at WPRI.com.

<http://wpri.com/2014/07/21/dmv-rhode-island-has-love-affair-with-vanity-license-plates/>

### **Men Are Worse Drivers, Reading Causes More Crashes than Eating, and 6 Other Facts About D.C. Accidents**

In a new report, completed in March and made available to The Post last week, Howard University researchers working for DDOT analyzed just about every aspect of the District’s traffic accidents from 2010 through 2012. We went through more than 150 charts, graphs and tables in the report to map the most dangerous intersections in the city and to find eight facts about when, where and how car crashes occur in D.C. Read the full article in The Washington Post.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/dr-gridlock/wp/2014/07/23/men-are-worse-drivers-reading-causes-more-crashes-than-eating-and-6-other-facts-about-d-c-accidents/>

### **Trans Women Denied Photo IDs at D.C. DMV Office**

In response to an inquiry from transgender advocate Ruby Corado, the director of the D.C. Department of Motor Vehicles said on Monday she would take immediate steps to make sure DMV employees approve photo identification cards for transgender applicants who qualify for them. Read the full story at WashingtonBlade.com.

<http://www.washingtonblade.com/2014/07/23/trans-women-denied-photo-ids-d-c-dmv-office/>

## **Region II**

### **DDS Announces Expansion of Commercial Driver Training Program (Georgia)**

Department of Driver Services (DDS) Commissioner Rob Mikell announced today an expansion of the commercial driver training program administered by the Agency’s Regulatory Compliance Division. DDS will now offer a Commercial Driver License (CDL) Instructor Training Class for customers who have applied to be CDL instructors. The session will provide additional guidance as the applicants prepare for the final exam. Read the DDS press release.

<http://www.dds.ga.gov/>

### **South Korea and South Carolina Ink Drivers License Deal**

The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles and the Republic of Korea have struck a driver's license reciprocity agreement that promises to aid international business and the military. Read the full story at TheState.com.

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/24/3581365/south-korea-and-south-carolina.html?sp=/99/101/#storylink=cpy>

### **Texas DMV Will Trim Number of Specialty License Plates Offered**

Texas motorists with specialty license plates displaying the logos of Texas Tech University, Lubbock Christian University or West Texas A&M University can count on keeping their tags for at least another five years. Read the full story at Amarillo.com.

<http://amarillo.com/news/local-news/2014-07-18/texas-dmv-trims-number-specialty-license-plates>

### **DPS Requiring All 10 Fingerprints When Drivers Renew License (Texas)**

Most of us have a driver's license, and at some point you will have to get it renewed. But the next time you head to the DMV, be prepared to hand over one more piece of information. Read the full story at KXAN.com.

<http://kxan.com/2014/07/18/dps-requiring-all-10-fingerprints-when-drivers-renew-license/>

## **Region III**

### **MoDOT Gets Sassy to Send a Message (Missouri)**

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) doesn't want travelers ignoring its digital messaging signs along Missouri highways, and has adopted a new tone to keep drivers tuned in. Read the full story at LakeExpo.com.

[http://lakeexpo.com/news/lake\\_news/modot-gets-sassy-to-send-a-message/article\\_0163289e-1372-11e4-962d-001a4bcf887a.html](http://lakeexpo.com/news/lake_news/modot-gets-sassy-to-send-a-message/article_0163289e-1372-11e4-962d-001a4bcf887a.html)

### **Nebraska State Patrol Graduates 55th Recruit Class**

The 55th Basic Recruit Class of the Nebraska State Patrol graduated at 10:00 a.m., on Friday, July 25. The ceremony was held in the Rotunda of the Nebraska State Capitol. Remarks were provided by Governor Dave Heineman, Attorney General Jon Bruning and Nebraska State Patrol Superintendent, Colonel David Sankey. The Oath of Office was administered by Secretary of State John Gale. Read the NSP press release.

<https://statepatrol.nebraska.gov/NewsArchive.aspx>

## Region IV

### **Canadian Armed Forces' Support Our Troops Program Receives Support Through New Alberta Licence Plate**

The Support Our Troops licence plate, which gives Albertans a new way to show their respect and appreciation for Canada's brave service men and women, will be available for purchase starting July 23. The new plate will be available for a one-time fee of \$75, in addition to regular registration fees, at registry agents across the province. Read the Service Alberta press release.

<http://alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=36869B763E92E-A307-AFD0-8FDFFA1748AD7B2C#media-contacts>

### **Governor Asks Court to Reconsider License Ruling (Arizona)**

Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer asked an appeals court Friday to reconsider its earlier ruling that blocked her policy denying driver's licenses to young immigrants who have avoided deportation under an Obama administration policy. Read the full story at AZDailySun.com.

[http://azdailysun.com/news/state-and-regional/governor-asks-court-to-reconsider-license-ruling/article\\_77a4d0be-0570-5176-ab27-6908b09f1832.html](http://azdailysun.com/news/state-and-regional/governor-asks-court-to-reconsider-license-ruling/article_77a4d0be-0570-5176-ab27-6908b09f1832.html)

### **AMA Challenges California's Motorcycle Omission**

Sometimes it's all about what's not said, such is the motorcycle controversy currently roaring through California. The American Motorcyclist Association initiated a petition drive today to convince the California Office of Administrative Law to allow state agencies to once again disseminate important information on safely and responsibly executing the motorcycling technique called lane splitting. Read the full story at ClutchandChrome.com.

<http://www.clutchandchrome.com/20140722126/News/AMA-challenges-California-s-motorcycle-omission.html#sthash.ETz0x8Xp.dpuf>

### **Hoping To Save On IT Costs, California Joins The "Cloud"**

California state agencies and local governments looking for cheaper IT services can now find them ... in the "cloud." The state launched its own cloud computing system Thursday. Read the full story at CAPRadio.org.

<http://www.caprado.org/articles/2014/07/24/hoping-to-save-on-it-costs,-california-joins-the-cloud/>

### **To Snag Hit-and-Run Drivers, California Officials Want to Tap Technology**

With the number of hit-and-run cases reaching what officials called epidemic proportions, a state official joined Wednesday with local officials and advocates to urge passage of a program creating a "Yellow Alert" system to get help from the public. Read the full story at Techwire.net.

<http://www.techwire.net/snag-hit-run-drivers-calif-officials-want-tap-technology/>

## **Nordlund Resigns as Director of the Montana MVD**

Brenda Nordlund recently resigned her position as Director of the Montana Motor Vehicle Division. Brenda has been involved in AAMVA for more than 20 years, most recently serving as Treasurer of the Region IV Board. Before accepting the job as MVD Administrator, Brenda served as legal counsel and legislative liaison for the MVD/Attorney General. She has accepted a position as Administrator of the Unemployment Insurance Division for the Department of Labor and Industry and begins her new career on September 2 after taking some much deserved time off. We thank Brenda for her service and dedication and wish her the best of luck!

## **Other News**

### **Study: No Evidence California Cellphone Ban Decreased Traffic Accidents**

The findings of a new study, co-authored by a University of Colorado professor, suggest that banning cellphone use behind the wheel might not make roadways significantly safer. Read the full story at GovTech.com.

<http://www.govtech.com/state/Study-No-Evidence-California-Cellphone-Ban-Decreased-Traffic-Accidents.html>

### **Hackers Could Take Control of Your Car. This Device Can Stop Them**

Hackers Charlie Miller and Chris Valasek have proven more clearly than anyone in the world how vulnerable cars are to digital attack. Now they're proposing the first step towards a solution. Read the full story at Wired.com.

<http://www.wired.com/2014/07/car-hacker/>

### **Six New GM Recalls of 717,950 Vehicles**

General Motors announced six more recalls today, totalling 717,950 newer-model U.S. vehicles for a variety of defects. That brings the number of GM recalls this year to 60, totaling 26.41 million vehicles. Read the full story at NWCN.com.

<http://www.nwcn.com/news/consumer/Six-new-GM-recalls-of-717950-vehicles-268329462.html>

### **Chrysler Announces Recall of Up to 800,000 Jeep SUVs**

Chrysler Group said it would recall potentially hundreds of thousands of its Jeep SUVs to fix a faulty ignition switch. Chrysler hasn't determined the exact number of vehicles affected, but said Tuesday that up to 792,300 vehicles could be affected globally, with 649,900 from the U.S. Read the full story at LATimes.com.

<http://www.latimes.com/business/autos/la-fi-hy-autos-chrysler-ignition-recall-jeep-suvs-20140722-story.html>

## Did You Know