

August 21, 2015 - Regional News

AAMVA News

AAMVA Working Groups Release New Member Resources

Last week, two new AAMVA best practices were released, providing AAMVA members with invaluable information and guidelines for the development/improvement of jurisdiction Facial Recognition programs, and Ignition Interlock programs.

Facial Recognition Program Best Practices



[Best Practices Document](#) | [DVD Insert](#)
[Executive Summary Video](#)

Ignition Interlock Program Best Practices Guide



[Best Practices Document](#) | [DVD Insert](#)
[Executive Summary Video](#) | [Training Video](#)

For a complete list of AAMVA best practices and model legislation, visit www.aamva.org/Best-practices/.

Register Online for AAMVA Conferences

- 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>
- 2015 Region III Information Exchange – November 3-5 – Oak Brook, Illinois
Conference Web Site | Register Online
<http://www.aamva.org/2015-Region-III-Information-Exchange/> |
<https://www.aamva.org/profile/ListAllEventRegistrations.aspx>

Region I

First Ever Interstate Use of Facial Recognition Technology Leads to Arrests of Three Commercial Drivers for Identification Fraud

New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (NY DMV) Executive Deputy Commissioner Terri Egan and New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (NJ MVC) Chief Administrator Raymond Martinez today announced the arrests of three individuals for filing false instruments and falsifying business records, both of which are felonies. Read the DMV press release.

<http://dmv.ny.gov/press-release/press-release-08-17-2015>

DMV Clerk Took Bribes to Help Pass Permit Exam (New York)

A former DMV clerk now admits using his position to accept bribes to allow people to pass their permit exams. Read the full story at WKBW.com.

<http://www.wkbw.com/news/police-blotter/dmv-clerk-took-bribes-to-help-pass-permit-exam>

State Initiative To Educate Bar Owners About Revamped ID Cards (New York)

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo Wednesday, August 19, 2015, announced a new state effort to educate bar owners, security, and staff of licensed establishments about new security features included on driver licenses, permits, and ID cards issued by the state. Read the full story at HudsonValleyNewsNetwork.com.

<http://hudsonvalleynewsnetwork.com/2015/08/19/state-initiative-to-educate-bar-owners-about-revamped-id-cards/>

Region II

DHSMV Promotes Gene Spaulding to Florida Highway Patrol Director

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle's Executive Director Terry L. Rhodes has announced the promotion of Gene Spaulding to become the next Florida Highway Patrol Director, effective Aug. 21, 2015. Read the DHSMV press release.

<http://www.flhsmv.gov/2015/08/20/dhsmv-promotes-gene-spaulding-to-florida-highway-patrol-director/>

DMV Report: Traffic Deaths on the Rise in Virginia

DMV reports show the nationwide trend of increasing traffic deaths is also true in Virginia. What's driving the numbers is a question that could save your life. Read the full story at WAVY.com.

<http://wavy.com/2015/08/17/dmv-report-traffic-deaths-on-the-rise-in-virginia/>

Region III

NEW and Improved Driver's License Status Check Now Available (Kansas)

In addition to checking the status of their driver's license, customers may now view copies of notices that have been mailed to them from our Driver Solutions office. This information may be accessed online 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week at no cost on our website, www.ksrevenue.org or from our new mobile app, Ks Vehicles Connect. Visit Kansasdor.org.

<https://www.kdor.org/DLStatus/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fDLStatus%2fsecure%2fdefault.aspx>

Region IV

California Rations Birth, Death Certificates Amid Security Paper Shortage

NPR's Robert Siegel speaks with San Francisco Chronicle reporter Melody Gutierrez about the shortage of special security paper used for birth and death certificates in California. Listen to the discussion or read the story at NPR.org.

http://www.npr.org/2015/08/17/432619118/california-rations-birth-death-certificates-amid-security-paper-shortage?utm_source=npr_newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=20150817&utm_campaign=npr_email_a_friend&utm_term=storyshare

DMV Agrees to California Brokers Group's Revisions

The California Department of Motor Vehicles has agreed to make major revisions proposed by the Independent Agents & Brokers of California to its commercial requester agreement that will permit agents and brokers to provide motor vehicle records to insurers and policyholders. Read the full story at InsuranceJournal.com.

<http://www.insurancejournal.com/news/west/2015/08/14/378586.htm>

Uber Lowers Drunk Driving Arrests in S.F.—Dramatically (California)

There were only two drunken driving arrests last New Year's Eve in San Francisco, the lowest since 2009, according to crime statistics from the San Francisco Police Department provided to the Ferenstein Wire. Read the full story at Breitbart.com.

<http://www.breitbart.com/california/2015/08/17/uber-drunk-driving-san-francisco/>

Colorado Rebrands Anti-Pot Campaign for Kids

A state that has legalized recreational marijuana is renewing efforts to get teenagers to stay away from the drug. Read the full story at WHIZNews.com.

<https://www.whiznews.com/content/news/national/2015/08/20/colorado-rebrands-anti-pot-campaign-for-kids>

New DMV Online App Allows Instant Check of Vehicle-Title Status (Idaho)

Check the status of your motor-vehicle title online and for free using a new Vehicle Title Status Checker app, recently launched by the Idaho Transportation Department's Division of Motor Vehicles. Read the full story at ClearwaterTribune.com.

http://www.clearwatertribune.com/news/online_only_news/new-dmv-online-app-allows-instant-check-of-vehicle-title/article_af544436-453c-11e5-a80d-83c773ca0283.html

DMV Offers Movement Permits On-Line (Nevada)

Nevada motorists who need a temporary vehicle movement permit will benefit from a new online service launched by the Nevada DMV today. The Department of Motor Vehicles now offers ten-day movement permits through its MyDMV online portal. Read the DMV press release.

<http://www.dmvnv.com/news/15010-online-movement-permits.htm>

Pot Increasingly Linked to Fatal Car Crashes, Washington State Reports

Among those involved in fatal car crashes in Washington, the amount of drivers under the influence of marijuana escalated dramatically between 2013 and 2014, according to a new report by the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC). Read the full story at Crosscut.com.

<http://crosscut.com/2015/08/pot-increasingly-linked-to-fatal-car-crashes-state-reports/>

Other News

U.S. Traffic Deaths Up Sharply in First Six Months of 2015

Traffic deaths were up 14 per cent nationally in the first six months of this year and injuries were up by a third, according to data gathered by the National Safety Council. Read the full story at ORegister.com.

<http://www.oregister.com/articles/deaths-677927-safety-hersman.html>

Uber Stands Ground in Ongoing Scrap with Taxis, Governments in Canada

Uber drivers in Canada are facing mounting pressure from competing taxi drivers and local city governments alike – and it appears the fight is just getting started. Read the full story at TheOntarioHerald.com.

<http://theontarioherald.com/uber-stands-ground-in-ongoing-scrap-with-taxis-governments-in-canada/>

A Look at Transportation Funding Measures Passed by States

About one-third of the states have taken action this year to boost funding for transportation or shore up their road and bridge funds against expected declines in tax revenues. Here's a look at what those states have done. Read the full story at [NYTimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com).

http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/08/17/us/politics/ap-us-highway-funding-states-glance.html?_r=0

States Test Technology to Combat Wrong-Way Drivers

States, including Texas, are testing alert and detection systems to try to prevent the crashes and deaths caused by wrong-way drivers. Read the full story at [KXAN.com](http://kxan.com).

<http://kxan.com/2015/08/19/states-test-technology-to-combat-wrong-way-drivers>

Did You Know

THIS WEEK ON TWITTER

We're switching it up a bit this week. While many (if not most) of AAMVA's member jurisdictions and organizations are engaged with their constituents through social media, it's unclear how many of our members' individuals are following the engagement personally.

@AAMVAConnection has been watching the twitter feed and decided to highlight some of the tweets here. Links are provided within most of the tweets, and we have also provided a link to each tweet as well. Note that **you do not have to have an account or sign in to Twitter** to view the message posts, and any comments, etc. associated with the post.

DC DMV @dcdmv

#DCDMV has expanded the list of acceptable docs for Proof of DC residency. View at <http://ow.ly/R2yue>

View the Tweet <https://twitter.com/dcdmv/status/634024877050232832>

Georgia DOT @GADeptofTrans

We have launched DriveAlert ArriveAlive. Learn More

<http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA>

View the Tweet <https://twitter.com/GADeptofTrans/status/634015930360725504>

@WSB-TV Georgia

GDOT sees increase in traffic fatalities due to texting and driving <http://2wsb.tv/1NuUH4Y>

View the Tweet <https://twitter.com/wsbvtv/status/634051857657298944>

Wisconsin DOT @WisconsinDOT

Renewing disabled parking? Ask doctors to certify your eligibility online

<http://app.wi.gov/disabledparking> then #SkiptheTrip

View the Tweet <https://twitter.com/WisconsinDOT/status/634027259385511937>

MN State Patrol @MnDPS_MSP

Uber vehicle goes uber fast and gets caught — twice. <http://ow.ly/R3yXq>

View the Tweet https://twitter.com/MnDPS_MSP/status/634059917796749312

Andrew Cuomo @NYGovCuomo

Today we announced an initiative to educate bar owners about revamped ID cards:
<http://on.ny.gov/1TTE9IU>

View the Tweet <https://twitter.com/NYGovCuomo/status/634060208680108032>

VirginiaDMV @VirginiaDMV

Love to #hike the #AppalachianTrail - support @AT_Conservancy w/ a #virginiaspecialplate
<http://1.usa.gov/1P8WqLH>

View the Tweet <https://twitter.com/VirginiaDMV/status/634063372955308036>

VirginiaDMV @VirginiaDMV

#VirginiaDMV Commissioner Richard Holcomb unveils new #carseat emergency ID sticker at @CMoRVA
<http://ow.ly/R735m>

View the Tweet <https://twitter.com/VirginiaDMV/status/634089607735451648>

KansasDOT @DriveSafeKansas

Don't hesitate if you have any questions about the #SAFE program. We're here to help!
<http://bit.ly/1U9CknY>

View the Tweet <https://twitter.com/DriveSafeKansas/status/634388701515087872>

KansasDOT @DriveSafeKansas

Executive Safety Council meeting @KDOHQ to discuss SAFEKAN, KS Strategic Highway Safety Plan.
<http://bit.ly/1TVVhOP>

View the Tweet <https://twitter.com/DriveSafeKansas/status/634402522640220160>

VermontDMV @VTDMV

How do you know when it's time for your loved one to limit or stop driving? <http://ow.ly/R704m>

View the Tweet <https://twitter.com/VTDMV/status/634396011369230336>

Safe Roads Alliance @Safe_Roads

Minnesota - @MnDPS_DPS launches The Parent's Supervised Driving Program.
<http://sailor.mnsun.com/2015/08/19/new-guide-helps-parents-teach-safe-driving-habits/> ...
@MPRnews @MinnesotaOL @MNTZD @CENEXNews

View the Tweet https://twitter.com/Safe_Roads/status/634420628179808256

Georgia DOT @GADeptofTrans

THANK YOU!! We have reached 6,000 Likes on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT>

View the Tweet <https://twitter.com/GADeptofTrans/status/634440664453939200>

IIHS @IIHS_autosafety

If you're in the market for a midsize SUV, we'll be updating the list on Friday. <http://ht.ly/R9Dry>

View the Tweet https://twitter.com/IIHS_autosafety/status/634421095676911616

NTSB @NTSB

NTSB to Hold Back-to-School Event Highlighting Safe Transport of Children

<http://www.nts.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/PR20150820.aspx> ...

View the Tweet <https://twitter.com/NTSB/status/634441251006320640>

IIHS @IIHS_autosafety

Milestone: Front crash prevention tech is now available on half of new vehicles.

<http://www.iihs.org/iihs/topics/t/crash-avoidance-technologies/topicoverview> ...

View the Tweet https://twitter.com/IIHS_autosafety/status/634402187909681152

Federal Highway Admn @USDOTFHWA

American driving has doubled over last generation, hitting historic high in first half of 2015.

<http://1.usa.gov/1TZFKaM> #BeyondTraffic

View the Tweet <https://twitter.com/USDOTFHWA/status/634379435785986048>