

# October 2, 2015 - Regional News

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## AAMVA News

### Updated CCE/CDL Examiner Training Courseware Coming in November

AAMVA is pleased to announce an updated version of the **CCE/CDL Examiner Training Courseware for State and Third Party CDL Examiners** will be available at the end of November! The courseware modules provide the required training for both CDL Knowledge Test Examiners and CDL Skills Test Examiners. The updated modules can be tailored for use as classroom training, a self-paced online training course or, a blended program consisting of both classroom and online training. The training courseware will provide jurisdictions with an approved method for training and certifying CCE/CDL Knowledge and Skills Test Examiners to conduct CDL tests that meet the requirements of the FMCSA CDL Permit & Testing Final Rule requirements. More details are available on the IDEC Web site.

<http://www.aamva.org/IDEC/>

### Hotel Registration Deadline for the 2015 Region III Information Exchange is October 19

- 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>

### Volunteers Needed for DMV Investigators Integration Working Group

AAMVA is seeking to establish a working group of AAMVA member jurisdictions to better integrate DMV investigators into the Law Enforcement discipline. This effort will result in specific deliverables (see AAMVA Web site for details), as well as integration into the general activities and resources as directed by the Law Enforcement Standing Committee. AAMVA is looking for eight DMV investigators (we will select a mixture of sworn, non-sworn, and limited authority DMV investigators); and four state police/highway patrol officers who have experience conducting fraud investigations and/or partnering with DMV investigators. More Information and Application: <http://www.aamva.org/committees-and-working-groups/#WorkingGroupOpportunities>

## Region I

### Customers Report Issues with DMV Online Services (Connecticut)

It has taken months to get the Department of Motor Vehicles modernized, but some are still having problems. This year, the DMV closed nearly all of its branches to train its staff. The goal was to help more people do things online. However, there are still glitches with the new system. Read the full story at WFSB.com.

<http://www.wfsb.com/story/30155179/customers-report-issues-with-dmv-online-services#ixzz3nKmElfgG>

### **New Maryland Laws Go Into Effect October 1**

A bevy of new state laws are going into effect on Thursday. Below is a list of some legislation of note that passed in the last General Assembly session. The complete list of new vehicle-related laws, visit <http://www.mva.maryland.gov/about-mva/legislation/2015.htm> Read the full story at SOMD.com.

<http://somd.com/news/headlines/2015/19826.shtml>

### **Website Offers Tools for Aging Drivers (New York)**

A new state website aims to promote safety for older drivers. The state Office for the Aging, New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee and the state Department of Motor Vehicles recently announced the launch of Safe Driving Tips for Older New Yorkers, which provides tips and information for older adults to increase safety on the roads. Read the full story at TheDailyStar.com.

[http://www.thedailystar.com/news/local\\_news/website-offers-tools-for-aging-drivers/article\\_d499727b-3fe2-539b-b3a7-4da68288e3f2.html](http://www.thedailystar.com/news/local_news/website-offers-tools-for-aging-drivers/article_d499727b-3fe2-539b-b3a7-4da68288e3f2.html)

### **ID Cards Proposed to Help Identify the Autistic (New York)**

Cases of autism can vary in severity, and in more pronounced cases, communication is difficult if not impossible. To help autistic people who may find themselves in situations where an inability to communicate could jeopardize health and safety, Democratic Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara, of District 111, is proposing autism identification cards for New York residents that would help them interact with law enforcement and rescue personnel. Read the full story at TimesUnion.com.

<http://blog.timesunion.com/highschool/id-cards-proposed-to-help-identify-the-autistic/46953/>

### **State House Approves Private Companies Assisting Large Vehicles**

The state House of Representatives on Tuesday overwhelmingly approved a measure that would allow private companies to assist with the movement of super-sized transport vehicles. Read the full article in RepublicanHerald.com.

<http://republicanherald.com/news/state-house-approves-private-companies-assisting-large-vehicles-1.1952020>

### **Bill Proposes Automated Speed Enforcement in Work Zones (Pennsylvania)**

A bipartisan proposal that would create a five-year pilot program to place automated speed enforcement systems in active work zones won the unanimous approval of the Senate Transportation Committee today. Read the full story at Fox43.com.

<http://fox43.com/2015/09/29/bill-proposes-automated-speed-enforcement-in-work-zones/>

## Region II

### **Florida Highway Patrol Graduates 56 New Troopers**

Today the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles welcomed 56 new troopers to the division of the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP). These troopers will join the more than 1,800 troopers who patrol the state's roads each day to provide protection and assistance to Florida residents and visitors. Read the DHSMV press release.

<http://www.flhsmv.gov/news/press-releases/>

### **State Driver Services Named a Finalist for 2015 Excalibur Awards (Georgia)**

The Technology Association of Georgia (TAG), the state's leading association dedicated to the promotion and economic advancement of Georgia's technology industry, today announced that the Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) has been chosen as a Finalist for the 2015 Excalibur Awards.

<http://www.dds.ga.gov/news/newsdetail.aspx?id=389>

### **New Feature For Tenn. Driver's Licenses Could Help Save Lives**

here's a big change for Tennessee driver's licenses that could help save lives. On Thursday, the Department of Safety announced a new driver license system feature. The database tied to it provides emergency contact information for law enforcement during a crisis. Read the full article in NewsChannel9.com.

<http://newschannel9.com/news/top-stories/stories/new-feature-tenn-drivers-licenses-could-help-save-lives-20855.shtml>

## Region III

### **Jesse White Announces Office to Suspend Mailing Vehicle Registration Renewal Reminder Notices Due to the Budget Stalemate (Illinois)**

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced today that his office will suspend mailing out vehicle registration renewal reminder notices to the public due to the lack of a state budget. Read the SOS press release.

<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/news/2015/september/150928d1.pdf>

### **Michigan Bill Would Allow Motorists to Show Proof of Auto Insurance On Cell Phones**

The bill, passed on a 37-0 vote, will allow drivers to present proof of insurance electronically over their smartphones if they get stopped by police for a traffic violation. The bill also says that police officers cannot look at anything else in the person's phone. Read the full article in Detroit Free Press.

<http://www.freep.com/story/news/politics/2015/09/30/traffic-stops-might-become-easier-bill-passage/73095802/>

## **DMV Debuts New Driver License/ID Cards this Fall (Wisconsin)**

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will begin issuing new driver licenses (DL) and identification (ID) cards this fall. Read the full story at Chippewa.com.

[http://chippewa.com/dunnconnect/news/local/dmv-debuts-new-driver-license-id-cards-this-fall/article\\_85999948-7aa6-5cf3-a729-778157a69bb5.html](http://chippewa.com/dunnconnect/news/local/dmv-debuts-new-driver-license-id-cards-this-fall/article_85999948-7aa6-5cf3-a729-778157a69bb5.html)

## **Region IV**

### **Buried Under Unpaid Traffic Fines? California Launches Amnesty Program**

An amnesty program for Californians saddled with unpaid traffic tickets takes effect Thursday, paving the way for low-income drivers to win back their licenses. Read the full story at LATimes.com.

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-traffic-tickets-20150929-story.html>

### **California, U.S. Regulators to Step Up Inspections Amid Volkswagen Pollution Case**

California regulators warned car makers Friday against following Volkswagen Group's example, warning it will use enhanced screening tests to ferret out software switches and other devices designed to circumvent emissions standards. Read the full story at SacBee.com.

<http://www.sacbee.com/news/business/article36547860.html>

### **Colorado Lawmakers Weigh Electronic Police Citations**

Colorado lawmakers studying ways to collect data on racial-profiling by law enforcement said Monday they would consider having some agencies issuing citations electronically to make it easier to compile information. Read the full story at PoliceOne.com.

<http://www.policeone.com/patrol-issues/articles/9510692-Colo-lawmakers-weigh-electronic-police-citations/>

### **Sandoval Announces Retirement of Troy Dillard, DMV Director (Nevada)**

Governor Brian Sandoval today announced the retirement of Troy Dillard, Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in Nevada, effective October 23rd. Having started in 1988, Troy will leave public service after almost 30 years with the state. Sandoval will name a replacement at a later date. View the press release.

<http://gov.nv.gov/News-and-Media/Press/2015/Sandoval-Announces-Retirement-of-Troy-Dillard,-DMV-Director/>

## **Other News**

### **Drug Use Now Rivals Drunk Driving as Cause of Fatal Car Crashes, Study Says**

Police said Ronald Hayes Jr. was high on drugs and alcohol and desperate to escape officers in Prince George's County, Md., when he ran a red light and smashed into the side of a minivan filled with women and children, killing two of them. Read the full story at WashingtonPost.com.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/trafficandcommuting/drug-use-now-rivals-drunken-driving-as-cause-of-fatal-car-crashes-study-says/2015/09/29/fc139d6a-66a9-11e5-9223-70cb36460919\\_story.html?postshare=3831443687964410](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/trafficandcommuting/drug-use-now-rivals-drunken-driving-as-cause-of-fatal-car-crashes-study-says/2015/09/29/fc139d6a-66a9-11e5-9223-70cb36460919_story.html?postshare=3831443687964410)

### **Drivers Aren't Buying Automatic Safety Systems**

U.S. car buyers are not willing to pay for a new generation of automatic safety devices without an extra push from legislators, regulators, manufacturers, dealers and insurers, according to a new study. Read the full story at Time.com.

<http://time.com/money/4055898/car-auto-safety-features-study/>

### **Legal Marijuana Complicating Efforts to Reduce Fatal Crashes Across the Country**

A patchwork of inconsistent laws, enforcement and testing makes it harder to keep the nation's roads clear of drug-impaired drivers, according to a new report from the nation's governors. Read the full story at USAToday.com.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/09/30/legal-marijuana-complicating-efforts-reduce-fatal-crashes-across-country/73047248/>

### **EPA to Change Diesel Tests to Thwart VW-Like Cheating**

Nearly all of these platforms are now being used to test big rigs and other heavy duty vehicles for NOx emissions - even though these heavier vehicles actually account for 98 percent of nitric-oxide emissions. Read the full story at IUSBPreface.com.

<http://www.iusbpreface.com/2015/09/30/epa-to-change-diesel-tests-to-thwart-vw-like-cheating-1060/>

## **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.

### **Homeland Security @DHSgov | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/DHSgov/status/650019950627700736>

For latest #Hurricane #Joaquin info, follow @NHC\_Atlantic, @Readygov and @fema. Also stay tuned to local radio, TV and local officials.

**Ohio State Patrol @OSHP | View the Tweet** <https://twitter.com/OSHP/status/650020050720673794>

Did you know? @PortColumbusCMH staff learned how to spot potential victims of #humantrafficking earlier this week. #seesomethingsaysomething

**OH Bureau Motor Vehicle @Ohio\_BMV | View the Tweet**

[https://twitter.com/Ohio\\_BMV/status/650019822554738688](https://twitter.com/Ohio_BMV/status/650019822554738688)

The Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles goes pink in support of #BreastCancerAwareness Month #thinkpink

**Arizona DOT @ArizonaDOT | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/ArizonaDOT/status/650017851600859136>

<http://ServiceArizona.com> & <http://az511.gov> will be offline from 5 p.m. Saturday to 3 a.m. Sunday for maintenance.

**KDOT @KDOTHQ | View the Tweet** <https://twitter.com/KDOTHQ/status/649980807646306305>

Congratulations to all who entered Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day poster/video contests – great job!

<http://bit.ly/1NUthTV> #PBFDKS

**We Save Lives @wesavelives3d | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/wesavelives3d/status/649296093755351040>

#radioshow215 Radio shows interested in WSL #couragetountervene & #distracteddriving msg

**TIRF Canada @TIRFCANADA | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/TIRFCANADA/status/649224249463439360>

Moose can run up to 55 km/h! Precautions you need to take when driving: <http://bit.ly/1Fysk4x>

#WRRRC, #roadshare

**IBTTA @IBTTA | View the Tweet** <https://twitter.com/IBTTA/status/649981513501679617>

Bozeman Montana Chamber wants 2-cent gas tax before voters <http://buff.ly/1Rikxcv> #transportation

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

<https://twitter.com/GADeptofTrans/status/649983492323962880>

SR 20 Public Input Period Extended until October 19 | | <http://ow.ly/SVSea>

**TeensInTheDriverSeat @TeensDriverSeat | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/TeensDriverSeat/status/649984961269727232>

Seat belts save over 12,000 lives every year. <https://youtu.be/0M8JcN4-WFQ>

**Teens Drive Smart @TeensDriveSmart | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/TeensDriveSmart/status/649984814465052672>

Did you know? 1/4 of teens respond to a text once or more every time they drive. Don't be one of them- wait until you park! #TeensDriveSmart

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

<https://twitter.com/GADeptofTrans/status/650009910483288064>

We are over 1,000...

Put your phone away. Wear your seatbelt. Focus on the road. #ArriveAliveGA

**campaign @justiceforlib | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/justiceforlib/status/650001604872175616>

@BBCTravelAlert Not all crashes are accidents please use #Crashnotaccident

**Teens Drive Smart @TeensDriveSmart | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/TeensDriveSmart/status/650007589321900036>

Remember, drowsy driving can be as dangerous as distracted driving. If you're tired, pull over and get some rest! #TeensDriveSmart

**IDOT @IDOT\_Illinois | View the Tweet** [https://twitter.com/IDOT\\_Illinois/status/650006192966778880](https://twitter.com/IDOT_Illinois/status/650006192966778880)

If you'll be drinking alcohol tonight, don't drive. Alternatives: Designated driver, cab, public transit.

#DriveSoberorGetPulledOver

**DC DMV @dcdmv | View the Tweet** <https://twitter.com/dcdmv/status/650000262812311552>

Can't #SkiptheTrip? Then, #KnowBeforeYouGo. Be sure you have required docs to complete in-person transaction <http://ow.ly/i/dpf8e>

**VermontDMV @VTDMV | View the Tweet** <https://twitter.com/VTDMV/status/649998946811559936>

Snow tires have tread patterns specifically designed for snow and ice and are made from softer rubber...

[https://instagram.com/p/8V\\_KPwFm5L/](https://instagram.com/p/8V_KPwFm5L/)