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AAMVA News

Renew Expiring Examiner Certifications

Its renewal season for individuals whose examiner certifications are expiring December 31, 2015. Examiner Certification renewals require successful completion 40 hours of refresher training over the past four years. If you have not received your list of examiners whose certifications will expire at the end of the year, or if you have any questions, please contact Denise Hanchulak at dhanchulak@aamva.org or (703) 908-5767. Learn more about AAMVA's International Driver Examiners Certification program online at 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>

Lend Your Expertise! Get Involved With AAMVA Committees and Working Groups

AAMVA is looking for a PACE discipline jurisdiction member to join the Driver Standing Committee. Serving on a committee is an ideal way to influence policy, develop best practices and network with your peers. This position carries a two-year term with the potential to be reappointed for an additional two years. AAMVA is also looking to establish a working group of AAMVA member jurisdictions to help integrate DMV investigators into the Law Enforcement discipline. To that affect, we are seeking 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 details including application forms are available in the AAMVA Committees and Working Groups page < <http://www.aamva.org/committees-and-working-groups/>> on the Committee Opportunities tab< <http://www.aamva.org/committees-and-working-groups/#CommitteeOpportunities>>, and the Working Group Opportunities tab< <http://www.aamva.org/committees-and-working-groups/#CommitteeOpportunities>>.

Region I

Audit Shows Only 5% of New York City DWI Offenders Installed Ignition Interlock Devices in Their Cars

Just 5% of convicted drunken drivers in the city monitored by the city probation department installed Breathalyzer-type devices in their cars as required, according to an audit due to be released Thursday by state Controller Thomas DiNapoli. Read the full story at NYDailyNews.com.

<http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/exclusive-dwi-offenders-obeyed-leandra-law-article-1.2389499>

Drivers in N.J. and N.Y. Pay One-Third of All Tolls Collected in U.S.

The top three tolling agencies in the country are all in the New York-New Jersey region, and together account for nearly a third of all tolls collected nationwide, an industry group says. Read the full story at NJ.com.

http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2015/10/drivers_in_nj_and_ny_pay_one-third_of_all_tolls_collected_in_us.html

New York State Exposed: Will You Need More ID to Take a Domestic Flight?

It's a topic many of our viewers have been writing and calling us about: Will you be able to use your driver's license to board a domestic flight next year? Read the full story on WHEC.com.

<http://www.whec.com/article/stories/s3925229.shtml>

New Jersey Cancer Patient Wants DMV To Change Photo ID Policy

A woman battling stage two breast cancer isn't allowed to use her previous drivers license photo and wants to know why. Read the full story at NewYork.CBSLocal.com.

<http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2015/10/06/new-jersey-dmv-photo-policy/>

New Plates Let Motorcyclists Show Pride In, Support Of Veterans (Pennsylvania)

Pennsylvania motorcyclists can now show their support for veterans by purchasing newly authorized "Honoring Our Veterans" special fund registration plates for motorcycles. Read the press release on PennDot.gov.

<http://www.penndot.gov/Pages/all-news-details.aspx?newsid=160>

Region II

Why The Alabama DMV Closures Struck Such A Nerve With Voting Rights Activists

The state of Alabama has been accused of bringing back Jim Crow for closing 31 driver's licenses offices in the state -- including all the offices in counties where African Americans make up more than 75 percent of the registered voters -- which critics say will further disenfranchise minority voters in a state that requires government-issued photo IDs at the ballot box. Read the full story at TalkingPointsMemo.com.

<http://talkingpointsmemo.com/muckraker/alabama-voter-id-dmv>

Redesigned University of Tampa Specialty Plate Now Available (Florida)

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is pleased to announce the release of the newly redesigned specialty tag for the University of Tampa, available now to Florida drivers. Read the DHSMV press release.

<http://www.flhsmv.gov/2015/10/08/redesigned-university-of-tampa-specialty-plate-now-available/>

Georgia Department of Driver Services and Department of Revenue Warn Drivers of E-mail Scam

The Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) and the Georgia Department of Revenue (DOR) are warning the public of an email scam that asks drivers to verify their driving license details or face license suspension. For more information, please visit Georgia's Cyber Security Awareness Page.

<http://gta.georgia.gov/cyber-security-awareness-main-page>.

Federal Secure REAL ID Requirements Phasing In; Drivers Will Need Updated Licences to Fly, Enter Federal Buildings (Georgia)

If you want to fly on commercial airplanes or enter a federal building next year, you may need to update your driver's license. Read the full article on NorthwestGeorgiaNews.com.

http://www.northwestgeorgianews.com/rome/news/local/federal-secure-real-id-requirements-phasing-in-drivers-will-need/article_60296412-6be9-11e5-8537-0fec53af442c.htm

Louisiana Politicians Ask for Extension on Real ID Deadline

Boarding a flight could be a hassle unless political leaders from Louisiana get what they're asking from the federal government. Read the full story at KLFV.com.

<http://klfy.com/2015/10/05/louisiana-politicians-ask-for-extension-on-real-id-deadline/>

Fake ID Maker Arrested Selling to Undercover Officer (Texas)

Austin police have arrested a 20-year-old after he was caught selling a counterfeit driver's license to an undercover police officer. Read the full article on KXAN.com.

<http://kxan.com/2015/10/06/fake-id-maker-arrested-selling-to-undercover-officer/>

Region III

Ohio State Patrol Launches Program To Keep A Closer Eye On Truckers

The Ohio State Highway Patrol will launch their Road Watch 100 program today in an effort to more closely monitor truckers. The major focus of Road Watch 100 is to reduce the number of 18-wheeler crashes to less than 100 per year by 2020. Read the full story at CDLLife.com.

<http://cdllife.com/2015/resources/regulations/ohio-state-patrol-launches-program-to-keep-a-closer-eye-on-truckers/>

New Ohio Effort Announced To Combat Human Trafficking

The state highway patrol is launching a new effort to stop human trafficking on the highways. Capt. Mike Crispen with the Ohio State Highway Patrol says the way to say that a new phone number is going to help victims of human trafficking reach out at a moment's notice. Read the full story at 10TV.com.

<http://www.10tv.com/content/stories/2015/10/07/columbus-ohio-new-ohio-effort-announced-to-combat-human-trafficking.html>

Ohio Mandates TAT Training

Ohio has become the first state to require truck drivers to have training in recognizing and reporting human trafficking. Effective January 2016, all new commercial driver's license holders will be required to complete a one-hour training program through Truckers Against Trafficking. Read the full story at GoByTruckNews.com.

<http://www.gobytrucknews.com/ohio-mandates-tat-training/123>

Law Enforcement Learning to Identify Drugged Drivers (Ohio)

Now that he knows what he knows, Seneca County Sheriff's Deputy Christopher Potter thinks he may have missed something four years ago: a drugged driver. Read the full story at TheCourier.com.

<http://thecourier.com/local-news/2015/10/03/law-enforcement-learning-to-identify-drugged-drivers/>

5 Drunken Driving Offenses Would Cost Drivers Their License Under New Bill (Wisconsin)

Under a new bipartisan bill that targets Wisconsin's high number of "habitual" drunken drivers, anyone convicted of five OWI offenses will lose their driver's license for at least a decade. Read the full article in WPR.org.

<http://www.wpr.org/5-drunken-driving-offenses-would-cost-drivers-their-license-under-new-bill>

Region IV

Arizona Driver's License Rules Change Drastically for Real ID

Eyeglasses must now come off for Arizona driver's license and identification photos, but religious head scarves or hats are okay if worn "daily," according to state Motor Vehicle Division policies designed to meet national REAL ID Act requirements. Read the full story at PhoenixNewTimes.com.

<http://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/news/arizona-drivers-license-rules-change-dramatically-for-real-id-7721877>

SGI Making it Easier to Sue Impaired Drivers (Saskatchewan)

Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) is proposing changes that would make it easier for victims of impaired driving to launch a lawsuit. Read the full story at GlobalNews.ca.

<http://globalnews.ca/news/2263900/sgi-making-it-easier-to-sue-impaired-drivers/>

Distracted Driving Deaths Down in Saskatchewan, but Too Early to Call Trend

Preliminary numbers suggest there's been a big drop in the number of distracted driving deaths on Saskatchewan roads. Read the full story at NationalNewsWatch.com.

<http://www.nationalnewswatch.com/2015/10/01/distracted-driving-deaths-down-in-saskatchewan-but-too-early-to-call-trend-sgi/#.VhJlutiFOU>

Other News

Uber, Lyft Shun Fingerprint Requirements for Drivers

Fingerprinting drivers can be a deal-breaker for Lyft and Uber and the battle is playing out in three Texas cities. As cities worldwide struggle to balance the fast growth of vehicle-for-hire apps with traditional taxi services, three Texas cities are providing an unexpected test of where the regulatory breaking point lies for Uber and Lyft. Read the full story at GovTech.com.

http://www.govtech.com/transportation/Uber-Lyft-Shun-Fingerprint-Requirements-for-Drivers.html?utm_medium=email&utm_source=Act-On+Software&utm_content=email&utm_campaign=5%20Tech%20Tools%20to%20Alleviate%20Traffic%20Woes%2C%20What%20is%20Broadband%27s%2010-Year%20Forecast&utm_term=Uber%2C%20Lyft%20Shun%20Fingerprint%20Requirements%20for%20Drivers

Bike Manufacturers Agree On a Road to Motorcycle Safety

A news item that may go unfairly unreported today should be among the top two-wheeled headlines for riders across all motorcycle types and interests. An agreement between some of the largest motorcycle manufacturers will essentially affect any rider buying a new motorcycle or safety accessory in the near future that uses any type of electronics. Read the full story on ClutchAndChrome.com.

<http://www.clutchandchrome.com/en/News/bike-manufacturers-agree-on-a-road-to-motorcycle-safety.html>

Advanced Safety Features on More and More Vehicles Can Baffle Drivers

Many Americans buying new cars these days are baffled by a torrent of new safety technology. Some features will automatically turn a car back into its lane if it begins to drift, or hit the brakes if sensors detect that it's about to rear-end someone else. Read the full article on TribLive.com.

<http://triblive.com/business/headlines/9220162-74/safety-drivers-features#axzz3nwgLQsX9>

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Lowballs Number of Police Car Chase Deaths

Federal regulators who keep track of vehicular accidents have seriously undercounted fatal accidents that happen as a result of police chases, according to a USA Today investigation. Read the full article on AllGov.com.

<http://www.allgov.com/news/controversies/national-highway-traffic-safety-administration-lowballs-number-of-police-car-chase-deaths-151006?news=857573>

New Report: One in Five Drivers Drugged Behind the Wheel

A new national report is giving us our first good look at just how many drivers on our roads are impaired, not by alcohol, but by drugs. Read the full article on WBAY.com.

<http://wbay.com/2015/10/05/new-report-one-in-five-drivers-drugged-behind-the-wheel/>

ADAS Recalls Highlight the Considerable Autonomous Vehicles Challenges

Ford has recently had to re-call 36,857 of its 2015 Ford F-150 pickup trucks in North America for unexpected braking behavior in the adaptive cruise control system. According to a Ford statement, "When passing a large, highly reflective truck, the adaptive cruise control radar in some of these vehicles could incorrectly identify the truck as being in the F-150 lane of travel when it is not. As a result, the vehicle might apply the brakes until the truck is no longer perceived to be in the lane of travel." View the blog post online at StrategyAnalytics.com.

https://www.strategyanalytics.com/strategy-analytics/blogs/automotive/autonomous-vehicles/autonomous-vehicles/2015/10/05/adas-recalls-highlight-the-considerable-autonomous-vehicles-challenges#.VhXkB_IVhBc

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.

DRIVE SMART Virginia @DRIVESMARTVA | Virginia, USA | View the Tweet

<https://twitter.com/DRIVESMARTVA/status/652532228568780800>

It was great to have @DelegateTyler at Brunswick HS today to speak with students about safe driving!
#statefarmcares

Automotive Fleet @AutomotiveFleet | View the Tweet

<https://twitter.com/AutomotiveFleet/status/652531016779829248>

[10/8/2015] CEI Calls for Improved Fleet Safety Programs <http://www.automotive-fleet.com/news/story/2015/10/cei-calls-for-improved-fleet-safety-programs.aspx> ... #DriverSafety
#Fleet

Teens Drive Smart @TeensDriveSmart | View the Tweet

<https://twitter.com/TeensDriveSmart/status/652529891712323585>

Did you know? Seat belts reduce serious crash-related injuries and deaths by about half
#TeensDriveSmart

MTO @OntMinTransport | View the Tweet

<https://twitter.com/OntMinTransport/status/652529817854812160>

Play it safe this Thanksgiving weekend. Don't drink and drive. <http://Ontario.ca/drivesober>

Transport. 4 America @T4America | View the Tweet

<https://twitter.com/T4America/status/652529731523342337>

Before we get to fully-autonomous vehicles, humans and computer may have to share the wheel
<http://recode.net/2015/10/07/robot-cars-will-let-you-take-the-wheel-sometimes/>

NHTSA @NHTSAGov | View the Tweet

<https://twitter.com/NHTSAGov/status/652529438911954944>

From selecting the right vehicle for you to finding a qualified mobility dealer to modify your ride, learn more... <http://fb.me/7ryYba4kE>

NCSL @NCSLorg | View the Tweet

<https://twitter.com/NCSLorg/status/652529004491186177>

In 49 states, an eligible citizen must be registered to vote. <http://modo.ly/1OH4IgY> #Elections

CA DMV @CA_DMV | View the Tweet

https://twitter.com/CA_DMV/status/652527695931179008

"I already signed a contract. Why is my dealer saying I have to sign another?" Contact the New Motor Vehicle Board. <http://bit.ly/1tWmw9Z>

Traffic Safety Cltn @TrafficSafetyCn | View the Tweet

<https://twitter.com/TrafficSafetyCn/status/652527545133346816>

School Bus Passing Problems Persist <http://blog.trafficsafetycoalition.com/2015/10/09/school-bus-passing-problems-persist> ...

TN GHSO @TNGHSEO | View the Tweet

<https://twitter.com/TNGHSEO/status/652494983317094400>

Teen Driver Safety Week is Oct 18-24. Join us and @NHTSAgov to spread the word! #NTDSW
<http://ow.ly/TdmBp>

KansasDOT @DriveSafeKansas | View the Tweet

<https://twitter.com/DriveSafeKansas/status/652223418692014080>

CarFit has upcoming events in Wichita and Topeka. These photos are from last week in Hays.

<https://www.ktsro.org/carfit-events>

NYS DMV @nysdmv | View the Tweet

<https://twitter.com/nysdmv/status/652469220417105920>

Good luck @Mets in the NLDS! Fans, show support with a custom license plate. Order today:

<http://on.ny.gov/1FV2BUc>