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2015 Workshop and Law Institute



The 2015 Workshop and Law Institute took place this week, March 18-19, in Fort Worth, Texas. Visit the Workshop & Law Institute Web site (www.aamva.org/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=5924) for more details about the event, and stay tuned to the Workshop's Download Center (<http://www.aamva.org/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=6396>) where you'll be able to download the presentations from the event. Also, check out AAMVA's Flickr page (<https://www.flickr.com/photos/aamva/>) where there are plenty of pictures for you to browse through to see what you may be missing.

Region I

Wicomico Co. Sees Spike In Fake Connecticut Drivers Licenses (Maryland)

After an apparent increase in fake Connecticut driver's licenses, local stores are taking extra precautions in Wicomico County. Giant Food in Salisbury is asking any customers with a Connecticut driver's license to also show back-up identification when buying alcohol, because of a recommendation by the Board of License Commissioners. Read the full story at WMDT.com.

<http://www.wmdt.com/news/more-local-news/Wicomico-Co-sees-spike-in-fake-Connecticut-drivers-licenses/31832894>

40,000 Vermonters Opt For Driver Privilege Cards Over REAL ID Licenses

Driver privilege cards, the form of identification intended to extend driving rights to migrant workers, have been issued to more than 40,000 Vermonters—considerably more than the state's estimated 1,500 migrant population the cards were designed to serve. Read the full article in the Mountain Times.

<http://mountaintimes.info/40000-vermonters-opt-for-driver-privilege-cards-over-real-id-licenses/#sthash.eNT8Fk0d.dpuf>

Region II

North Carolina DMV Continues Issuance of Voter ID Cards in Preparation for 2016 Elections

With the 2016 elections fast approaching, the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles continues its collaborative effort with the North Carolina State Board of Elections to issue no-fee voter ID cards and register qualified voters at all driver license offices statewide. Read the DOT press release.

<https://apps.ncdot.gov/newsreleases/details.aspx?r=10904>

NCDMV & NCDENR Debut New State Implementation for Inspection and Maintenance Program

RALEIGH — The North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles, in conjunction with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, will debut a new emissions exemption pertaining to the North Carolina Inspection and Maintenance program on Wednesday, April 1. Read the North Carolina DMV press release for more details.

<https://apps.ncdot.gov/newsreleases/details.aspx?r=10896>

Tougher Drunk Driving Law Goes to Governor (South Carolina)

A bill with close ties to a Mason County tragedy has now passed both the House and Senate at the state Capitol and is on its way to the desk of Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin . . . This law will increase certain penalties for driving under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs. Read the full story at MyDailyRegister.com.

<http://www.mydailyregister.com/news/news/152391137/Tougher-drunk-driving-law-goes-to-governor>

New Driver License System Implemented in Tennessee

The Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security announced Thursday a new statewide driver license system, the first major upgrade to the state's driver service system in 30 years. Read the full story at WREG.com.

<http://wreg.com/2015/03/19/new-driver-license-system-implemented-in-tennessee/>

Proposed Bill Could Lead to Digital Driver's Licenses (Tennessee)

A bill moving through the state Legislature supports usage of a digital license for Tennessee drivers. It would mean people could have their license on their phone, without the need of a physical copy. Read the full article in WBIR.com.

<http://www.wbir.com/story/news/2015/03/19/proposed-bill-could-create-digital-drivers-license/25049483/>

Lawmakers Discuss Limited Term Drivers Licenses (Texas)

Several thousand people from North Korea currently hold Texas Drivers Licenses. That's not from a movie script, but from DPS which has a special classification of licenses for people who are not citizens of the United States. Driving in Texas requires a license even if you are from another country. State Representative Tony Dale wanted to know just how many foreigners have a Texas Driver's license and where they are from. Read the full story at MyFoxAustin.com.

<http://www.myfoxaustin.com/story/28544800/lawmakers-discuss-limited-term-drivers-licenses>

Lawmakers Hope to Steer Self-Driving Car Bills to Abbott's Desk (Texas)

As self-driving cars move from futuristic concept to plausible technology, the Texas Legislature is looking to become a magnet for the fast-developing industry. Three lawmakers have filed bills aimed at encouraging the use of the technology in Texas while allowing for some government oversight. Read the full story at WFAA.com.

<http://www.wfaa.com/story/tech/2015/03/19/lawmakers-hope-steer-self-driving-car-bills-abbotts-desk/25010109/>

Virginia Passes Shortest Limit in US on Keeping License Plate Reader Data

Virginia is set to become the first state in America to impose a very short data retention limit on the use of automated license plate readers (LPRs, or ALPRs). Under the bill, Virginia cops will now only be able to keep such data for seven days unless there is an active, ongoing criminal investigation. Read the full story at ARSTechnica.com.

<http://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2015/03/virginia-passes-shortest-limit-in-us-on-keeping-license-plate-reader-data/>

Region III

Lawmakers Want to Slow Creation of New Illinois Specialty License Plates

Ever see an unusual license plate and wonder, "Is that from Illinois?" No wonder. Illinois has 107 different types of specialty plates, many of them fundraisers for various causes, from autism awareness to wetlands preservation. Lawmakers in the House this week passed a measure to slow the flood of new types of plates. House Bill 1560, sponsored by Rep. John D'Amico, D-Chicago, would bump the number of paid requests before the state will actually authorize and make a new style of plate from 1,500 to 2,000. Read the full story at JournalStandard.com.

<http://www.journalstandard.com/article/20150317/NEWS/150319474/1994/NEWS>

Legislation Strengthening Ignition Interlock Program Approved by House (Illinois)

Legislation proposed by Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White requiring Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Devices (BAIID) to be installed on all vehicles used by DUI offenders was approved today by the Illinois House of Representatives. Read the SOS press release.

<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/news/2015/march/150318d1.pdf>

Majority of Parents Waive Teen Driving Restriction (Iowa)

An effort to improve some teen drivers' road safety by limiting their number of passengers is having little impact in Iowa because the majority of parents are signing waivers to opt their kids out of the requirement. Read the full story at GlobeGazette.

http://globegazette.com/ap/state/majority-of-parents-waive-teen-driving-restriction/article_45fa6b54-cd35-5d37-bd98-80fb38eb0f90.html

Some Lawmakers Target Ride-sharing Companies Like Uber and Lyft, Calling Them Illegal and Dangerous (Michigan)

Illegal. Dangerous. Out of control. Those are just some of the ways lawmakers are describing ride-sharing companies like Uber and Lyft. "They're not regulated," said Sen. Dale Zorn (R-District 17.) That could soon change. Multiple lawmakers have introduced bills to regulate the companies that hook people up with rides. Read the full article on ABC 7 (WXYZ.com)

<http://www.wxyz.com/news/some-lawmakers-target-ride-sharing-companies-like-uber-and-lyft-calling-them-illegal-and-dangerous>

Senate OKs Anti-Abortion Fund-Raising License Plate (Michigan)

Drivers may get the chance to let all other motorists on the road know that they "Choose Life." The state Senate passed a bill on a straight party-line vote of 26-11 Wednesday, requiring the Secretary of State to develop an anti-abortion license plate, which will raise funds for the Choose Life Michigan Fund run by Right to Life of Michigan. Read the full story at Freep.Com.

<http://www.freep.com/story/news/politics/2015/03/18/choose-life-license-plate-approved-state-sente/24958789/>

Ohioans May Now Show Electronic Proof of Insurance

Effective Monday, March 23, 2015, Ohio motorists will now be able to show proof of financial responsibility to traffic violations bureaus, courts, Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) and/or law enforcement through use of an electronic wireless communications device. Read the full press release at PublicSafety.Ohio.Gov

<http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/MR2015/ElectronicProofof%20Insurance31615.pdf>

Ohio Lawmakers Drop Idea to Issue Driver's Licenses Verifying U.S. Citizenship

Ohio lawmakers have scrapped a proposal to allow motorists to request a driver's license verifying they are a U.S. citizen. The measure, one of more than 40 proposals inserted into the state's transportation budget bill earlier this week, was removed by an Ohio Senate committee Wednesday, shortly before the legislation was passed by the full Senate. Read the full story at Cleveland.com.

http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2015/03/ohio_lawmakers_drop_idea_to_is.html#incart_river

Region IV

California Car Salesman Sentenced to Prison for Odometer Fraud Scheme

A car salesman was sentenced earlier today in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles to serve one year and one day in prison on charges related to an odometer tampering scheme, the Justice Department announced. Jeffrey Levy, 63, of Woodland Hills, California, was also ordered to pay \$115,818.80 in restitution to victims who purchased vehicles without knowing the odometers displayed incorrect mileages. Read the full story at ImperialValleyNews.com.

<http://www.imperialvalleynews.com/index.php/news/california-news/2216-california-car-salesman-sentenced-to-prison-for-odometer-fraud-scheme.html>

DMV Employee Accused Of Accepting Bribes In Exchange For Providing Driver's Licenses (California)

A California Department of Motor Vehicles employee accused of accepting bribes in exchange for providing driver's licenses is facing criminal charges. The Orange County District Attorney's office said in a news release that Jose Alberto Carrillo, 47, Fresno, has been charged with two counts of altering public documents and two counts of computer access and fraud, all felonies. Read the full story at LosAngeles.CBSLocal.com.

<http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2015/03/19/dmv-employee-accused-of-accepting-bribes-in-exchange-for-providing-drivers-licenses/>

Uber Battles Driver Safety Concerns in California Legislature, Court

It looks like Uber may have to defend itself about new concerns about the safety of its service in two arenas — the courts and the California legislature. A proposed state law would ramp up background check requirements, the San Francisco Chronicle reports. Also, a taxi lawsuit against Uber alleges the on-demand ride service juggernaut made false claims in advertising regarding how it screens drivers. Read the full story at BizJournals.com.

<http://www.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/blog/2015/03/uber-driver-safety-court-ab24-nazarian-taxi.html>

DMV Requests High-Powered Rifles For Office Safety (Nevada)

If you're driving on Nevada's roads, chances are a trip to the Department of Motor Vehicles may be in your future. But, no matter how long the line is, try to keep your cool. Because of large crowds and longer wait times, the DMV has requested funding that would prepare its security for the worst. The agency's budget request over the next two years includes funding for an "Active Shooter Program," which would include the purchase of 12 semi-automatic rifles. Although compliance enforcement

officers already possess handguns, deputy administrator Sterling Nixon says it may not be enough should an active shooter situation occur. Read the full story at KNPRNews.org.

<http://knprnews.org/post/dmv-requests-high-powered-rifles-office-safety>

Bill: Doctors Wouldn't Have to Tell DMV of Patient Seizures (Nevada)

A bill up for discussion in the Legislature would remove a requirement that doctors tell the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles when a patient has a seizure. Republican Assemblywoman Dr. Robin Titus is scheduled to present AB248 on Monday in the Assembly Health and Human Services Committee. Read the full story at HeraldOnline.com.

<http://www.heraldonline.com/living/health-fitness/article14648873.html>

2-Tier Driver's License OK'd in Bipartisan Panel Vote (New Mexico)

Republicans joined Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee to pass a bill opposed by the governor that creates a two-tiered driver's license system allowing immigrants in the U.S. illegally to continue to get licenses. Senate Bill 653 went to the full Senate on Thursday on a vote of 8-1, with one Republican – Sen. John Ryan of Albuquerque – voting against it. Read the full article in the Albuquerque Journal.

<http://www.abqjournal.com/557862/news/2tier-drivers-license-okd-in-bipartisan-panel-vote.html>

Oregon's 'Motor Voter' Law to Quickly Increase Voter Registration

Call it "motor voter" on steroids. New legislation to be signed into law today in Oregon paves the way for the state to one day have close to 100% voter registration. The new law takes the federal "motor voter" law to new levels and registers a person to vote when they obtain or renew a state driver's license or ID — and it's partially retroactive. Read the full story at MSNBC.com.

<http://www.msnbc.com/msnbc/oregons-motor-voter-law-quickly-increase-voter-registration>

New DOT Number Requirements for Commercial Vehicle Owners (Washington)

Beginning October 23, 2015, businesses that need US Department of Transportation (USDOT) numbers for company vehicles will be required to obtain and renew the numbers in one, convenient, on-line web site. The Unified Registration System (URS) is a new electronic registration system that will streamline and simplify the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) registration process. It will also serve as a clearinghouse and depository of information on all entities regulated by the FMCSA. The URS will combine multiple registration processes, information technology systems and forms into a single, convenient electronic and on-line registration process. Read the WSP press release.

http://www.wsp.wa.gov/information/releases/2015_archive/mr031815.htm

Fast Enterprises Awarded Two Software Projects for State Motor Vehicle Agencies (North Dakota & Washington)

Government software and consulting-services provider Fast Enterprises, LLC (FAST) has been awarded two contracts to provide modernized software systems for North Dakota and Washington state motor vehicle agencies. With these contracts, a total of seven states have awarded FAST projects to modernize their motor vehicle administration systems since the company's 2011 release of its FastDS-VS software for vehicle and driver services. Read the full article in BusinessWire.com

http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20150317005026/en/Fast-Enterprises-Awarded-Software-Projects-State-Motor#.VQxVOo7F_84

Other News

Delphi to Drive Autonomous Car Coast-to-Coast

Delphi is planning to test the limits of self-driving car technology in a 3,500 mile test drive from San Francisco to New York. Delphi will drive an autonomous car 3,500 miles across the country -- from San Francisco to New York -- in a coast-to-coast test-drive that will push self-driving car technology to its limits. Read the full story at FREEP.com.

<http://www.freep.com/story/money/business/2015/03/13/delphi-autonomous-test-drive-/70198196/>

German Court Bans Uber's Ridesharing Service

A German court banned Uber from offering its ridesharing service nationwide on Wednesday, adding to the company's troubles in Europe. Frankfurt state court spokesman Arne Hasse said the ruling banning the UberPop service from offering rides with drivers who don't have taxi permits was issued Wednesday. The ruling can be appealed. Read the full article on Hawaii News Now.

<http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/28551498/german-court-bans-ubers-ridesharing-service>

Elon Musk Tempers Autonomous Driving Claims

Elon Musk, the Tesla Motors boss known for his expansive claims for technology, appeared to promise a leap forward in autonomous driving for his company's vehicles on Thursday — before modifying his comments with a more modest vision of what lies ahead. Read the full article in Financial Times.

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/0a4808ae-ce51-11e4-900c-00144feab7de.html#axzz3UwH9pUt8>

Dealers Sold 'Hundreds' of Cars with Open Recalls, Report Says

New-car dealerships have sold “hundreds” of cars without completing mandatory recall work at the time of sale, ABC News reported during an investigative segment today on “Good Morning America.” The segment used a hidden camera at a Chevrolet dealership in New Jersey that sold a new vehicle that had been recalled but had not been fixed. “Good Morning America” has an average audience of about 6 million viewers a day, according to Nielsen figures. Read the full story at AutoNews.com.

<http://www.autonews.com/article/20150319/RETAIL07/150319819/dealers-sold-hundreds-of-cars-with-open-recalls-report-says>

Honda Adds 105,000 Vehicles to Driver's Air Bag Recall

Honda Motor (HMC) is adding nearly 105,000 vehicles to its growing U.S. recall of driver's side air bag inflators that can explode with too much force. The added vehicles include nearly 89,000 Pilot SUVs from the 2008 model year, as well as about 11,000 Civics from 2004 and another 5,000 Accords from the 2001 model year. Read the full story at DailyFinance.com.

<http://www.dailyfinance.com/2015/03/19/honda-air-bag-recall/>

Study: Distracted Driving Among Teens At All-time High

A new study reveals distracted driving is at an all-time high among younger drivers. The study looked at 3,000 teens to compile the results and is published in the Journal of Transportation Safety and Security. Read the full story at Philadelphia.CBSLocal.com.

<http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2015/03/19/study-distracted-driving-among-teens-at-all-time-high/>

FMCSA Offers App for Truck Safety Information

Safety performance information on trucking and bus companies is available through a new smart phone application authorized by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. QCMobile is made for Apple and Android devices, FMCSA said March 17. Law enforcement personnel and people in the insurance and third-party logistics industries make up the primary target group, but it is available to the public, the statement said. Read the full story at TTNews.com.

<http://www.ttnews.com/articles/basetemplate.aspx?storyid=37665>

Did You Know

PREVENTING INJURIES: THE HADDON MATRIX

- Dr. William Haddon, Jr., an engineer, public health physician, and director of the New York State Department of Health who is widely considered the father of modern injury epidemiology, argued for both a more scientifically driven approach to injury control and also developed two complementary conceptual frameworks to guide epidemiologic research and prevention practice.
- William Haddon described road transport as an ill-designed “manmachine” system in need of comprehensive systemic treatment.
- In 1970, William Haddon developed a matrix that identifies risk factors before, during, and after a crash, in relation to the person, vehicle and environment.
- The Haddon Matrix is the most commonly used paradigm in the injury prevention field.
- Haddon’s Matrix is a brainstorming tool that combines the epidemiology triangle (host, agent, environment) and levels of prevention

- The Haddon matrix is an analytical tool to help in identifying all factors associated with a crash.
- **The pre-crash phase:** select all countermeasures that prevent the crash from occurring.
- **The crash phase** is associated with countermeasures that prevent injury from occurring or reduce its severity if it does occur.
- **The post-crash phase** involves all activities that reduce the adverse outcome of the crash after it has occurred.
- Once the multiple factors associated with a crash are identified and analyzed, countermeasures can be developed and prioritized for implementation over short-term and long-term periods.

Learn more online:

- Road Safety Training Manual, Unit 2 - Risk Factors for Road Traffic Injuries (World Health Organization)
http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/road_traffic/activities/roadsafety_training_manual_unit_2.pdf
- Haddon's Matrix (NPAIHB)
http://www.npaihb.org/images/epicenter_docs/injuryprevention/HaddonMatrixBasics.pdf
- Introduction: Back to the Future—Revisiting Haddon's Conceptualization of Injury Epidemiology and Prevention (Epidemiologic Reviews - Oxford Journals)
<http://epirev.oxfordjournals.org/content/25/1/60.long>
- Injury Prevention, Violence Prevention, and Trauma Care: Building the Scientific Base (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/su6004a13.htm>
- Science, the Haddon Matrix and Adventures in Highway Safety - Adrian Lund, Ph.D. (IIHS)
<http://www.iihs.org/media/c5f2c9d3-f40c-47d5-a603-590edb6a8d39/1685129087/Presentations/Lund%202013-09-09%20JHSPH.pdf>
- Applying the Haddon Matrix in the context of work-related road safety (Queensland University of Technology) http://eprints.qut.edu.au/78733/1/OSIT14_Session2A_Watson.pdf
- Haddon Matrix (Wikipedia) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haddon_Matrix