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AAMVA News

AAMVA Receives FMCSA Grants to Support U.S. Jurisdictions With CDL Regs

AAMVA has been awarded a series of grants from the FMCSA to support U.S. jurisdictions complying with federal regulations pertaining to commercial drivers. Among them is a grant for the 2016 CDL Coordinators & IT Meeting, which includes funding for all costs for designated jurisdiction attendees; funding to hold hands-on training for CDL Examiners; and a grant to continue web-based training on the Commercial Driver License Information System. Learn about AAMVA's commercial driver and technology training programs. <http://www.aamva.org/portfolio-cdl/#Training>

Get Involved With AAMVA Committees and Working Groups

AAMVA is looking for a PACE discipline jurisdiction member to join the Driver Standing Committee, and eight DMV investigators and four state police/highway patrol officers to fill positions in a new working group. Complete details 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>).

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>

Region I

With Injunction Lifted, Maryland to Recall Confederate License Plates

Maryland will soon begin recalling license plates with the Confederate flag on them, after a federal judge on Thursday lifted an 18-year-old injunction keeping them in circulation, Attorney General Brian E. Frosh said. Read the full article in the Baltimore Sun.

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/bs-md-confederate-plates-20151015-story.html>

DMV Gives VW Diesel Owners a Pass on Inspections (New York)

For the thousands of New York motorists who own Volkswagen diesel cars rigged by the manufacturer to cheat on government emissions tests, there's a bit of good news from Albany. The state DMV will not

automatically flunk the cars when their owners bring them in for annual inspections or withhold registration renewals. Read the full story at DemocratandChronicle.com.

<http://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2015/10/14/dmv-volkswagen-inspections/73915598/>

DHS Grants Extension To New York State For Real ID Compliance Act

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has granted New York state a one-year extension to meet the standards for the Real ID Act. Read the full story at NewYork.CBSLocal.com.

<http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2015/10/14/dhs-new-york-state-real-id-extension/>

Uber Drivers to Receive Amber Alerts Under New Partnership (New York)

Uber's drivers on the hunt for passengers can now keep an eye out for missing children. The car service app will announce on Wednesday a partnership with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children to blast out to its drivers around the country Amber alerts, which provide time-sensitive emergency information on child abductions. Read the full story at NYDailyNews.com.

<http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/uber-gears-amber-alerts-article-1.2396406>

NY DMV Website Wins National Award

The website for the state DMV has won a national award for its design, ease of use and scope of services. It's won the 2015 Pinnacle Award from the National Association of Government Web Professionals. Read the full story at WNYT.com.

<http://wnyt.com/article/stories/S3932572.shtml?cat=300>

Ontario Planning Autonomous Vehicle Testing Next Year

Canada's Ontario province is welcoming Artificial Intelligence onto their roads in an attempt to get ahead of the autonomous driving revolution that's sure to sweep over our major cities in the near future. Read the full story at CarScoops.com.

<http://www.carscoops.com/2015/10/ontario-first-canadian-province-to.html>

Region II

Tampa Bay Mobile DMV Brings License to You (Florida)

When you think about the DMV, long lines probably come to mind, and if you're stuck in those lines, it's even more frustrating! But there is a program right here in Tampa Bay that can bring the DMV to your neighborhood. Read the full story at WTSP.com.

<http://www.wtsp.com/story/news/local/2015/10/14/tampa-bay-mobile-dmv-brings-license-you/73942126/>

Louisiana Gets Extension on ID Compliance, Easing Concerns

The head of Louisiana's state police said Friday that the state has received an extension to comply with federal REAL ID rules that go into effect this weekend, meaning Louisianans will be able to enter federal buildings and military bases next week using their state ID. Read the full story at TheRepublic.com.

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/2a7efb432acd4fd290b468bb5afd0a66/LA--Real-ID-Louisiana>

Shorter Wait Times, Better Technology Coming to NC DMV Offices

Gov. Pat McCrory teamed with top officials at the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Transportation to announce big changes coming to DMV offices across the state on Monday morning. Read the full story at WECT.com.

<http://www.wect.com/story/30239816/mccrory-shorter-wait-times-better-technology-coming-to-nc-dmv-offices>

Oklahoma Seeks Extension for REAL ID Act

In 2005, the U.S. Congress passed the REAL ID act to set a standard for the issuance of identifications, such as drivers licenses, to help fight terrorism. Almost 10 years after the act was enacted, about 27 states – Oklahoma included – have not complied and asked for extensions to do so. Read the full story at DuncanBanner.com.

http://www.duncanbanner.com/news/oklahoma-seeks-extension-for-real-id-act/article_71a9ff50-720e-11e5-94e3-f7c1d596303b.html

Study Says One-Fifth of Virginians at DMV Offices Don't Need to be There

Who goes to the Department of Motor Vehicles when they don't have to? In Virginia, a lot of people are paying \$5 to do so, according to a new report. Read the full story at Fredericksburg.com.

http://www.fredericksburg.com/news/transportation/study-says-one-fifth-of-virginians-at-dmv-offices-don/article_9826fcca-82a8-57a5-a8e3-43d4603ec423.html#user-comment-area

Region III

DMVs in Danger of Shutting Down in Illinois

Illinois' secretary of state is cutting-back on postage and his spokesman warns DMV buildings are in danger of closing due to the state's budget crisis. Read the full story at WSILTV.com.

<http://www.wsilv.com/story/30136856/dmvs-in-danger-of-shutting-down-in-illinois>

Operation Safe Driver Strives to Prevent Large-Truck Crashes (Wisconsin)

Last year in Wisconsin, there were more than 7,300 traffic crashes involving large trucks that resulted in 63 fatalities and more than 2,100 injuries. To help prevent crashes involving large trucks, buses and other commercial motor vehicles, inspectors from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Division of State Patrol will participate in Operation Safe Driver from October 18 to 24. Read the DOT press release.

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

Region IV

Carole Ann Waggoner Bedwell Has Passed (California/Arizona)

Carole was born on July 11, 1941 in Sacramento California. She passed away after a short battle with cancer on October 5, 2015, in Marana Arizona. She was retired from the California DMV where she led a distinguished career, retiring as Deputy Director. She was married to Way Bedwell (deceased July 2015) and resided in Arizona until the time of her death. Read the full obituary at Legacy.com.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sacbee/obituary.aspx?n=carole-ann-waggoner-bedwell&pid=176077399&>

California Governor Vetoes RFID Tags In Driver's Licenses, Chooses Security Over Convenience

California Gov. Jerry Brown has vetoed a bill that would have seen an option for radio frequency identification tags in driver's licenses. RFID tags would have been voluntary, but they would have also opened up situations in which licenses with tags are expected, making them mandatory. Read the full story at TechTimes.com.

<http://www.techtimes.com/articles/94507/20151013/california-governor-vetoes-rfid-tags-drivers-liceneses-chooses-security-over.htm>

Gov. Brown Gives Green Light to Motorized Skateboards and Scooters (California)

Move over bicyclists, electric skateboards and motorized scooters now have the legal right to share your lanes. Gov. Jerry Brown signed legislation reversing a 38-year-old state ban on motorized boards, giving riders of such mobility devices the same street cred as cyclists. Read the full story at SFGate.com.

<http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Gov-Brown-gives-green-light-to-motorized-6568765.php>

California to Register Voters Automatically at DMV

In a bid to improve voter turnout in California elections, Gov. Jerry Brown on Saturday signed legislation to automatically register to vote anyone who has a driver's license or state identification card. Read the full story at SacBee.com.

<http://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-alert/article38684598.html>

Governor Vetoes Digital Driver's License Bill (California)

Gov. Jerry Brown has vetoed a bill that would've required the DMV to study the feasibility of issuing a "digital" driver's license stored in a smartphone. Read the full story at TechWire.net.

<http://www.techwire.net/legislation/digital-drivers-licenses-coming-soon-not-in-california.html>

Long Lines Drive Colorado Lawmakers to Eye Outsourcing DMV Services

Just after lunchtime Wednesday, Jeffrey Jordan of Wheat Ridge was running late to get back to work. He hoped to make a quick trip to the state Division of Motor Vehicles office in Lakewood. No such luck. The wait took an hour in the crowded, busy office. Read the full story at TheDenverChannel.com.

<http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/local-news/long-lines-drive-colorado-lawmakers-to-eye-outsourcing-dmv-services>

Sandoval Names Transportation Authority Chairman, Interim DMV Director (Nevada)

Governor Brian Sandoval today announced the appointments of Ann Wilkinson as Chairman of the Nevada Transportation Authority, effective immediately and Terri Albertson as Interim-Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, effective October 26, 2015. Wilkinson will replace the current Chairman, Andy McKay and Albertson will replace retiring Director Troy Dillard. Read the Governor's press release.

<http://gov.nv.gov/News-and-Media/Press/2015/Sandoval-Names-Transportation-Authority-Chairman,-Interim-DMV-Director/>

Other News

Real ID Enforcement Activities Updated By DHS

Starting October 10, visitors seeking access to military bases and almost all federal facilities using their state-issued driver's licenses or identification cards must present proper identification issued by REAL ID compliant states or a state that has received an extension, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) said Friday. Read the full story at HSToday.us.

<http://www.hstoday.us/briefings/daily-news-analysis/single-article/real-id-enforcement-activities-updated-by-dhs/43e0f02956702c47278a927cb9298825.html>

Did You Know

ON TWITTER: #TEENDRIVER, #REALID

@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, images associated with the post, and the reach of the message (retweets, favorited, etc.).

#REALID

#REALID is a hot topic in all of AAMVA's Regions. Check out some of this week's tweets about #REALID.

- **Rob Stringer @etaerconsult | View the Tweet**
<https://twitter.com/etaerconsult/status/655004769002524676>
REAL ID is real. #realid #authentication #verification #nodisneyforyou
<https://lnkd.in/efk3vyF>
- **Doug Ireland @ETNHDIreland | View the Tweet**
<https://twitter.com/ETNHDIreland/status/654985629504307200>
#NH granted extension for #RealID compliance.
http://www.eagletribune.com/news/new_hampshire/nh-granted-real-id-extension/article_c523787e-b97a-5e5d-855a-1ad8d317d759.html
- **Keeping IDs Safe @securelicense | View the Tweet**
<https://twitter.com/securelicense/status/654969290890833920>
@IdahoITD granted 1 year extension to meet #realid standards @IdahoGovernment
#secureid http://magicvalley.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/idaho-gets--year-real-id-extension/article_c9509c5f-3c69-5cc9-9547-dcc36ae1ca10.html
- **Bradley Saull @BradleySaul | View the Tweet**
<https://twitter.com/BradleySaul/status/654656931441733632>
#DHS #REALID rule could bar some visitors from federal buildings - NY, MN, & LA have 3 month grace period <http://bit.ly/1hGoivu>
- **WBEN NewsRadio 930AM @NewsRadio930 | View Tweet**
<https://twitter.com/NewsRadio930/status/654398888145653760>
The @DHSgov gives @nysdmv a one year #RealID extension, allowing standard driver's license to be valid for domestic air travel.
- **Jim Harper @Jim_Harper | View the Tweet**
https://twitter.com/Jim_Harper/status/653603565475266561
DHS official says his hands are tied, while DHS gives #REALID waivers to every state in the union. <http://www.cato.org/blog/setting-real-id-record-straight-minnesota>
- **Mike Brosnahan @MikeMtk63 | View the Tweet**
<https://twitter.com/MikeMtk63/status/652178954510462976>
#Arizona Driver's License Rules Change Drastically for #REALID
<http://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/news/arizona-drivers-license-rules-change-drastically-for-real-id-7721877> via @phoenixnewtimes

#TeenDriver

Folks are gearing up for National Teen Driver Safety Week next week. Check out what they're saying about #TEENDRIVER on Twitter this week.

- **Butch's Auto Body @ButchsAutoBody | View the Tweet**
<https://twitter.com/ButchsAutoBody/status/655025160576176128>
#TeenDriver Safety via @NHTSA Rural Youth Traffic Safety Message Competition
<http://www.nhtsa.gov/Driving+Safety/Teen+Drivers/Rural+Youth+Traffic+Safety+Message+Competition>
- **SAFE KTSRO @SAFEks | View the Tweet**
<https://twitter.com/SAFEks/status/654745494959222784>
Does your teen know the #5toDrive rules of the road?
<http://www.safercar.gov/parents/TeenDriving/fivetodrive.htm> #teendrivers
- **WallaceDrivingSchool @Wallace_Driving | View the Tweet**
https://twitter.com/Wallace_Driving/status/654689768307978242
5 cool and reliable cars for the teen in your family #teendrivers <http://ow.ly/T2e1c>
- **IIHS @IIHS_autosafety | View the Tweet**
https://twitter.com/IIHS_autosafety/status/654352324371050497
RT @ShopForAutos: Keep Your Teenagers Safe With These Teen Vehicle Recommendations
<http://wstr.me/mp1> #CarSafety #TeenDriver
- **NHTSA @NHTSAgov | View the Tweet**
<https://twitter.com/NHTSAgov/status/654310923927199744>
Next week is Teen Driver Safety Week. Tell us: Do you have a teen driver? #teendrivers
- **TeensInTheDriverSeat @TeensDriverSeat | View the Tweet**
<https://twitter.com/TeensDriverSeat/status/654290786985615360>
We're preparing for National Teen Driver Safety Week. Are you? We GOT you covered.
#GameofThrones #teendrivers
- **NJMoneyHelp @NJMoneyHelp | View the Tweet**
<https://twitter.com/NJMoneyHelp/status/654240045826576384>
A teen driver and your car insurance #carinsurance #cars #teendrivers
<http://fb.me/5g4rg2CGr>
- **Terry Crouppen @GetBC | View the Tweet**
<https://twitter.com/GetBC/status/653661702203002880>
100 Deadliest Days: Keeping Your #TeenDriver Safe via @youtube
<https://youtu.be/kLqmSldQbyY>