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<https://youtu.be/SQrAz9AmhK4>

AAMVA 2015 Annual International Conference Wraps Up

AAMVA's 2015 Annual International Conference came to a close yesterday in Des Moines. We would like to thank everybody who participated and who helped make the conference a success. Hopefully all attendees were able to walk away armed with new knowledge and insight to share with peers in the MVA and LE community. Many of the presentations from the event will be available for download from AAMVA's Web site. Keep an eye on the AIC Downloads Center <http://www.aamva.org/2015-AIC-Downloads/> as we continue to make these presentations available.

Register for the 2015 Region III Information Exchange

- 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

DMV Commissioner: 'In No Way Are We Out Of The Woods Yet' (Connecticut)

Motor Vehicles Commissioner Andres Ayala Jr. said Wednesday that wait times at branch offices are improving, but he can't predict when long lines brought on by a new computer system will ease. Read the full story at TheDay.com.

<http://www.theday.com/article/20150827/NWS12/150829374>

Uber Drivers in Delaware Told to Get Business Licenses

Officials in numerous Delaware cities have asked drivers who use the ride-hailing app Uber to obtain business licenses. Read the full story at NBCPhiladelphia.com.

<http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/Uber-Delaware-Drivers-Dewey-Beach-Police-Uber-Drivers-License-323209041.html#ixzz3k7xIOlAu>

New Leaders Appointed for Two Maryland Transportation Agencies

Maryland has new leaders for the state's vehicle and driver's licensing agency and the transportation authority, which operates the Intercounty Connector and other toll facilities, Gov. Larry Hogan's office said Thursday. Read the full story at WashingtonPost.com.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/dr-gridlock/wp/2015/08/27/new-leaders-appointed-for-two-maryland-transportation-agencies/>

Two Years in Prison for Illegal Driver's License Scheme (New Jersey)

A Virginia man was sentenced to two years in prison Wednesday for his role in a scheme to provide driver's licenses to individuals living in the country illegally, New Jersey federal prosecutors say. Read the full story at NJ.com.

http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2015/08/two_years_in_prison_for_illegal_drivers_license_sc.html

More than 80,000 New Yorkers Have Used Vision Registry Program to Speed Up License Renewal Process

The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) today announced that more than 80,000 New Yorkers have saved time renewing their driver licenses using the Vision Registry. Motorists can now use the DMV website to find locations of registered vision care providers where they can have their vision tested and have the results electronically transmitted to DMV. Read the full story at EmpireStateNews.net.

<http://www.empirestatenews.net/News2015/20150825-3.htm>

Governor Cuomo Warns New York's College Students About the Dangers of Buying False Identification Documents on the Internet

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today issued a warning to college students returning for the fall semester that purchasing fake IDs is not only illegal, but also increases the chance of becoming a victim of identify

fraud. In recent years, investigators from the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles have found dozens of examples of underage license holders becoming victims of identity theft after purchasing fraudulent identification online from overseas companies. Read the Governor's press release.

www.governor.ny.gov

Dispute Over Use of Police Cruiser's Lights Sharply Divides Pennsylvania Supreme Court

A sharply divided Pennsylvania Supreme Court has upheld the suppression of evidence in a drunken-driving case because the state trooper who investigated the incident turned on his cruiser's emergency lights. The flick of that switch, or rather the timing of the activation of the police car's lights, amounted to an unconstitutional seizure, a majority of the state's highest court found. Read the full story at PennLive.com.

http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2015/08/dispute_over_use_of_police_cru.html

Pennsylvania Bill Would Punish Those Who Leave Their Pets In Hot Cars

A new bill in Harrisburg would wield fines of up to \$300 toward pet owners who leave their dogs and cats in hot cars, according to ABC27 News. Read the full story at Patch.com.

<http://patch.com/pennsylvania/bethlehem/pa-bill-would-punish-those-who-leave-their-pets-hot-cars-0>

Region II

Alabama to Close Down 33 Driver's License Offices October 1

People in Alabama will likely have to wait in line longer at the driver's license office this fall. The state law enforcement agency says, due to budget cuts, there will be fewer locations open. Read the full story at WIAT.com.

<http://wiat.com/2015/08/25/alabama-closing-down-all-but-four-drivers-license-offices/>

GA DDS Commissioner Says: Save Time; Create a DDS Account Online

A Georgia driver's license or State Identification (ID) card is an important credential for initiating many services such as cashing a check or boarding an airplane. It makes sense that you would want to have a fast and secure way to manage this very important card. Department of Driver Services (DDS) Commissioner Rob Mikell encourages all customers to create an Online Services Account at www.dds.ga.gov to have 24/7 access to your driver's license and/or ID information. Read the DDS press release.

<http://www.dds.ga.gov/news/newsdetail.aspx?id=387>

Bill Allows Camera Enforcement of North Carolina Bus Safety Law

State lawmakers will decide on a new bill that would allow school bus surveillance video to be used in tracking down vehicles that pass stopped school buses in North Carolina. Read the full story at WNCN.com.

<http://wncn.com/2015/08/26/bill-allows-camera-enforcement-of-nc-bus-safety-law/>

Former Texas DPS Employee Who Sold Driver's Licenses to Unauthorized Immigrants Gets Prison Time

A former Texas Department of Public Safety employee who sold driver's licenses to more than two-dozen unauthorized immigrants was sentenced Thursday to 15 months in federal prison. Read the full story at CrimeBlog.DallasNews.com

<http://crimeblog.dallasnews.com/2015/08/texas-dps-employee-who-sold-drivers-licenses-to-unauthorized-immigrants-gets-prison-time.html/>

DMV Removes Confederate Flag from Specialty License Platen (Virginia)

The Va. Department of Motor Vehicles has begun production of a redesigned specialty license plate without the image of a Confederate battle flag. The new design on the plate honoring the Sons of Confederate Veterans removes the flag and centers the artwork in the background. Read the full story at 13NewsNow.com.

<http://www.13newsnow.com/story/news/local/virginia/2015/08/24/dmv-creates-new-license-plate-without-confederate-flag/32261923/>

DMV Unveils New Child Safety Seat Emergency Identification Sticker (Virginia)

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles unveiled a new emergency identification sticker that could help save lives. The sticker goes on child car seats and displays the child's personal and medical information. Read the full story at WCYB.com.

<http://www.wcyb.com/news/dmv-unveils-new-child-safety-seat-emergency-identification-sticker/34957526>

Region III

Comprehensive Drunk Driving Legislation Signed into Law by the Governor (Illinois)

Legislation initiated by Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White strengthening the state's DUI laws was signed into law by the governor. Senate Bill 627 contains five measures designed to increase participation in the state's Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device (BAIID) program. Read the SOS press release.

<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/news/2015/august/150827d1.pdf>

Could Ohioans with Drug Convictions Soon Keep Their Driver's Licenses?

After telling the federal government in December that Ohio wants out of the requirement that driver's licenses be suspended for nondriving drug convictions, lawmakers are moving to make that happen. Read the full story at Dispatch.com.

<http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2015/08/24/license-suspension-for-drugs-on-way-out.html>

Indiana Supreme Court Hears Dispute Over 'OINK' Plate

Indiana's highest court is considering whether a police officer was wrongly denied a vanity license plate saying 'OINK,' which state officials deemed offensive. Read the full story at Fox19.com.

<http://www.fox19.com/story/29892841/indiana-supreme-court-hears-dispute-over-Oink-plate>

MorphoTrust Launches Nation's First Mobile Driver License Pilot (Iowa)

Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) employees are the first in the nation to use the MorphoTrust mobile driver license (mDL) software as part of a new pilot announced today by MorphoTrust USA (Safran). Read the full story at BusinessWire.com.

http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20150826005144/en#.Vd_NNdiFOU

Patrol Provides Synopsis Of Some New Laws Affecting Motor Vehicle & Boat Use (Missouri)

The Missouri General Assembly recently enacted new legislation affecting motor vehicles and boats, and Governor Jay Nixon has signed the legislation into law. Unless otherwise noted, these laws go into effect August 28, 2015. The Patrol wishes to make the public aware of several of these new laws or changes to increase public awareness and education. Read the full article in The Rolla Daily News.

<http://www.therolladailynews.com/article/20150827/NEWS/150828948>

Wisconsin DMV Denies Driver's License to Man with No Hands

A Lawrence University football coach feels he's being discriminated against by Wisconsin's Department of Motor Vehicles because of the way he looks. Read the full story at WTNH.com.

<http://wtnh.com/2015/08/26/wisconsin-dmv-denies-drivers-license-to-man-with-no-hands/>

Region IV

Arizona Ramps Up Biometric Program to Keep IDs from Fraudsters

The Arizona Department of Transportation has signed a deal with a global developer of facial-recognition technology that aims to give the state extra power in its fight against fraud. Read the full story at WashingtonTimes.com.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/aug/25/arizona-ramps-biometric-program-keep-ids-fraudster/>

Lawsuit Over License Plate Scanners Heading to California Supreme Court

Two advocacy groups suing the Los Angeles Police Department and the LA County Sheriff's Department for access to data from automated license plate readers have won a chance to argue before the California Supreme Court. Read the full story at RedlandsDailyFacts.com.

<http://www.redlandsdailyfacts.com/general-news/20150821/lawsuit-over-license-plate-scanners-heading-to-california-supreme-court>

Elected Officials Consider Increase in Gas Tax, Vehicle Fees (California)

Drivers in California could pay higher gas taxes and vehicle user fees under a series of options being considered by state lawmakers to raise as much as \$59 billion over the next decade to pay for repairs to roads, bridges and other transportation infrastructure throughout the state, officials said Friday. Read the full story at EGPNews.com.

<http://egpnews.com/2015/08/elected-officials-consider-increase-in-gas-tax-vehicle-fees/>

Haller Named to Head Wyoming Highway Patrol

Kebin W. Haller, Deputy Director of the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), will become the next Colonel and Administrator of the Wyoming Highway Patrol (WHP). His appointment, which will take effect Sept. 21, was announced this afternoon by WYDOT Director John Cox. Read the full story at BillingsGazette.com.

http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/kebin-haller-named-new-head-of-wyoming-highway-patrol/article_807c3256-13a1-5186-bc08-8b02428f6f37.html

WHP IN Competition for Best Looking State Patrol Car (Wyoming)

In some states they are called cruisers, others refer to them as squads. In the Cowboy State they are referred to as a patrol car. A state's Highway Patrol, State Police or Department of Public Safety not only protects and serves everyone in their state, but also serve as representatives and ambassadors for their state on a daily basis. These agencies are most commonly associated with the unique design schemes of their patrol cars. Read the WHP press release.

<http://www.whp.dot.state.wy.us/news/whp-in-competition-for-best-looking-state-patrol-car>

Other News

Driverless Construction Zone Truck Due to Hit the Road This Year

The first driverless vehicle to hit U.S. highways is going to be a truck, not a car. And it should begin rolling around construction sites in Florida later this year. Read the full story at NBCNews.com.

<http://www.nbcnews.com/business/autos/driverless-construction-zone-truck-due-hit-road-year-n415531>

Many U.S. Drivers Ignoring New Tech Features in Cars: Survey

Drivers are steering clear of some new technology in cars, according to a survey released Tuesday, raising questions about whether car makers are moving too quickly to incorporate sophisticated technology. Read the full story at Reuters.com.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/08/25/us-autos-tech-idUSKCN0QU25B20150825>

GAO: NHTSA Should Aid State Vehicle Inspections

A government audit released Tuesday says the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration should do a better job of communicating with states to offer information on vehicle safety inspections. Read the full story at DetroitNews.com.

<http://www.detroitnews.com/story/business/autos/2015/08/25/gao-nhtsa-aid-state-vehicle-inspections/32335539/>

Did You Know

TODAY ON TWITTER

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.

NHTSA @NHTSAgov | <https://twitter.com/NHTSAgov/status/637293927368933376>

Your Vehicle Identification Number, or VIN, can help you know if your vehicle is subject to a recall....

<http://fb.me/6GMxIFHtF>

Massachusetts RMV @MassRMV | <https://twitter.com/MassRMV/status/637284956587327488>

Did you know that select #AAA offices offer Saturday hours to do your Registry business?

<http://ow.ly/QGH2U>

Transport. 4 America @T4America | <https://twitter.com/T4America/status/637284774562758656>
Forget taxis, says @MobilityLabTeam. The real disruption from Uber-like services will be private car ownership <http://mobilitylab.org/2015/08/18/ubers-plan-for-self-driving-cars-bigger-than-its-taxi-disruption/> ...

Zero Fatalities NV @DriveSafeNV | <https://twitter.com/DriveSafeNV/status/637278492166500353>
OPINION POLL: How do you think we can make our cities safer for Pedestrians?
<http://www.zerofatalitiesnv.com/be-pedestrian-safe/> ...

Indiana BMV @INBMV | <https://twitter.com/adwords/status/624606722913497088>
Does your vehicle have a safety recall? Visit for a complete list <http://ow.ly/RkV5C>
#HoosierDriversInTheKnow

VirginiaDMV @VirginiaDMV | <https://twitter.com/VirginiaDMV/status/637279160881258496>
Taking time over the weekend to study for your learner's or DL test? Check out our new interactive study guide: <http://ow.ly/R7UTM>

CT DMV @CTDMV | <https://twitter.com/CTDMV/status/637278641844563969>
Appointments for driving tests can now be made online! Make yours today: <http://1.usa.gov/1dbyMLs>

NCSL @NCSLorg | <https://twitter.com/NCSLorg/status/637278581664665601>
Alcoholic beverages may soon be available in powdered form or in capsules? <http://modo.ly/1ABwnJN>

NYC DOT @NYC_DOT | https://twitter.com/NYC_DOT/status/637272768120274944
Today @GswellMural & young artists unveil an impactful #visionzero mural reminding drivers that #yourchoicesmatter

DC DMV @dcdmv | <https://twitter.com/dcdmv/status/637266414131396608>
DC DMV: Find Out What's Changing at DC DMV this Fall <http://eepurl.com/bwRzy9>

NIST @usnistgov | <https://twitter.com/usnistgov/status/637277431007547392>
New Research Roadmap Aims for Fault-Free #manufacturing Processes
<http://www.nist.gov/el/isd/20150826phm.cfm> ...

CA DMV @CA_DMV | https://twitter.com/CA_DMV/status/637277207673475072
Is your dealer asking you to sign another contract, but you've already signed one? Call the New Motor Vehicle Board. <http://bit.ly/1tWmw9Z>

WV GHSP @WVhighwaysafety | <https://twitter.com/WVhighwaysafety/status/637276163283505152>
So true. Not wearing a seat belt, talking/texting on phone while driving, kids see it all. Be a role model.