

# September 11, 2015 - Regional News

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## AAMVA News

### Relive AAMVA's 2015 Annual International Conference

Hopefully those of you who were able to make it out to Des Moines to participate in AAMVA's 2015 Annual International Conference have made it home safely. With bags unpacked, and luggage stowed away until the next trip, you may catch yourselves reminiscing on some of the things you learned, people you met, and good times you had at #AICIOWA. We know how it is, and to help you relive the experience, we offer you presentations, pictures and a video to boot! Just visit the Downloads Center at <http://www.aamva.org/2015-AIC-Downloads/>. A special thank you to our sponsors and staff who helped to make the event possible. We hope to see everybody at the next Annual International Conference in Williamsburg, Virginia!

### 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 Says Progress Being Made With Lines (Connecticut)

While progress is being made to tackle a customer backlog and long lines at state Department of Motor Vehicles branches following a major computer overhaul, the commissioner warned Friday that lengthy waits could resume next week. Commissioner Andres Ayala Jr. said typically there are longer lines after a holiday. Read the full story at Courant.com.

<http://www.courant.com/news/connecticut/hc-ap-connecticut-dmv-lines-20150904-story.html>

### Officials Urge Caution as Motorcycle Deaths Climb (Maine)

News that this year has been the deadliest for motorcyclists since 1991 came just days before the state's largest motorcycle event of the year. Six people were killed in five crashes over the Labor Day weekend, bringing the state's total for the year so far to 26. Thirty-four people died in motorcycle crashes in 1991. Read the full article in sunjournal.com.

<http://www.sunjournal.com/news/maine/0001/11/30/officials-urge-caution-motorcycle-deaths-climb/1778985>

### Maryland MVA's "Beautiful Faces" Campaign Aims To End impaired Driving

"Do yourself a favor and have a beautiful, sober ride home." That's the core message of the MVA's 2015 "Beautiful Faces" campaign. The campaign looks to lessen the over 23,000 people who were arrested for drunk or drugged driving last year as well as the excess of 170 lives that impaired driving claims each year in Maryland. Read the full story at WMDT.com.

<http://www.wmdt.com/news/more-local-news/md-mvas-beautiful-faces-campaign-aims-to-end-impaired-driving/35188800>

### **New, Modernized Motor Vehicle Agency in Vineland (New Jersey)**

Customer service, security and safety continue to be primary goals of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC). Chairman and Chief Administrator Raymond P. Martinez is pleased to announce the grand opening of the new Vineland Motor Vehicle Agency in Cumberland County. The newly renovated building, on County-owned property at 9 West Park Avenue, Vineland, NJ 08360, is a stand-alone, approximately 6,200 square foot, modern facility that showcases MVC's commitment to enhancing the customer experience. Read the press release.

<http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/PressReleases/archives/2015/090815.htm>

### **New ID Rule is Problem for Driver Licenses (New York)**

New Yorkers looking to board a domestic flight or take a cruise next year could find themselves grounded unless they have driver's licenses containing additional security data that is soon to be required by the federal government. That's because the state has failed to comply with the minimum standards of the federal Real ID system by not mandating these so-called enhanced licenses, according to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Read the full story at BuffaloNews.com.

<http://www.buffalonews.com/city-region/new-id-rule-is-problem-for-driver-licenses-20150908>

### **Toronto Eyes New Category for Uber; City Staff Recommend Updating Bylaws for New 'Transportation Network Companies' with Different Regulations from Taxis (Ontario)**

Toronto is looking to become the first Canadian city to recognize new technologies such as Uber as a category distinct from taxis, with its own rules and regulations, as lawmakers around the world struggle to regulate ridesharing services. Read the full story at TheGlobeandMail.com.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/toronto/lower-toronto-cab-fares-to-level-playing-field-with-uber-city-report-urges/article26272790/>

### **Quebec Drivers' Licences Go Black and White as Part of Security-Driven Redesign**

Quebec's automobile insurance board has unveiled a new design for drivers' licences in the province aimed at making the cards more difficult to illegally replicate. Read the full story at CBC.ca.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/quebec-drivers-licences-go-black-and-white-as-part-of-security-driven-redesign-1.3221700>

## Region II

### **Louisiana OMV not changing photo ID policy**

The Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles is not changing a 1986 photo ID policy, which recently came into question when a transgender woman was denied a new license at a Baton Rouge office, Louisiana State Police Col. Mike Edmonson said. Read the full article in nola.com.

[http://www.nola.com/news/baton-rouge/index.ssf/2015/09/louisiana\\_omv\\_not\\_changing\\_pho.html](http://www.nola.com/news/baton-rouge/index.ssf/2015/09/louisiana_omv_not_changing_pho.html)

### **INVESTIGATION: Central Texas Crash Fatalities Rise as the Number of DPS Troopers Drop**

A three month long FOX 7 investigation uncovered a dramatic rise in crash fatalities on State Highways. FOX 7 also uncovered a sharp drop in traffic tickets. Some officials are questioning whether the two are related to the DPS Trooper deployment to the Texas/Mexico border. Read the full article in fox7austin.com.

<http://www.fox7austin.com/news/local-news/18309378-story>

### **With Redesign, Virginia Lowering Confederate Flag Plate**

Virginia has shipped out 1,600 Sons of Confederate Veterans license plates, minus an image of a Confederate flag that Gov. Terry McAuliffe deemed divisive. Read the full story at WSLs.com.

<http://wsls.com/2015/09/10/with-redesign-virginia-lowering-confederate-flag-plate/>

## Region III

### **Manitobans Invited to Share Views On Proposed All-in-one Personal Identification Card**

Manitobans are being invited to share their views on a proposed all-in-one Personal Identification Card (PIC) that, if approved, would offer added convenience, privacy and security by combining a person's driver's licence, photo ID, health and travel card. Read the full press release.

<http://www.mpi.mb.ca/en/Newsroom/News-Releases/Pages/nr2015sept3.aspx>

### **Ten Year Anniversary of C.A.R.S. Curriculum Highlights Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week (Minnesota)**

The best way to protect a child from serious injury or death in a car crash is to make sure they are properly restrained. Too many children are at risk as three out of every four child restraints in Minnesota are used incorrectly based on child seat clinics held around the state. Read the full press release.

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ooc/news-releases/Pages/child-passenger-safety-awareness-week.aspx>

## Region IV

### **Attorney General Warns of Unauthorized Arizona DMV Website**

Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich is warning consumers to be on the lookout for websites purporting to be affiliated with the state Department of Transportation. Read the full story on abc15.com.

<http://www.abc15.com/news/state/attorney-general-warns-of-unauthorized-arizona-dmv-website>

### **California: Honda is Tenth Company Cleared to Test Autonomous Vehicles On Public Roads**

Honda has been granted permission to test autonomous vehicles on the public roads of California. The company is the tenth to be allowed to bring its self-driving cars to the state's streets, joining Tesla, Google, Mercedes and BMW, among others. Read the full story in ibtimes.co.uk.

<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/california-honda-tenth-company-cleared-test-autonomous-vehicles-public-roads-1519351>

### **Pink Plates Hit the Road with Breast Cancer-Screening Message (California)**

Special-interest license plates in California can say a lot about a driver's beliefs, from a love of nature to a religious affiliation. A pink new plate would add a public health concern to the list, promoting breast cancer awareness and reminding California women that "early detection saves lives." Read the full story at SacBee.com.

<http://www.sacbee.com/news/local/transportation/article34614048.html>

### **California Senate OKs Automatic Voter Registration Plan**

In response to the record-low turnout in the last election, the state Senate on Thursday approved a bill that would automatically register to vote any eligible Californian who gets a driver's license unless they opt out. Read the full story in latimes.com.

<http://www.latimes.com/local/political/la-me-pc-senate-voter-registration-drivers-licenses-20150910-story.html>

### **Province to Look at Mandatory Training for ATV Drivers (Saskatchewan)**

The minister responsible for SGI says his government will look at mandatory education for ATV drivers. But he made no promises and is ruling out mandatory registration at the moment. Read the full story at CBC.CA.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatoon/province-to-look-at-mandatory-training-for-atv-drivers-1.3220298>

## **Other News**

**Here's How Drunk Driving has Changed Since the First DWI in 1897**

It was a man named George Smith who plowed his car into the side of a London building that made history on Sept. 10, 1897 as the first person to ever catch a DWI. Since the boozy collar, drunk driving arrests involve sophisticated blood tests and Breathalyzers — which clearly didn't exist in the late Victorian era. Read the full story at NYDailyNews.com.

<http://www.nydailynews.com/life-style/drunken-driving-changed-dwi-article-1.2354882>

### **Letters Show That Connected and Autonomous Vehicles Issues are Moving Up the Political Agenda, Says Expert**

The publication of the letters exchanged between the Council for Science and Technology (CST) and UK prime minister David Cameron "demonstrates that the issue of connected and autonomous vehicles is rapidly moving up the political agenda", an expert has said. Read the full article on out-law.com.

<http://www.out-law.com/en/articles/2015/september/letters-show-that-connected-and-autonomous-vehicles-issues-are-moving-up-the-political-agenda-says-expert/>

### **Freescale Accelerates Its Solutions for Crashless and Autonomous Vehicles with the Acquisition of CogniVue**

To solidify its strong position in solutions for the autonomous vehicles/advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) market, Freescale Semiconductor (NYSE: FSL) today announced the acquisition of Ottawa, Canada-based CogniVue Corporation, a leading developer of image cognition IP for automotive and consumer applications. Read the full article in design-reuse.com.

<http://www.design-reuse.com/news/38219/freescale-cognivue-acquisition.html>

### **Survey Shows Big Gaps in Knowledge About Auto Safety Tech**

Adaptive cruise control has been an option on some cars for almost a decade. But in a recent national survey, 65 percent of U.S. drivers didn't know what it was. The survey, by the University of Iowa Public Policy Center's Transportation and Vehicle Safety program, suggests big gaps in the public's knowledge about potentially life-saving features. Based on the responses, the university and the National Safety Council have developed a new Web site — <http://mycardoeswhat.org> — to teach drivers about new features, from tire-pressure monitoring systems to automatic emergency braking. Read the full article in beaumontenterprise.com.

<http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/living/article/Survey-shows-big-gaps-in-knowledge-about-auto-6490847.php>

## **Did You Know**

### **ON TWITTER**

**@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.

**IBTTA @IBTTA | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/IBTTA/status/642446838776365056>

GOP Rejects Jerry Brown's New Car Fee, Gas Tax - Breitbart <http://buff.ly/1hXKOjX> #transportation

**NYS DMV @nysdmv | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/nysdmv/status/642080167817519104>

Free child car seat inspections for Chenango, Saratoga, Seneca, Suffolk, Ulster, & Washington Counties thru 9/15: <http://on.ny.gov/1J0Utfb>

**KansasDOT @DriveSafeKansas | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/DriveSafeKansas/status/642439371753451521>

@icMcMahan Dept of Revenue would be your answer. An app to help wait in line. Hope this helps!  
<http://www.ksrevenue.org/gless.html>

**Georgia DOT @GADeptofTrans | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/GADeptofTrans/status/642435318591934464>

The biggest threat on the road may not be the other driver. It just may be you. #ArriveAliveGA

**UT Violence & Injury @UTvipp | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/UTvipp/status/642413399918284800>

Have a teen driver? Watch our new video about #UT teen driving laws or #GDL. Thanks @impactdrivers for your help. <http://bit.ly/1FCoiCT>

**Indiana BMV @INBMV | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/INBMV/status/642443333877563393>

We are hiring! Check out our jobs page at <http://ow.ly/RVECu> to find open positions near you

**TN GHSO @TNGHSO | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/TNGHSO/status/642443511082541056>

Did you know? Every 34 seconds a child under age 13 is involved in a crash. #therightseat

<http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/CAMPAIGNS/Child+Car+Seats/Child+Passenger+Safety+Week/2014+Child+Passenger+Safety+Tips> ...

**Advocates @SafeRoadsNow | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/SafeRoadsNow/status/642413796196225024>

.@IIHS\_autosafety opens new research center for crash prevention - we look forward 2 continuing work together 2 save lives, prevent injuries