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

Ignition Interlock Program
Best Practices Guide

Best Practices Document | DVD Insert
Executive Summary Video

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

- 2015 Region III Information Exchange – November 3-5 – Oak Brook, Illinois
  Conference Web Site  |  Register Online
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.


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.


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 HudstonValleyNewsNetwork.com.


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.


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.

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.


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.


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.


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.


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.
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.

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.

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.

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 OCRegister.com.

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.
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 excepted declines in tax revenues. Here's a look at what those states have done. Read the full story at NYTimes.com.


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/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.

@AAMVACo 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/wsbtv/status/634051857657298944

Wisconsin DOT @WisconsinDOT
Renewing disabled parking? Ask doctors to certify your eligibility online https://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 @KDOTHQ to discuss SAFEKAN, KS Strategic Highway Safety Plan. http://bit.ly/1TVVh0P

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/634402522640220160

**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
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.ntsb.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