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AAMVA News

Update: MAP-21 Requirement Deadline for State CDL Compliance Plans Postponed

The MAP-21 requirement for jurisdictions to submit their CDL state plans **has been postponed**. AAMVA has been informed that the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has not received permission from the Office of Management & Budget (OMB) to perform the Information Collection Request (ICR). Since OMB considers the request for state plans an "Information Collection Request", FMCSA cannot require the jurisdictions to submit their plans until they have received permission from OMB to do so. Any new developments will be posted on AAMVA's Web site as we receive them. More information can also be found at www.aamva.org/CDL-Requirements/

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>

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 Ditches License Plate Style, Jumps To Seven Characters (Connecticut)

Twenty million license plate combinations, down the drain. For the past two years, the state has issued plates of one number, followed by four letters, followed by one number: 1ABCD1, for example. But it turned out that many of the combinations were hard to read and remember. Consider the chances that 00DOB8 might be misconstrued. Read the full story at Courant.com.

<http://www.courant.com/news/connecticut/hc-license-plates-0919-20150918-story.html>

Russell Introduces Bill to Help DMV Offices Recover Revenue (New York)

Assemblywoman Addie J. Russell, D-Theresa, has proposed a new bill that could help county Department of Motor Vehicles offices retain more revenue made from online transactions. As it stands, local DMV offices collect a small portion, 2.6 percent, of online transactions, such as driver's license or vehicle registration renewals. Offices make 12.7 percent of in-office transactions, however. Read the full story at WatertownDailyTimes.com.

<http://www.watertowndailytimes.com/news03/russell-introduces-bill-to-help-dmv-offices-recover-revenue-20150920>

More Than 195,000 New York Voters Register Through DMV Site

Gov. Andrew Cuomo says more than 195,000 New York residents have registered to vote through the state Department of Motor Vehicles' online system. The governor says more of a quarter of those registrations, 53,000, are new. Read the full story at PostStar.com.

http://poststar.com/news/state-and-regional/more-than-ny-voters-register-through-dmv-site/article_b62af993-6710-564d-b7aa-e82679e60bc8.html

Region II

Georgia Lawmaker Pushes Bill For Safety Technology In Trucks

A Georgia lawmaker is pushing for a new bill that would require safety technology in all new commercial vehicles. Read the full story at WJBF.com.

<http://wjbf.com/2015/09/22/georgia-lawmaker-pushes-bill-for-safety-technology-in-trucks/>

Rebel Flag Emblem to Stay on Redesigned Version of Specialty Georgia License Plate

Georgia officials will soon roll out a redesigned license plate that still features the Confederate battle flag emblem, months after halting the sales of the state-sponsored specialty tag in the wake of the Charleston church massacre. Read the full story at Politics.blog.ajc.com.

<http://politics.blog.ajc.com/2015/09/24/rebel-flag-emblem-to-stay-on-redesigned-version-of-specialty-georgia-license-plate/>

Feedback Sought on Proposed All-in-One ID Card For Manitobans

Manitobans are invited to share their views on a proposed all-in-one Personal Identification Card (PIC) that would combine a person's driver's licence, photo ID, health and travel card. Read the full story at CBC.ca.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/feedback-sought-on-proposed-all-in-one-id-card-for-manitobans-1.3214377>

Nebraska to Launch New Online Voter Registration Service

Nebraska residents who are eligible to vote will be able to register and update their registrations online under a new system that Secretary of State John Gale plans to launch this week. Read the full story at WashingtonTimes.com.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/sep/20/nebraska-to-launch-new-online-voter-registration-s/>

Region III

Davidson Man Charged with Forging Police Officer's Signature on Vehicle Safety Inspections (Michigan)

A Genesee County auto dealer accused of forging a police officer's signature on vehicle inspection documents now faces 14 felony charges, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson announced today. Read the SOS press release.

http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1640_61055-365493--,00.html

Impair Related Traffic Deaths Decline in 2014 (Minnesota)

People choosing to drive drunk are increasingly in the minority on Minnesota roads, and the number of traffic fatalities due to alcohol continues to drop. The recently released Minnesota Impaired Driving Facts 2014 report shows impaired-related traffic fatalities dropped to 91 in 2014. That compares with 121 in 2010 (25 percent decrease) and continues a five year downward trend. Read the DPS press release.

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ooc/news-releases/Pages/impaired-related-traffic-deaths-decline.aspx>

Changes to the Process of Establishing an Organizational License Plate (Ohio)

Effective September 29, 2015, the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles will follow new guidelines for the establishment of organizational license plates. Access the BMV press release directly by clicking here.

<http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/MR2015/Establishing-Organizational-License-Plate.pdf>

WisDOT to Launch Social Media Messages on the Move Over Law (Wisconsin)

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) will launch a social media campaign on Monday, September 21, in an effort to increase compliance with the state's Move Over Law. Read the DOT press release.

<http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/about-wisdot/newsroom/default.aspx>

Five Strikes and You're Out: Legislators Crack Down on Drunk Driving (Wisconsin)

A soon-to-be-proposed bipartisan bill would revoke drunk drivers' licenses after their fifth incidence of driving under the influence. Read the full story at UWire.com.

<http://uwire.com/2015/09/22/five-strikes-and-youre-out-legislators-crack-down-on-drunk-driving/>

Wisconsin Democrats Propose Automatic DMV Voter Registration

Three Democratic state lawmakers want to link voter registration to drivers licenses with a proposal called the "Election Modernization Act," which would register anyone who does business at the Department of Motor Vehicles. Read the full story at WPR.org.

<http://www.wpr.org/wisconsin-democrats-propose-automatic-dmv-voter-registration>

Region IV

No Longer Swamped by AB60 Applicants, DMV to Cease Saturday Service (California)

The California Department of Motor Vehicles' final day of Saturday office hours will be October 24, 2015. Read the full story at SCVNews.com.

<http://scvnews.com/2015/09/18/no-longer-swamped-by-ab60-applicants-dmv-to-cease-saturday-service/>

California Extends Rear-Facing Car Seat Requirement

A bill that will keep California kids strapped into rear-facing car seats until they're 2 years old was signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown on Monday. Read the full story at SFGate.com.

<http://m.sfgate.com/news/article/California-extends-rear-facing-car-seat-6520452.php>

Odometer Rollbacks Common With Used Cars In Colorado: 'It's Criminal'

The used car market is big in Colorado and with that comes the potential of odometer fraud for consumers. Colorado ranks top 10 in the nation for having the most cars with odometer rollbacks, which translates to nearly 20,000 vehicles on the road right now, according to Carfax. Read the full story at Denver.CBSLocal.com.

<http://denver.cbslocal.com/2015/09/22/odometer-rollbacks-common-with-used-cars-in-colorado-its-criminal/>

Other News

NHTSA Chief: VW Deception Reason to Question Everything

The admission by Volkswagen AG that it cheated on diesel emissions testing is the most recent example of why the government needs to increase resources and question everything companies report, the top highway safety official says. Read the full story at DetroitNews.com.

<http://www.detroitnews.com/story/business/autos/foreign/2015/09/22/nhtsa-head-vw-diesel-deception-another-reason-question-assumptions/72614662/>

10 Vehicle Manufacturers Commit To Auto Emergency Braking On All New Vehicles

The U.S. Department of Transportation, its National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) announced recently that 10 major vehicle manufacturers have committed to making automatic emergency braking (AEB) a standard feature on all new vehicles built. The 10 manufacturers committing to across-the-board AEB represented 57 percent of U.S. light-duty vehicle sales in 2014. Read the full story at AfterMarketNews.com.

<http://www.aftermarketnews.com/10-vehicle-manufacturers-commit-to-auto-emergency-braking-on-all-new-vehicles/>

Apple Presses Ahead With Efforts to Create Car, Though Big Issues Remain

Apple is continuing its efforts to create a car, though some of the big questions around the project remain undecided. The company is still working out whether it will make a self-driving car, an electric vehicle or a combination of the two, according to a person with knowledge of the product, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, as Apple is known for its intense secretiveness. Read the full story at NYTimes.com.

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/09/22/business/apple-presses-ahead-with-efforts-to-create-car-though-big-issues-remain.html?_r=0

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.

NYS DMV @nysdmv | View the Tweet

<https://twitter.com/nysdmv/status/647503691818401792>

The GTSC and @NYSAGING teamed up to educate New Yorkers about how to keep older drivers safe. Read more here --> <http://on.ny.gov/1LSyzgn>

Washington State DOT @wsdot | View the Tweet

<https://twitter.com/wsdot/status/647506823793119233>

Washington State DOT retweeted Mark Miller

Great behind the scenes photo of the Tacoma Traffic Management Center.

KDOT @KDOTHQ | View the Tweet

<https://twitter.com/KDOTHQ/status/647508398846578688>

It's a cause that's near and dear to our hearts. Put the Brakes on Fatalities. Help us spread the word- #PBFDKS <http://buff.ly/1Q4ppk6>

GHSA @GHSAHQ | View the Tweet

<https://twitter.com/GHSAHQ/status/646326232993284096>

As traffic fatalities climb, new GHSA Chair provides renewed focus on driver behavior
<http://www.ghsa.org/html/media/pressreleases/2015/20150922simpler.html>

WV GHSP @WVhighwaysafety | View the Tweet

<https://twitter.com/WVhighwaysafety/status/646646786908639232>

They could've saved YOUR life, and you didn't even know it. Thanks, Maryland, for the image.

NTSB @NTSB | View the Tweet

<https://twitter.com/NTSB/status/647503014371176448>

Weener- NTSB mission - understand not just WHAT happened but WHY so we can recommend changes to prevent similar accidents."#DuckBusCrash

echosmith @echosmith | View the Tweet

<https://twitter.com/echosmith/status/647078086798807040>

Make a difference" & enter for a chance to see us perform at your high school! <http://st8.fm/CMD2015>
! #Drive2N2

VirginiaDMV @VirginiaDMV | View the Tweet

<https://twitter.com/VirginiaDMV/status/647501167455535104>

The weekend is almost here. We challenge you to #buckleup! Seat belts should never have time off.
Drive safely #Virginia.

MD_MVA @MD_MVA | View the Tweet

https://twitter.com/MD_MVA/status/647499323543003136

Our MVA team was out in full force yesterday at the 4th Annual Project Homeless Connect at the Balt Convention Center

KS Highway Patrol @kshighwaypatrol | View the Tweet

<https://twitter.com/kshighwaypatrol/status/647497902659497984>

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is tomorrow. More info & collection sites on link:

<https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/NTBI/NTBI->

[PUB.pub?sessionId=07EB78D4F7F3C123E6016435C615290E?_flowExecutionKey=c4F40D48B-C6DC-4915-017F-CE75534025FD_kD9250F03-BC64-1AD2-00C6-8052C8F153FD](https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/NTBI/NTBI-PUB.pub?sessionId=07EB78D4F7F3C123E6016435C615290E?_flowExecutionKey=c4F40D48B-C6DC-4915-017F-CE75534025FD_kD9250F03-BC64-1AD2-00C6-8052C8F153FD)

Drop It And Drive @DropItAndDrive | View the Tweet

<https://twitter.com/DropItAndDrive/status/647496966079819776>

A chance to see just how much distractions can affect your driving

<http://www.news1130.com/2015/09/25/distracted-driving-course/> ... via @NEWS1130 @Ilikemoyd
#distracteddriving

Georgia DOT @GADeptofTrans | View the Tweet

<https://twitter.com/GADeptofTrans/status/647508629474672641>

"Georgia will benefit from it for many years to come." ---> <http://ow.ly/SEMwL>