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- CDLIS Blackout Dates Scheduled for State to State Implementation (June 29th from 2-3PM)
- NMVTIS State Web Interface 3.0 - Understanding the New Data Elements (June 30th from 2-3PM & July 7th from 2-3PM)
- NMVTIS: A New Direction (July 29th from 2-3PM)
- Facial Recognition Program Best Practices (Sept. 9th from 2-3PM)

Register online today at www.aamva.org/Webinars.

AAMVA Alert – Update to S2S Migration Plan and CDLIS Blackout

To minimize the operational impact on jurisdictions, AAMVA has updated the previously announced State-to-State (S2S) migration plan and the associated CDLIS Blackout period. The revised migration plan will begin July 2nd with full CDLIS operations restored by Monday, July 6th. All other systems (PDPS, NMVTIS, SSOLV, etc.) will be up and running during their usual available hours with the exception of a brief intermittent outage between 9PM and 10PM on July 3rd. **Please refer to the [full AAMVA Alert](#) for complete details.**

CDL Final Permit Compliance Rules: Member Resources Available



The federally mandated Commercial Driver's License Testing and Commercial Learner's Permit Standards requires compliance by U.S. jurisdictions by July 8, 2015. In order to assist members in implementing the requirements laid out in the final rule, AAMVA has pulled together a series of tools and resources and is making them available online at <http://www.aamva.org/CDL-Permit-Final-Rule/>.

Register Online for AAMVA Conferences

- Region I Conference – July 12-15 – Hershey, Pennsylvania
Conference Web Site | Register Online
<http://www.aamva.org/2015-Region-I-Conference-Home/> |

<https://www.aamva.org/profile/ListAllEventRegistrations.aspx>

- Annual International Conference – August 25-27 – Des Moines, Iowa
Conference Web Site | Register Online
<http://www.aamva.org/2015-AIC-Home/> |
<https://www.aamva.org/profile/ListAllEventRegistrations.aspx>

Region I

Delaware Passes Legislation to Offer Driving Privileges for Undocumented Immigrants

Delaware passed legislation Tuesday to allow undocumented immigrants to apply for and obtain a drivers license. The bill, introduced by Sen. Bryan Townsend, D-Bear, and co-sponsored by Sen. Robert Marshall, D-Wilmington, and Representatives Helene Keeley, D-Wilmington South, and Joseph Miro, D-Pike Creek, passed in the Senate with a 17 to 1 vote. Read the full story at NewsWorks.org

<http://www.newsworks.org/index.php/local/item/83412-delaware-passes-legislation-to-offer-driving-privileges-for-undocumented-immigrants>

NFL: Confederate Flag Case Cited in Washington Team Name Battle (District of Columbia)

A U.S. Supreme Court ruling last week on license plates and the Confederate flag could be bad news for the NFL's Washington team. Lawyers for Native Americans who object to the team's trademark and name — considered by many to be an offensive term for Native Americans — say their case has been strengthened by the decision, which found that Texas was not required to issue specialty license plates featuring the Confederate battle flag. Read the full story at SLTrib.com.

<http://www.sltrib.com/home/2656845-155/nfl-confederate-flag-case-cited-in>

New York Lawmakers Back Crackdown on Unregistered Car Dealers

New York legislators have approved a bill intended to crack down on unregistered car dealers who use city streets as showrooms. So-called “curbstoners” are unlicensed car dealers who sell used cars for profit on public streets and are unregulated and untaxed. Read the full story at News10.com.

<http://news10.com/2015/06/22/ny-lawmakers-back-crackdown-on-unregistered-car-dealers/>

I-Team: Use of Facial Recognition Technology Expands as Some Question Whether Rules Are Keeping Up (New York)

Facial recognition technology is changing the way New Yorkers shop, eat and live, and it's also giving the city more information about them than they imagined. Using video cameras, facial recognition technology measures a person's face at more than 16,000 points, the I-Team has learned. The computer arrives at an algorithm for one's face and runs that against a database with millions of other faces already stored. Read the full story at NBCNewYork.com

<http://www.nbcnewyork.com/investigations/Facial-Recognition-NYPD-Technology-Video-Camera-Police-Arrest-Surveillance-309359581.html>

DMV Runs License Enforcement at Two Concerts, 113 People Arrested, 88 Fake IDs Seized (New York)

An enforcement at summer concerts by the Department of Motor Vehicles resulted in the arrest of dozens of people and seizure of dozens of fake IDs. DMV officials say they held enforcements over the past week at two Fall Out Boy concerts: at the Darien Lake on June 18 and another at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center on June 23. Read the full story at WHEC.com.

<http://www.whec.com/news/stories/S3835056.shtml>

Pennsylvania Teen Driving Deaths Drop by 54.5 Percent

For a parent, handing the keys to your teen can be scary. For the teens, they usually cannot wait to get in the drivers seat. Read the full story at ABC27.com.

<http://abc27.com/2015/06/25/pa-teen-driving-deaths-drop-by-54-5-percent/>

House Committee Passes Bill Allowing DMV to Suspend Licenses for Drivers who Blow Through Toll Lanes Without Paying (Rhode Island)

Since the start of "fast pass" toll lanes in 2012, 138 Rhode Islanders have repeatedly, habitually, blown through bridge tolls more than 100 times, says an official with the state Bridge and Turnpike Authority. And they've also ignored repeated mailed notices to pay their tolls and fines. Read the full story at ProvidenceJournal.com.

<http://www.providencejournal.com/article/20150624/NEWS/150629629>

Transportation Secretary Intrigued By A 'Vehicle Miles Traveled' Tax (Vermont)

Transportation Secretary Sue Minter says the current stalemate in Congress over a long term transportation bill clearly shows that the country needs to reduce its reliance on gasoline taxes. She says a plan that taxes motorists based on the number of miles they drive their car deserves serious study. Read the full story at Digital.VPR.net.

<http://digital.vpr.net/post/vermont-transportation-secretary-intrigued-vehicle-miles-traveled-tax>

DMV Tackles Fraudsters Seeking Driver's Privilege Cards (Vermont)

In January 2014 Vermont enacted a law that established a new kind of driver's license called a driver's privilege card. The identification allows undocumented immigrant farmworkers residing in Vermont to drive legally in the state. Read the full story at Digital.VPR.net.

<http://digital.vpr.net/post/dmv-tackles-fraudsters-seeking-drivers-privilege-cards>

Region II

State's Emergency Contact Information System Reaches Milestone (Florida)

Florida's Emergency Contact Information system reached a milestone this week, surpassing the 10 million mark in the number of people who have securely registered their contact information with the state. That's an average of more than a million new registrants a year since the system was created in 2006. Read the DHSMV press release.

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

Louisiana Governor Vetoes Police License Plate Readers Because the Data Collection Is 'Fundamental Risk to Personal Privacy'

License plate readers mounted on police cruisers and road signs in some areas of the country are a controversial bit of technology. Though their use has expanded in some areas, other lawmakers have pushed back, the latest being the governor of Louisiana. Read the full story at TheBlaze.com.

<http://www.theblaze.com/stories/2015/06/22/louisiana-governor-vetoes-police-license-plate-readers-because-the-data-collection-is-fundamental-risk-to-personal-privacy/>

DMV to Require Moped Registration (North Carolina)

On July 1, 2015, House Bill 1145 will go into effect. The bill requires that mopeds operated on North Carolina roadways be registered with NC DMV and display a valid license plate. Read the full story at JDNews.com.

<http://www.jdnews.com/article/20150619/news/150619336>

New Law Aims To Reduce Drunk Driving In Texas

Gov. Greg Abbott signed HB 2246 into law, making Texas the 25th state in the nation to require all convicted drunk drivers to install an ignition interlock system in their cars if they choose to drive during their license suspension period. Read the full story at DFW.CBSLocal.com.

<http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2015/06/23/new-law-aims-to-reduce-drunk-driving-in-texas/>

Virginia's McAuliffe Plans to Phase Out Confederate Flag License Plate

Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe said Tuesday that he will phase out a state-sponsored license plate featuring an image of the Confederate flag. At an appearance in Richmond, the city that served as the capital of the Confederacy, McAuliffe (D) called the symbol "unnecessarily divisive and hurtful." Read the full story at WashingtonPost.com.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/virginia-politics/virginias-mcauliffe-plans-to-phase-out-confederate-flag-license-plate/2015/06/23/bb8a1738-19b0-11e5-93b7-5eddc056ad8a_story.html

Region III

Stricter Rules For Ohio Teen Drivers Begin In July

Ohio will enact new rules for young drivers to prevent injury and fatal crashes in July. Teenage drivers only make up 5 percent of all licensed drivers but are responsible for 13 percent of all fatal crashes. Read the full story at 10TV.com.

<http://www.10tv.com/content/stories/2015/06/23/columbus-ohio-stricter-rules-for-ohio-teen-drivers-begin-in-july.html>

Probationary Drivers Legislation Effective July 1 Focuses on Experience Instead of Age (Ohio)

Beginning July 1, 2015, drivers issued a probationary license will face restrictions on when they can drive and how many passengers are allowed in the car while driving based on experience instead of age. This change is a result of Ohio's Drive Toward a Safer Ohio Initiative and is an effort to increase the level of experience for Ohio's young drivers. Read the DPS press release.

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/business/2015/06/19/next-cars-that-know-when-speak/Ygnbi5fjWuOFtFwVPx3lvM/story.html>

Fees for Some Driver License Applications to Increase July 1 (South Dakota)

South Dakotans will see an increase in driver license application fees starting July 1. Read the DPS press release.

<http://news.sd.gov/newsitem.aspx?id=17866>

Wisconsin DOT Unveils Redesigned Website

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has a new website designed to make it easier for our customers and partners to find information and conduct business online. Wisconsin.gov features a new visual design and architecture. The navigation has been retooled and reorganized based on site analytics, user analysis and best practices from other websites. The content itself has been reorganized and streamlined to make site visits pleasant and more productive.

Customers can now connect with DMV several ways. On the WisDOT home page, use the tabs on the main navigation bar for Online Services and DMV or click on the DMV logo in the middle of the page. You may also use this simple URL wisconsin.gov.

The new wisconsin.gov site features a number of other enhancements including:

- Responsive, mobile-first design that works with any type of device
- Reorganized content and consistent global navigation to help access content quickly
- Prominent Google search tool to deliver search results from across department pages

- Targeted path to online services
- Section 508 compliant content to facilitate access and use by all individuals

WisDOT looks forward to continuing to meet the growing online needs of our customers and partners.

Region IV

DMV Cranks Ignition on Production of Black California License Plates

California license plates are finally back in black. The Department of Motor Vehicles announced Monday that it had started production on new California plates with black backgrounds and yellow lettering. The model, originally used from 1963-69, is available through the California Legacy License Plate Program – a result of Los Angeles Assemblyman Mike Gatto’s Assembly Bill 1658. Read the full story at SacBee.com.

<http://www.sacbee.com/news/local/transportation/article25350922.html#storylink=cpy>

CHP Officer Charged in DMV Scandal (California)

A California Highway Patrol officer is the second person to be charged in connection with a DMV bribery scandal. Carlos Ravelo is accused of illegally transferring a temporary driver’s license to a driver, once in September 2013 and again in January 2014, according to an indictment unsealed in San Diego federal court last month. Read the full story at UTSanDiego.com.

<http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2015/jun/25/chp-officer-ravelo-charged-dmv-scandal/>

Saskatchewan Launches Mandatory Training for Alcohol Servers in Bid to Help Fight Impaired Driving

The government of Saskatchewan announced on Monday that people who serve and sell alcohol in licensed establishments in the province will soon be required to complete server intervention training in a bid to help curb impaired driving. Read the full story at CanadianUnderwriter.ca.

<http://www.canadianunderwriter.ca/news/saskatchewan-launches-training-for-alcohol-servers-in-bid-to-help-fight-impaired-driving/1003686415/?&er=NA>

Other News

ICE-DMV Partnership Combating Identity, Document Fraud

If you walk into your local Department of Motor Vehicles office (DMV) on any given day, you’ll most likely find a crowd of people waiting to get a new license or updating their vehicle registration. What many aren’t aware of is that while they’re waiting in anticipation of their number to be called there may be document and identity fraud taking place just a few feet away. Read the full story at ImperialValleyNews.com.

<http://www.imperialvalleynews.com/index.php/news/national-news/3908-ice-dmv-partnership-combating-identity-document-fraud.html>

NHTSA Probes 121,000 Dodge Darts for Braking

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said Monday it is opening an investigation into 121,000 Dodge Dart cars over braking problems. NHTSA said it has received 18 complaints that the brake pedal can suddenly become hard to depress and that braking distance unexpectedly increased on 2013 Dodge Dart cars. Read the full story at DetroitNews.com.

<http://www.detroitnews.com/story/business/autos/chrysler/2015/06/22/nhtsa-dodge-darts/29098745/>

Senators: No More Money for NHTSA Without Reforms

A Senate panel harshly criticized federal auto safety regulators for failing to do more to address safety issues, with several members suggesting they will not give the agency more money until it makes sweeping reforms. Read the full story at DetroitNews.com.

<http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/politics/2015/06/23/senator-nhtsa-suffers-incompetent-mismanagement/29158399/>

Are Drivers Getting High from Behind-the-Wheel Phone Use?

A new survey reveals drivers are ignoring warnings about the risks of distractions behind the wheel, CBS News' Kris Van Cleave reports. AT&T found that as many as one in 10 drivers could be video-chatting on their drive home. It also found 61 percent admitted to texting and driving, a third check their email and 17 percent admitted to taking a steering-wheel selfie. Read the full story at CBSNews.com.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/distracted-drivers-feel-addicted-behind-wheel-cellphone-use-att-survey-finds/>

Next: Cars That Know When to Speak

Nuance Communications Inc. has taught our cars how to talk. Now it's trying to teach them when to shut up. Earlier this month, Burlington-based Nuance received a US patent for a system that reads incoming text messages aloud, through a car's audio system — but only when it concludes that it's safe for the driver to hear them. Read the full story at BostonGlobe.com.

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/business/2015/06/19/next-cars-that-know-when-speak/Ygnbi5fjWuOfFwVPx3lvM/story.html>

BMW Accused in Lawsuit of Refusing to Fix Power-Loss Defect

Auto-maker BMW refuses to address a dangerous defect in its cars that can cause them to lose power while in operation, a new lawsuit charges. The class action suit says that the components, known as SDARS, RDC and PDC modules, are foolishly installed in the spare tire well and insufficiently protected

from moisture, making them "especially prone to water damage that can be caused through the normal and ordinary use of the vehicle." Read the full story at NYDailyNews.com.

<http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/bmw-accused-lawsuit-refusing-fix-power-loss-defect-article-1.2271707>

Did You Know

SEAT BELTS: A BRIEF HISTORY

- The first U.S. patent for automobile seat beats was issued to Edward J. Claghorn of New York, New York on February 10, 1885.
- Swedish inventor, Nils Bohlin invented the three-point seat belt - not the first but the modern seat belt - now a standard safety device in most cars.
- The first child car seats were invented in 1921, following the introduction of the Henry Ford's Model T. The earliest versions were essentially sacks with drawstring attached to the back seat.
- By the late 1920s and early 1930s, car accidents occurred more and more frequently. A group of medical professionals, alarmed at the wasted lives, added lap belts to their own cars and after testing their effectiveness, urged car manufacturers to make them standard equipment on all cars.
- In 1951 Roger Griswold and Hugh De Haven patented a three-point safety belt with a middle buckle. The three-point belt was a single expandable belt that covered both shoulder and lap. In event of collision, the belt would spread the impact over chest, pelvis, and shoulders. DeHaven was also responsible for inventing the inertia reel, a locking mechanism to tighten the belt when a passenger is thrown forward.
- In 1953, the Colorado State Medical Society supported installing lap belts in all vehicles.
- In 1954, the Sports Car Club of America (precursor to NASCAR) required all competing racers to wear lap belts.
- In 1961, New York was the first state to require that manufacturers provide at least anchor points for front seat belts on all cars sold.
- 1964 was the year in which most U. S. cars came with front seat lap belts; by 1965, all states had laws requiring them.
- In the '60s, the National Ad Council began a 25-year campaign to reduce national traffic fatalities.
- In 1978, Tennessee became the first American State to require child safety seat use.
- In 1985, the Ad Council and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration began airing ads starring crash test dummies Vince (the vet) and Larry (the newcomer) telling motorists to buckle up.
- States continued to pass laws requiring drivers and passengers to buckle up. By 1989, 34 states had such laws on the books and by 1995, every state except New Hampshire had them.
- Since September 1, 2007, all new cars sold in the U.S. require a lap and shoulder belt in the center rear seat

This information and more was found online in the following resources:

- History of Seat Belts (inventors.about.com) <http://inventors.about.com/od/sstartinventions/a/History-Of-Seat-Belts.htm>
- Seat Belts: History (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) <http://www.rospa.com/road-safety/advice/vehicles/in-car-safety-and-crashworthiness/seat-belts-history/>
- The History of Seat Belt Development (autosafety.org) <http://www.autosafety.org/history-seat-belt-development>
- Stating to Click: A History of Automotive Seatbelts (Secondchancegarage.com) <http://www.secondchancegarage.com/public/seat-belt-historyb.cfm>