

October 30, 2015 - Regional News

AAMVA News

2015 Region III Information Exchange is Next Week

- 2015 Region III Information Exchange – November 3-5 – Oak Brook, Illinois
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<http://www.aamva.org/2015-Region-III-Information-Exchange/> |
<https://www.aamva.org/profile/ListAllEventRegistrations.aspx>

Region I

Maryland Law Enforcement Learns New Procedures to Stop Impaired Drivers

According to the National highway traffic safety administration, 134 people killed last year while driving under the influence in Maryland. Read the full story at WMDT.com.

<http://www.wmdt.com/news/more-local-news/maryland-law-enforcement-learns-new-procedures-to-stop-impaired-drivers/36059192>

Ceremony Highlights International Agreement (Pennsylvania)

Joined by Taiwanese government officials and State Senator Andrew Dinniman, (D) Chester County, PennDOT Secretary Leslie Richards today presided over a ceremonial signing of a reciprocal driver license agreement between PennDOT and Taiwan. Read the PennDOT press release.

<http://www.penndot.gov/Pages/all-news-details.aspx?newsid=166#.VjDp7iHn-Uk>

Rhode Island DMV to Offer Written Driving Test in Italian

The state Division of Motor Vehicles has agreed to a written driving test in Italian after the Rhode Island affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union filed a federal civil rights complaint. Read the full story at SFGate.com.

<http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/Rhode-Island-DMV-to-offer-written-driving-test-in-6599471.php>

Region II

Georgia DDS RFP: Driver Record Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System

The State of Georgia has released a Request For Proposal (RFP) for a new enterprise system entitled Driver Record Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System (DRIVES). DRIVES will result in modernizing the Department of Revenue Motor Vehicle Division's Georgia Registration and Titling Information System

(GRATIS) and the Department of Driver Services' Driver License System. The RFP is posted on the Georgia Procurement Registry.

https://ssl.doas.state.ga.us/PRSapp/PublicBidNotice?bid_op=164740047400-DOR0000066

Driver Services Commissioner Welcomes New Board Member Hubert B. Parker from Ellijay Appointed by Speaker (Georgia)

Commissioner Rob Mikell, Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS), is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Hubert B. Parker to the DDS Board of Directors. Parker is a Gilmer County native and was recently appointed by Speaker of the House David Ralston. He will assume his new role at the Agency's December Board Meeting. Read the full press release.

<http://www.dds.ga.gov/index.aspx>

State Collects More than 4 Million in DMV Penalties (Louisiana)

Officials say the Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles has collected over \$4 million in penalties since it sent out 1.2 million letters Oct. 13 seeking \$444 million in fines on lapsed auto insurance. Read the full story at 710Keel.com.

<http://710keel.com/state-collects-more-than-2-million-in-dmv-penalties/>

Oklahoma Texting Law Begins Sunday

Starting Sunday, Nov. 1, texting while driving will be illegal in the state of Oklahoma, so the Oklahoma Safety Council has launched a campaign — #PracticeSafeText — to help raise awareness and answer questions about the new law. Read the full story at News-Star.com.

<http://www.news-star.com/article/20151028/NEWS/151029548>

Region III

Big Changes Coming for Illinois' License Plates

The days of seeing a hundred different types of Illinois license plate are drawing to a close. Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner signed a bill into law Friday that will slowly begin to phase out specialty license plates. Read the full story at ILNews.org

<http://ilnews.org/6131/big-changes-coming-for-illinois-license-plates/>

Region IV

Alcohol-Related Deaths Down on Alberta Roads

The number of alcohol-related deaths on Alberta roads reached an all time low in 2014 and was down 15 per cent over the previous year. Read the full story at MSN.com.

<http://www.msn.com/en-ca/news/canada/alcohol-related-deaths-down-on-alberta-roads/ar-BBmoFqJ>

ADOT Detectives Break Up Fraudulent Document Operation (Arizona)

As part of its continuing efforts to safeguard your information, the Arizona Department of Transportation's Fraudulent Document Unit has broken up a criminal document operation in Phoenix. Read the DOT press release.

<http://azdot.gov/media/News>

Veteran Designation Available on Driver's Licenses (California)

Veterans will be able to get a California driver's licenses with their veterans designation starting Veterans Day. The license will require certification from the county Veteran Services Office, Director Ted Puntillo told a meeting of veterans last week. Read the full story at DailyRepublic.com.

<http://www.dailyrepublic.com/news/solanocounty/veteran-designation-available-on-drivers-licenses/>

California DMV Agreement Changes How Motor Vehicle Records Are Handled

California agents and brokers are being notified of a new change to how they can handle motor vehicle records. An agreement between representatives from the insurance industry and the California Department of Motor Vehicles eventually enabled the DMV to revise a commercial requester agreement (CRA) to include wholesalers, surplus lines and managing general agents. Read the full story at InsuranceJournal.com.

<http://www.insurancejournal.com/news/west/2015/10/28/386018.htm>

California DMV Supports Tesla Autopilot While Finalizing Autonomous Vehicle Rules

Officials with California's Department of Motor Vehicles wanted to have regulations that are more complete in place for autonomous vehicles already, but say the delay is justified. Read the full story at HybridCards.com.

<http://www.hybridcars.com/california-dmv-supports-tesla-autopilot-while-finalizing-autonomous-vehicle-rules/>

African Immigrants Express Frustration Over Driver's License Hurdles (California)

African immigrants in the Bay Area are upset that many of them have to go through a secondary review process in order to apply for a California driver's license under AB 60. Read the full story at NewAmericaMedia.org.

<http://newamericamedia.org/2015/10/african-immigrants-express-frustration-over-ab-60.php>

New Vendor Chosen for Driver's Licence Production Services (Saskatchewan)

SGI has awarded Veridos Canada Inc. with the contract to produce Saskatchewan's driver's licence and identification cards, and provide facial recognition and photo capture enhancement. More details are available in the SGI news release.

<http://www.sgi.sk.ca/about/newsreleases/2015/newvendor.html>

Other News

GM Recalls 1.4 Million Cars for Fire Risk After Previous Fix Failed

General Motors is recalling 1.4 million cars, most of which had previously been recalled, because of a risk they might catch fire. The recall is the third intended to fix the problem. Read the full story at WNEP.com.

<http://wnep.com/2015/10/27/gm-recalls-1-4-million-cars-for-fire-risk-after-previous-fix-failed/>

New Hands-free Technologies Pose Hidden Dangers for Drivers

Potentially unsafe mental distractions can persist for as long as 27 seconds after dialing, changing music or sending a text using voice commands, according to surprising new research by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. Read the full story at Newsroom.AAA.com.

<http://newsroom.aaa.com/2015/10/new-hands-free-technologies-pose-hidden-dangers-for-drivers/>

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

#HAPPYHALLOWEEN

The one night candy makers and dentists come together to make a killing: <https://t.co/6ELxy9Uu2B> #HappyHalloween <https://t.co/AtMF2houxx>

— CNBC (@CNBC) [October 30, 2015](#)

One more pumpkinhead off the streets! OPP is always working towards keeping the public safe. [#HappyHalloween](#) ^mt pic.twitter.com/lbH9Zvj11L

— OPP Recruitment Unit (@OPP_Hire) [October 30, 2015](#)

Be safe this [#Halloween!](#) pic.twitter.com/abwLfTgroD

— KansasDOT (@DriveSafeKansas) [October 30, 2015](#)

Need a Halloween costume? Be Captain [#TweetSafe](#) & save the world from [#RoadVillains](#) (cartoon cred [@verizonfios](#)) pic.twitter.com/7ySKXo9abm

— Don't Tweet & Drive (@DontTwive) [October 30, 2015](#)

OTHER TWITTER HIGHLIGHTS

Simple reminder: Wear [#Seatbelts!!!](#) <https://t.co/H8h6MbRr7l>

— KansasDOT (@DriveSafeKansas) [October 30, 2015](#)

[#ProTip](#) to avoid a DWI? Get a designated driver or don't drink. It's that simple. Have fun. Be safe. :) [#HappyHalloween](#) [@LAStatePolice](#)

— wdsu (@wdsu) [October 30, 2015](#)

Congratulations to Lisa Hardesty / Salisbury Branch Office, on being the MVA Employee of the Month! pic.twitter.com/IrypHATJXZ

— MD_MVA (@MD_MVA) [October 30, 2015](#)

PennDOT's Hiring! Retweets Appreciated! <https://t.co/zg8erQYumG> pic.twitter.com/WG7IMYb0AY

— PennDOT (@PennDOTNews) [October 30, 2015](#)

U Drive. U Text. U Pay. Ban on texting while driving goes into effect Sunday. [#justdriveOK](#) pic.twitter.com/Si3CFfL66c

— OKDOT (@OKDOT) [October 30, 2015](#)

Hours of operation update for the SCDOT Call Center <https://t.co/6nL7FDopDm> pic.twitter.com/eteFk5vUqD

— SCDOT (@SCDOTPress) [October 30, 2015](#)

If your DL is damaged, lost or stolen, request replacement online if credential was issued on or after May 1, 2014. <https://t.co/M6fLsKwZAX>

— DC DMV (@dcdmv) [October 30, 2015](#)

Georgia drivers be on the lookout this fall: Deer-vehicle collisions increase during breeding season. pic.twitter.com/sGBVgEKtR6

— Georgia DOT (@GADeptofTrans) [October 30, 2015](#)