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AAMVA News

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- MVTIS State Web Interface 3.0 - Understanding the New Data Elements (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

DMV: State's Strict Driving Laws Have Reduced Teen Deaths (Connecticut)

On the afternoon of Dec. 7, 2009, five friends from Griswold High School were driving on Route 201 near the entrance to the Pachaug State Forest. A nine-month state police accident investigation found their car sped over a bump that was well-known for providing a roller-coaster-like thrill if a driver was going fast enough. Read the full story at NorwichBulletin.com.

<http://www.norwichbulletin.com/article/20150627/NEWS/150629559>

Teen Driving Decals Don't Reduce Crashes, Study Says (New Jersey)

Do you remember those small red decals the state requires teen drivers to place on the license plates of their cars? It turns out they don't seem to reduce crashes for drivers with learner permits, according to a new study. Read the full story at NJ.com.

http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2015/06/teen_driving_decals_dont_reduce_crashes_study.html

Pennsylvania is the Only State Offering Police Traffic App

Police in Pennsylvania now have a more efficient way to search for information when they pull over a motorist. The web-based application known as "Traffic Stop" combines data from multiple sources including PennDOT, State Police, and the state court system. Read the full story at WITF.org.

<http://www.witf.org/news/2015/06/pa-is-the-only-state-offering-police-traffic-app.php>

Pennsylvania May Extend Red-Light Camera Program Beyond 2017

Red-light cameras that keep a watchful eye on Pennsylvania drivers in select municipalities are scheduled to power down in 2017, but some state lawmakers aren't ready to put the program in park. Read the full story at PottsMerc.com.

<http://www.pottsmmerc.com/general-news/20150626/pa-may-extend-red-light-camera-program-beyond-2017>

Region II

Moped Registration, Registration Law Begin Wednesday (North Carolina)

A new law goes into effect this week, but there's a catch. Beginning Wednesday, all mopeds must be registered with the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicle. However, drivers can't register their mopeds until Wednesday, when the law takes effect. Read the full story at JDNews.com.

<http://www.jdnews.com/article/20150630/NEWS/150628849/-1/s>

North Carolina Unveils Redesigned 'First In Freedom' License Plate

On this Fourth of July Week, North Carolina is unveiling a new state license plate that recognizes the state's historic role in the creation of the United States. Beginning today, North Carolina motorists can choose a new "First in Freedom" standard state license plate for the first time since 1982. Read the DOT press release.

<https://apps.ncdot.gov/newsreleases/details.aspx?r=11350>

Senate Budget Proposes Ending Driver's Ed Requirement (North Carolina)

The fate of driver education in North Carolina looms uncertain as legislators ironing out the budget weigh whether to continue the program's funding, or possibly end the requirement for teenagers to take driving classes altogether. Read the full story at RockyMountTelegram.com.

<http://www.rockymounttelegram.com/news/ncwire/senate-budget-proposes-ending-driver8217s-ed-requirement-2925041>

South Carolina Transgender Teen Takes New License Photo in Makeup After Winning Lawsuit Against DMV: 'It's Me'

A South Carolina transgender teen beamed in makeup and stood tall in heels as she retook her driver's license photo after winning a settlement in a hard-fought lawsuit against the state's DMV. Read the full story at NYDailyNews.com.

<http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/s-transgender-teen-takes-new-license-photo-dmv-suit-article-1.2276438>

Uber, Lyft Drivers' Vehicles Must Be Registered for TNC Use by July 1; DMV Offers Clarification on Registration for Interstate TNC Travel (Virginia)

Drivers for Uber and Lyft, called transportation network company (TNC) partners, have until July 1 to register personal vehicles with the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to continue uninterrupted operation after the state's new TNC law takes effect. Read the DMV press release.

http://dmv.virginia.gov/general/news/pressReleases/#/News_Article:9760

Virginia DMV Files Request Allowing Removal of Confederate Flag from License Plates

The DMV has filed paperwork asking a federal judge to throw out a 14-year-old ruling that allowed the confederate flag on Virginia license plates. Read the full story at NBC29.com

<http://www.nbc29.com/story/29423790/va-dmv-files-request-allowing-removal-of-confederate-flag-from-license-plates>

Sons of Confederate Veterans Challenge Gov. McAuliffe's Authority (Virginia)

Despite a declaration from Virginia governor Terry McAuliffe that the Commonwealth intends to phase out the state-sponsored license plate featuring the confederate flag, the Sons of Confederate Veterans say a court decision, handed down more than a decade ago, gives the organization the right to keep its license plate. Read the full story at WTVR.com.

<http://wtvr.com/2015/06/30/sons-of-confederate-veterans-challenge-gov-mcauliffes-authority/>

New Traffic Laws Take Effect in Virginia on July 1, Law Changes Include Safety Provisions for Bicyclists, Postal Vehicles (Virginia)

Several new traffic laws take effect July 1 in Virginia. The 2015 General Assembly amended state code to increase safety provisions for traffic management vehicles, bicyclists, postal vehicles, and refuse-collection vehicles, among other initiatives. Read the DMV press release.

<https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/general/#news/press.asp>

Region III

Jesse White Announces Veteran's Designation on DL/ID Cards Available July 1 (Illinois)

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced today that beginning July 1, 2015, U.S. military veterans will be able to get an updated driver's license/ID card with the word "VETERAN" displayed under the signature on the front of the card. Read the SOS press release.

<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/news/2015/june/150630d1.pdf>

Kansas DMV Now Offers Mobile App

Kansas vehicle customers can now access features such as office locations, driver's license status and practice written tests from the convenience of a mobile app. The KS Vehicles Connect app is available on iPhone, Android and Window phone systems for free. "More and more people are using their mobile phones to look up information and contact us," said Kansas Vehicles Director Lisa Kaspar. "This app put the information they need to get a driver's license, renew their vehicle tag, check their license status or find a licensing or tag office at their fingertips." The app will also be fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. From the app, customers will be able to access a variety of features including: get in line remotely for the six largest driver licensing offices, check the status of their driver's license, access their vehicle registration information and renew their tags online, and find the driver licensing or tag office closest to them and pull up directions.

New Method of Invalidating Driver's Licenses, ID Cards (Minnesota)

The way driver's licenses and identification cards are invalidated is changing in Minnesota on July 6. Instead of clipping the bottom right corner, driver's licenses will now be perforated with the word "VOID" on the left side of the card by the photo. Read the DPS press release.

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ooc/news-releases/Pages/New-Method-of-Invalidating-Drivers-Licenses,-ID-Cards-Starts-July-6.aspx>

Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Releases 2014 Uniform Crime Report (Minnesota)

The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) today released the 2014 Uniform Crime Report. Local law enforcement agencies must report their crime data each year to the BCA to meet state and federal reporting requirements. Read the DPS press release.

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ooc/news-releases/Pages/Bureau-of-Criminal-Apprehension-Releases-2014-Uniform-Crime-Report.aspx>

Missouri State Highway Patrol Commissioned 100th Recruit Class

Colonel J. Bret Johnson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, announces that 32 Missouri State Highway Patrol troopers graduated from the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy on Friday, June 26, 2015. Read the MSHP press release.

<http://notes.mshp.dps.mo.gov/si01/si01p001.nsf/9300de8f24f618a68625729800536892/42be1bd37096c79b86257e70005fdd88?OpenDocument>

New Ohio Rules Limit Young Drivers' Passengers Hours

State rules take effect today that limit when and with whom young drivers can hit the road. Meanwhile, officials are trying to determine why more teenagers are causing crashes in Ohio this year. Read the full story at Dispatch.com.

<http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2015/07/01/new-rules-limit-young-drivers-passengers-hours.html>

Changes to Commercial Driver Licensing Regulations Begin Wednesday (South Dakota)

Several changes in South Dakota Commercial Driver Licensing (CDL) regulations become law Wednesday, July 1. The new or changing restrictions were approved by this year's Legislature. Read the DPS press release.

<http://news.sd.gov/newsitem.aspx?id=17904>

State Allowing for Name Change on Same-Sex Couples' IDs (South Dakota)

The state Driver's Licensing Program now accepts same-sex marriage certificates as proof of a name change for South Dakota drivers. The switch in policy is one of several shifts resulting from Friday's U.S.

Supreme Court decision legalizing same-sex marriage in all 50 states. Read the full story at ArgusLeader.com.

<http://www.argusleader.com/story/news/2015/06/29/dmv-allow-name-change-ids-sex-couples/29471957/>

Wisconsin DMV Adds Convenience of Online Payment to Popular Online Title and Registration System

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has enhanced eMV Public, an online title and registration system that can be used when you buy an auto, light truck, motorcycle or SUV from a private seller. eMV Public is one more way DMV customers can 'skip the trip' and conduct their DMV business online. Read the DOT press release.

<http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/about-wisdot/newsroom/news-rel/414-co-dmv.aspx>

Region IV

DMV Expands Documents Accepted for Immigrant Driver's License (California)

California has expanded the list of identity documents that immigrants in the country illegally can use to apply for a driver's license. Read the full story at Fox40.com.

<http://fox40.com/2015/06/30/dmv-expands-documents-accepted-for-immigrant-drivers-license/>

DMV Warns Residents of Phone Scam Seeking Personal Info

The California Department of Motor Vehicles is warning residents of a recent phone scam that involves callers attempting to steal personal information by pretending to be DMV employees offering to reschedule appointments. Read the full story at LosAltosOnline.com.

<http://www.losaltosonline.com/special-sections2/sections/on-the-road/50604->

CBI Begins Forensic Toxicology Services for Colorado

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Forensic Services Section begins toxicological testing for alcohol and drug DUI cases occurring in the state on July 1, 2015. Read the DPS press release.

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cbi/news/cbi-begins-forensic-toxicology-services>

Idaho State Police Release "Crime In Idaho 2014" Report

The Idaho State Police Bureau of Criminal Identification released their annual "Crime In Idaho" report for 2014 today, July 1, 2015. Read the ISP press release.

http://www.isp.idaho.gov/isp/news_releases/viewNewsReleases.html

DMV to Start Assessing \$1 Technology Fee on July 1st (Nevada)

Starting tomorrow, (July 1) DMV customers will be assessed a \$1 technology fee for any DMV transaction that requires a fee. The fee is expected to raise \$5 million per year and help offset the cost of a \$109 million System Modernization project approved by the Nevada Legislature. The fee will sunset in 2020. Read the press release.

<http://www.dmvnv.com/news/15006-dmv-tech-fee.htm>

Clark County Veterans Endorsing Electronic Exemption Process (Nevada)

After about a week, more than 2,000 Clark County veterans have taken advantage of being able to claim their annual tax exemption during a vehicle registration renewal conducted electronically. Read the DMV press release.

<http://dmvnm.com/news/15005-Vets-Responding-to-Clark-County-Exemptions.htm>

ODOT Launches Pioneering Per-Mile Road Use Charge Program (Oregon)

State officials and private partners kicked off Oregon's new pay-by-the-mile road usage charge program, OReGO, on Wednesday, welcoming drivers to enroll online. Read the full story at KTVZ.com.

<http://www.ktvz.com/news/odot-launches-pioneering-permile-road-use-charge-program/33944912>

Gas Tax Increase Gains Momentum in Washington Legislature

House and Senate transportation leaders said Sunday that they have finalized details of a multi-billion dollar transportation revenue package that includes an incremental increase in the gas tax. Read the full story at SeattlePI.com.

<http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/Lawmakers-return-for-third-special-session-to-6354091.php>

Other News

Veterans Taking to CDLs in Record Number

As we celebrate Independence Day this week, here at DOT we've been thinking a lot about the military veterans who have defended --since Lexington and Concord-- the independence we hold so dear. So we're happy to announce that, since 2011, a Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) program has helped more than 10,000 veterans and active duty personnel obtain a Commercial Driver's License more easily. Read Anthony Foxx's full blog post in the FastLane.

<http://www.transportation.gov/fastlane/veterans-taking-cdls-in-record-number>

Temple Law Study Advocates Driver's Licenses for Undocumented Immigrants

A new study from the Sheller Center for Social Justice at Temple University Beasley School of Law says keeping undocumented immigrants from getting drivers license in Pennsylvania is costing both individuals and the state. Read the full story at PhillyVoice.com.

<http://www.phillyvoice.com/temple-law-study-drivers-licenses-immigrants/>

Goodbye Gridlock! 'Fifth Element' Flying Cars to Hit Skies by 2017

Slovak company AeroMobil has been developing a futuristic vision of real flying cars. Now, for the first time, its CEO put a proper timeline on the idea: the expensive toys are to hit the super-rich market by 2017, but quickly improve on specs and price. Read the full story at RT.com.

<http://rt.com/news/241009-flying-car-aeromobil-vehicle/>

Did You Know

CHILD SAFETY SEATS: A BRIEF HISTORY

National Child Passenger Safety Week takes place September 13-19, 2015. In light of the upcoming annual awareness campaign, I've pulled together some basic historical notes that may be of interest to you. Also, please don't forget that marketing materials are available via www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/CPSweek if you wish to help promote child passenger safety.

- Early car seats were created to contain children in the car rather than protect them during a crash.
- Until the 1960's car seats were mainly designed so that children could look out the window and parents could prevent the child from moving about the car.
- In 1968, the first child restraints designed for crash protection was developed by Ford (Tot-Guard) and General Motors (Love Seat for toddlers). Followed soon thereafter by the GM Infant Love Seat (first rear-facing only restraint) and the Bobby Mac convertible seat (used both rear-facing and forward facing)
- In 1971, NHTSA adopted the first federal standard for child seating systems, FMVSS 213; requirements did not include dynamic (crash) tests, but did require use of a safety belt to hold the car seat into the vehicle, and a harness to hold the child in the car seat. The standard did not cover rear-facing infant restraints or car beds.
- In 1978 Physicians for Automotive Safety produces first parent education film about child passenger safety, "Don't Risk Your Child's Life". (Updated six times to 2004.)
- Also in 1978, the first child passenger safety law is passed in Tennessee, requiring parents to put their infants and young children in child restraint system (CRS) that met the current federal standard (FMVSS 213). The law became effective in 1979, and legislative efforts began in other states.
- A more stringent version of FMVSS 213-80, Child Restraint Systems, became effective on January 1, 1981; includes rear-facing infant restraints, car beds, and forward-facing restraints for children under 50 lb.; required frontal crash test at 30 mph, buckle release force (so children could not release the harness), special labeling and instruction criteria.

- In 1983, a survey by Physicians for Automotive Safety indicates a high level of misuse of child restraints, focusing on installation problems. Study of crashes by National Transportation Safety Board find many and multiple misuses that contributed to casualties.
- In 1984, Ronald Regan issued a presidential proclamation, titled "National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Day, 1984". This annual week was celebrated in February until 2008, when it was rescheduled in September.

There's a lot more history on child passenger safety restraint systems online. The information pulled together here are from the following resources:

- History of the Car Seat (Babble) <http://www.babble.com/baby/history-of-the-car-seat/#the-1990s>
- A Graphic History of Child "Safety" Seats (Petrolicious) <http://www.petrolicious.com/a-graphic-history-of-child-safety-seats>
- More than Forty Years of Progress for Child Passenger Protection (saferidenews.com) <http://saferidenews.com/srndnn/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=NIPfcuqNL1U%3D&tabid=375>
- History of Child Car Safety Seats (eHow.com) http://www.ehow.com/about_6325500_history-child-car-safety-seats.html
- Car Seat Safety (NHTSA) <http://www.safercar.gov/parents/CarSeats/Car-Seat-Safety.htm>