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- Region II Conference -- June 21-24 -- Montgomery, Alabama
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<http://www.aamva.org/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=6368> |
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Region I

New Law Would Stop New York DMV from Selling your Private Information

New York made more than \$4 million over the past two years selling private data drivers must provide to the state Department of Motor Vehicles. A proposed state law would make the practice illegal unless drivers consented. Read the full story at Syracuse.com.

http://www.syracuse.com/state/index.ssf/2015/05/new_law_would_stop_new_york_dmv_from_selling_your_private_information.html

Push for Higher Fines for Illegally Passing School Buses (New York)

A group that represents school transportation companies wants tougher penalties for drivers who illegally pass stopped school buses in New York state. Read the full story at WNBC.com.

<http://wnbf.com/push-for-higher-fines-illegally-passing-school-buses/?trackback=tsmclip>

Ontario to Increase Penalties for Drivers Using Phones

Ontario has passed new legislation to increase penalties for drivers who text or use a handheld phone, impose a one-metre distance rule between vehicles and bicycles, and hike fines for “dooring” a cyclist. Read the full story at TheGlobeandMail.com.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/globe-drive/culture/commuting/ontario-increases-penalties-for-drivers-who-text-email-talk-on-handheld-phone/article24748393/>

PennDOT and MDOT Partner to Make Car Buying Easier

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) have announced a joint agreement to streamline customer service and to ease title and registration transactions for residents buying a car out of state. Read the full story at GantDaily.com.

<http://www.gantdaily.com/2015/06/02/penn-dot-and-mdot-partner-to-make-car-buying-easier/>

Legislation To Toughen Texting and Driving (Pennsylvania)

10th District State Representative Jarret Gibbons is the prime sponsor of a bill that aims to increase possible penalties for people who cause serious accidents while driving distracted — treating them on par with drunken drivers. The Ellwood City Ledger reports the legislation would make it easier for the state to prosecute drivers who cause fatal accidents while texting on charges of vehicular homicide and aggravated assault. Read the full story at PALive365.com.

<http://www.palive365.com/2015/06/03/legislation-to-toughen-texting-and-driving/>

Region II

Race Fans, Start Your Engines! (Florida)

The green flag is being waved to let Florida race fans know that the sale of the newly redesigned NASCAR specialty license plate has started. But, there’s no need to race down to your local tag office to get one of the new plates. Take your time and drive safely. There are plenty of the new plates being sent to local tax collector and tag offices. Read the DHSMV press release.

<http://www.flhsmv.gov/news/press-releases/>

Florida Highway Patrol Announces Inaugural Youth Leadership Academy

The Florida Highway Patrol Academy is currently accepting applications for its inaugural Youth Leadership Academy. The Youth Leadership Academy will create opportunities for young men and women to develop an interest in law enforcement and prepare them for a future career, while encouraging them to embrace a positive and effective sense of commitment to the communities we serve. The application deadline is June 19, 2015. Learn more online at www.flhsmv.com.

<http://www.flhsmv.gov/fhp/academy/youthacademyapplication.pdf>

North Carolina Put On Lawsuit Notice Over Declining Voter Registration

A slate of civil rights groups put North Carolina on notice Monday, writing in a pre-litigation letter that the state must meet its voter registration obligations or risk a lawsuit. Read the full story at HuffingtonPost.com.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/06/01/north-carolina-voter-registration_n_7487246.html

Virginia Opens Roads To Self-Driving Cars

Self-driving cars have some new public roads to play on, with Virginia opening up over 70 miles for autonomous vehicles to test their real-world skills. Dubbed the Virginia Automated Corridors, the combination of highways, arterial roads, and urban streets together represent a microcosm of the sort of conditions self-driving cars will face once the inevitable broad-scale deployment takes place, tapping into HD maps from HERE and vehicle-to-vehicle communication tech. Read the full story at SlashGear.com.

<http://www.slashgear.com/virginia-opens-roads-to-self-driving-cars-01386129/>

Lyft, Uber Drivers Need to Register with DMV by July 1 (Virginia)

Drivers for Uber and Lyft have until July 1 to register personal vehicles with the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles to comply with the state's new transportation network company law. Read the full story at DailyPress.com.

<http://www.dailypress.com/business/tidewater/dp-lyft-uber-drivers-need-to-register-with-dmv-by-july-1-20150604-story.html>

Region III

Bill Requires Ignition Devices for Repeat DUI Offenders (Illinois)

Gov. Bruce Rauner will soon review legislation aimed at making Illinois roads safer. The proposal, which was endorsed in the Senate on Sunday and previously approved in the House, will toughen drunken driving laws. Republican state Sen. Jason Barickman of Bloomington said the measure comes from the Secretary of State's Advisory Counsel on Traffic Safety, to which he was appointed. Read the full story at OrchardParkBee.com.

http://www.orchardparkbee.com/news/2015-06-04/Business/Legislation_introduced_to_protect_information_from.html

Iowa DOT Speeds Up Process of Renewing, Replacing Driver's Licenses

The Iowa Department of Transportation is making it easier and faster for Iowans to renew or replace their driver's licenses. The Iowa DOT is installing 24 kiosks around the state. Read the full article at ketv.com.

<http://www.ketv.com/news/iowa-dot-speeds-up-process-of-renewing-replacing-drivers-licenses/33402562>

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson Suspends Five Detroit Auto Dealers (Michigan)

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson today announced that she has summarily suspended the licenses of five Detroit used-vehicle dealers after her office identified and investigated a web of suspicious auto transactions. Read the full story at Michigan.gov.

http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1640_61055-355772--,00.html

State Patrol Provides On-Ramp to Trooper Career for People Without Law Enforcement Experience (Minnesota)

There is more than one road to becoming a Minnesota State Patrol trooper, including a route that requires no prior law enforcement experience or education. The State Patrol is accepting applications from people looking for a career change. The application period for non-traditional candidates opens at Noon today (June 3) and closes at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16. Interested candidates may apply at mntrooper.com. A primary goal for the State Patrol is to recruit a diverse workforce. Read the MSP press release.

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ooc/news-releases/Pages/State-Patrol-Provides-On-Ramp-To-Trooper-Career-For-People-Without-Law-Enforcement-Experience.aspx>

Junior Law Cadets Experience Life in Law Enforcement (Nebraska)

Dozens of young men and women from across Nebraska will experience what a career in law enforcement is like as they participate in the American Legion Junior Law Cadet program. The cadets will spend a week in June at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center/Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy (NLETC/NSPTA), 3600 Academy Road in Grand Island. Read the full article in York News Times.

http://www.yorknewstimes.com/news/junior-law-cadets-experience-life-in-law-enforcement/article_7121f55a-0a77-11e5-946e-5f8092b44b92.html

Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles Selects Seventh Winner of “What’s on Your Plate?” Contest

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) has selected its seventh “What’s on Your Plate?” winner! As this quarter’s winner, Rus Leichtenberger of Columbus will be featured on the BMV’s Web site, Facebook and Twitter pages. He will also receive a decorative license plate with the personalization of his choice. Read the Ohio BMV press release for more details.

http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/MR2015/WOYP_June2015.pdf

Region IV

Protecting Deferred Action Applicants Against Fraud (California)

Protecting your identity while seeking legal status in the United States isn't simple. That's the message from deferred action experts, looking to help Central Coast residents with questions about two federal programs. The California Attorney General's Office is concerned about fraud while immigration reform is still in limbo. Read the full story at KionRightNow.com.

<http://www.kionrightnow.com/news/local-news/protecting-deferred-action-applicants-against-fraud/33320058>

Assembly OKs Two Different Approaches to Boost Voter Registration (California)

In a bid to improve California's lagging voter participation, lawmakers in the Assembly approved two measures Tuesday that aim to increase registration among eligible citizens. Read the full story at LATimes.com.

<http://www.latimes.com/local/political/la-me-pc-voter-registration-bills-20150602-story.html?track=rss>

Californians May Face Ten Cent Gas Tax Starting Next Year

California State Senator Rick Evans is pushing for a gas tax and additional vehicle licensing fees to pay for road maintenance in the Golden State. Read the full story at ABC7News.com.

<http://abc7news.com/politics/californians-may-face-ten-cent-gas-tax-next-year/764271/>

Felony DUI Signed Into Law in Colorado

Gov. John Hickenlooper on Monday signed a felony drunken-driving measure after frustration mounted from years of previously failed attempts. The legislation allows for a felony charge in DUI cases on a fourth offense over a lifetime. It will take effect Aug. 5. The bill was actually watered-down from its original form, which would have created a felony charge after three DUI convictions. Read the full story at DurangoHerald.com.

<http://www.durangoherald.com/article/20150601/NEWS01/150609992/Felony-DUI-to-become-law-->

Taxi Drivers Protest, Governor Signs Ride-Sharing bill (Nevada)

Gov. Brian Sandoval signed a bill Friday authorizing ride sharing companies such as Uber and Lyft. The signing came in spite of a protest earlier in the afternoon on the Strip by dozens of angry Las Vegas taxi drivers. Their message: No Uber. It's not needed. Read the full story at News3lv.com.

<http://www.news3lv.com/content/news/local/story/Taxi-drivers-protest-governor-signs-ride-sharing/iwmib81Vl0qhm4BoH1VaxQ.csp?rss=3269>

Assembly Approves Mandatory 8-Year License Plate Renewal (Nevada)

Nevada Assembly members have approved a measure requiring car owners obtain reissued license plates every eight year period. Assembly members voted 28-13 to approve AB484 on Saturday. It now goes to the Senate. Read the full story at News3lv.com.

<http://www.news3lv.com/mostpopular/story/Assembly-approves-mandatory-8-year-license-plate/KqCuGnBGOEunRxFSM6o9Tw.cspix>

Nevada Runs Out of License Plate Numbers

The Department of Motor Vehicles is changing its license plate numbering scheme for the first time in more than three decades. KTVN-TV reports Division Administrator of Central Services Sean McDonald says the department simply ran out of the 12 million possibilities possible under the numbering system created in 1982. Read the full story at RGJ.com.

<http://www.rgj.com/story/news/2015/06/01/nevada-runs-license-plate-numbers/28313505/>

Oregon Tries Taxing Drivers by the Mile

Oregon is testing a new system that would tax drivers by the mile to pay for transportation projects. The system, which is known as MyOreGo, will be the first so-called "vehicle miles traveled" program in the nation. The Oregon Department of Transportation says the program will be voluntary and has promised drivers' personal information will be protected. Read the full story at TheHill.com.

<http://thehill.com/policy/transportation/243610-oregon-to-tax-drivers-by-the-mile-for-roads>

UDOT Goes Creative with Electronic Signs to Help Reduce Deaths (Utah)

The Utah Department of Transportation is employing a little roadside psychology as it tries to keep deaths down during the "100 deadliest days" of the year in Utah. UDOT spokesman John Gleason said the department was planning to be more creative with its electronic signs over freeways in hopes more people would notice and heed the safety messages. Read the full story at KSL.com.

<http://www.ksl.com/?nid=148&sid=34897320>

Other News

Google Founder Defends Accident Records of Self-Driving Cars

Google co-founder Sergey Brin sees little reason to release the accident reports involving the Internet company's self-driving cars because he believes there's nothing new in documents that have been withheld so far to protect the privacy of other motorists. Read the full story at LATimes.com.

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-google-cars-20150603-story.html>

Federal Privacy Bill Could Make It Easier for Insurers to Share Suspicious Auto Claims Information (Canada)

A bill before Parliament could, if passed into law, help organizations investigate fraud by sharing personal information without having to obtain consent, a federal Cabinet minister suggested in Ottawa Tuesday, though critics contend that part of Bill S-4 could "lead to excessive disclosures" and that firms

should eventually be required to notify affected individuals. Read the full story at CanadianUnderwriter.ca/News.

<http://www.canadianunderwriter.ca/news/how-federal-privacy-bill-could-make-it-easier-for-insurers-share-suspicious-auto-claims-information/1003657609/?er=NA>

Lawmakers to Automakers: How Are You Protecting Cars From Cyberattacks?

The computerized car revolution is here: New cars often contain technology to control or monitor everything from tire pressure to the music you're listening to. Some even come with WiFi hotspots built into the dashboards. And companies like Google are predicting cars that can drive themselves within a generation. But in an era in which cyberattacks have become an almost daily occurrence, some are increasingly concerned about a potential downside to these advancements. Read the full article in The Washington Post.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-switch/wp/2015/05/29/lawmakers-to-automakers-how-are-you-protecting-cars-from-cyberattacks/>

NHTSA Unveils Prototype Car to Bar Drunken Driving

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration unveiled a first-ever prototype vehicle with an advanced alcohol detection technology that could ultimately prevent vehicles from being operated by a drunken driver. Read the full article in Detroit News.

<http://www.detroitnews.com/story/business/autos/2015/06/04/nhtsa-unveils-prototype-car-bar-drunken-driving/28464755/>

Did You Know

Vehicle Connectivity – Changing the future of the auto industry

Cars are undergoing a dramatic transformation with a huge focus in the digital connectivity area, and it would behoove any consumer to at least attempt to grasp some of the basics of what it will mean for the future. It is becoming more and more apparent that the auto industry is spreading its wings and is beginning to work with experts and groups outside of the traditional auto industry sphere. Connectivity technologies will require understanding not only the nuts and bolts of putting it all together, but also the rapidly-changing digital needs of the consumer, consumer safety (both bodily and digitally), the management of high-tech vehicle maintenance, and of course, the well-being and comfort of the consumer.

Plenty of information can be found online, but here are just a few resources to get you started:

- In the fast lane: The bright future of connected cars (strategy&)
<http://www.strategyand.pwc.com/global/home/what-we-think/reports-white-papers/article-display/in-the-fast-lane>

- Connected cars are accelerating consumer benefits and driving privacy issues (TheHill)
<http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/technology/224954-connected-cars-are-accelerating-consumer-benefits-and-driving>
- Smart Vehicles, Technologies and Main Applications in Vehicular Ad hoc Networks (INTECH)
<http://cdn.intechopen.com/pdfs-wm/42787.pdf>
- Connectivity will make cars safer, GM's other Mary says (Fortune)
<http://fortune.com/2014/08/06/gm-car-safety-mary-chan/>
- Wireless Technology Powers In-Car Connectivity (Murata)
<http://www.murata.com/~media/webrenewal/about/newsroom/tech/rf/ta1341.ashx>
- A road map to the future for the auto industry (McKinsey&Company)
http://www.mckinsey.com/insights/manufacturing/a_road_map_to_the_future_for_the_auto_industry
- 2015 Predictions: The connected car – connectivity table stakes in 2015 (RCRWirelessNews)
<http://www.rcrwireless.com/20150105/opinion/2015-predictions-the-connected-car-connectivity-table-stakes-in-2015-tag10>