

# November 6, 2015 - Regional News

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## AAMVA News

### **AAMVA Leadership Academy Applications Now Being Accepted**

AAMVA is now accepting applications for the 2016 AAMVA Leadership Academy. The Leadership Academy (set to take place May 9-12, 2016) is an exciting opportunity for jurisdiction employees who have demonstrated leadership potential within the AAMVA community. **Applications are due by December 14, 2015.** Visit the Leadership Academy Web site for complete details.

<http://www.aamva.org/2016-AAMVA-Leadership-Academy/>

## Region I

### **Connecticut Provides Funding For Electric Vehicles**

The state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection says it will put an additional \$1 million into a program to provide rebates for businesses and consumers who buy electric vehicles. Read the full story at GovTech.com.

<http://www.govtech.com/fs/Connecticut-Provides-Funding-For-Electric-Vehicles.html>

### **DMV Revamps Parent-Teen Driving Course Curriculum (Connecticut)**

The Department of Motor Vehicles announced a revised and refreshed curriculum for the state's unique parent-teen safe driving course, required for all 16 and 17-year-olds seeking a driver's license. Read the full story at WTNH.com.

<http://wtnh.com/2015/11/01/dmv-revamps-parent-teen-driving-course-curriculum/>

### **For Undocumented Immigrants Seeking D.C. Licenses, Process Can Take Months**

On Wednesday the D.C. Council will get preliminary findings from a study looking at how well a driver's license program for undocumented immigrants is doing after its first year. Read the full story at WAMU.org.

[https://wamu.org/news/15/11/03/undocumented\\_immigrants\\_can\\_get\\_dc\\_drivers\\_license\\_but\\_process\\_can\\_take\\_months](https://wamu.org/news/15/11/03/undocumented_immigrants_can_get_dc_drivers_license_but_process_can_take_months)

### **DWI Loophole: Breath Test Refusals Cut into Convictions (New York)**

You've been stopped by the police. Maybe you've had a little too much to drink. Your mind is racing. Once you are under arrest, you're faced with a big question: "I'm charged with DWI...should I take this test? Read the full story at WIVB.com.

<http://wivb.com/investigative-story/dwi-loophole-breath-test-refusals-cut-into-convictions/>

### **Governor Cuomo Announces Nearly \$1.2 Million Recovered in Refunds and Repairs For Consumers (New York)**

Governor Cuomo announced that nearly \$1.2 million was returned to consumers in 2014 due to the work of the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles Vehicle Safety Division – a unit tasked with investigating consumer complaints and regulating businesses statewide. Read the Governor’s press release.

<http://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-nearly-12-million-recovered-refunds-and-repairs-consumers>

### **New York DMV to Take Another Look at Offering Custom License Plates Again**

Eleven years after New York’s specialized license plates became ensnared in the debate over abortion, the state may finally be ready to start offering them again. Read the full story NYDailyNews.com.

<http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/ny-offering-specialized-license-plates-article-1.2420167>

### **Vermont Checking Suspended-License Convictions**

Vermont is reviewing about 900 convictions from the last 16 months for criminal driving with a suspended license to determine how many might have resulted from incomplete information about a driver’s efforts to erase previous civil suspensions. Read the full story at RutlandHerald.com.

<http://www.rutlandherald.com/article/20151101/NEWS03/151109946/0/ELECTIONS>

## **Region II**

### **New Specialty Plates to Support Law Enforcement (Florida)**

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) is proud to announce two new specialty plates available now for purchase. The Fallen Law Enforcement and Florida Sheriff’s Association plates will be available in all tax collector offices by November 6, 2015 to be proudly displayed on Florida registered vehicles. Read the DHSMV press release.

<http://www.flhsmv.gov/2015/11/03/new-specialty-plates-to-support-law-enforcement/>

### **Florida DMV Requests Dismissal of Taxi Companies’ Rideshare Complaint**

In a move that is sure to further frustrate Florida taxicab companies, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FDHSMV) has asked a Leon County, Florida, judge to dismiss a complaint requiring the state agency to clarify Uber and Lyft insurance requirements in the state. Read the full story at InsuranceJournal.com.

<http://www.insurancejournal.com/news/southeast/2015/11/02/387100.htm>

### **DDS Commissioner Reminds Veterans & Active Military of Free Services (Georgia)**

As we prepare to celebrate Veteran's Day, Commissioner Rob Mikell, Department of Driver Services (DDS), reminds Georgia veterans and active military personnel of special licensing and testing services dedicated to them all throughout the year. Read the press release.

<http://www.dds.ga.gov/news/newsdetail.aspx?id=394>

### **Kentucky Driver Licenses Cost Could Increase with Real ID**

Kentuckians may soon see the cost and renewable period of their driver's licenses increase in the next few years. Read the full story at State-Journal.com.

<http://state-journal.com/local%20news/2015/11/05/kentucky-driver-s-license-cost-could-increase-with-real-id>

### **New Website Creates Online Access to Commercial Driver License Documents (Kentucky)**

Commercial vehicle drivers now can go online to quickly and conveniently verify that their certifications for a commercial driver license (CDL) are up to date. Read the full press release.

<http://transportation.ky.gov/Pages/PressReleasePage.aspx?&FilterField1=ID&FilterValue1=151>

### **North Carolina DMV Report Shows Increase in Traffic Accidents**

A recent traffic report released from N.C. Department of Motor Vehicles (NC DMV) reveals an increase in accidents across the state. Read the full story at TWCNew.com.

<http://www.twcnews.com/nc/triangle-sandhills/top-stories/2015/11/5/nc-dmv-report-shows-increase-in-traffic-accidents-.html>

### **West Virginia DMV To Use Paid Ads On Office Video Screens**

Coming soon to a West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles regional office near you -- paid commercials on video screens. Read the full story at WCHSTV.com.

<http://www.wchstv.com/news/features/eyewitness-news/stories/West-Virginia-DMV-To-Use-Paid-Ads-On-Office-Video-Screens-228568.shtml#.VjzBWtiFOUk>

## **Region III**

### **Transgender Woman Fights Michigan For Driver's License That Reflects Identity**

The state of Michigan is being challenged in federal court by a person who was born a man but says the state won't change her driver's licence to identify her as a woman. Read the full story at Detroit.CBSLocal.com.

<http://detroit.cbslocal.com/2015/11/05/transgender-woman-fights-michigan-for-drivers-license-that-reflects-identity/>

### **Minnesota to Ask Feds for More Time on Real ID**

Gov. Dayton and legislative leaders will ask the federal government for more time to bring state ID cards in line with federal standards. Read the full story at MPRNews.org.

<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/04/minnesota-asks-feds-for-more-time-on-real-id>

### **BMV Installs Self-Service Kiosks to Renew Registrations (Ohio)**

The Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles says it has finished installing nine self-service kiosks to make it easier for people to renew non-commercial vehicle registrations. Read the full story at MansfieldNewsJournal.com

<http://www.mansfieldnewsjournal.com/story/news/state/2015/11/05/bmv-installs-self-service-kisoks-renew-registrations/75203284/>

## **Region IV**

### **Four Million Transactions Completed on Self-Service Terminals (California)**

The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) announced today that four million transactions have been completed on Self-Service Terminals (SSTs) since these convenient terminals were placed in the field offices in 2010. Today, customers can find an SST in 50 DMV field offices across the state. Read the DMV press release.

[http://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/pubs/newsrel/newsrel15/2015\\_58](http://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/pubs/newsrel/newsrel15/2015_58)

### **Lawsuit Aims to Reinstate Driver Cards Law Dumped by Voters (Oregon)**

An Oregon nonprofit filed a lawsuit Wednesday seeking to reinstate a state law that would have allowed people to get driver's cards if they can't prove they are in the U.S. legally. Read the full story at NYTimes.com.

[http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/11/04/us/ap-us-immigrant-drivers-lawsuit.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/11/04/us/ap-us-immigrant-drivers-lawsuit.html?_r=1)

### **Utah Driver's License Model Weighed for New Mexico**

A Republican lawmaker who has previously sought to repeal New Mexico's immigrant driver's license law said he will propose a bill next session modeled after one in Utah that allows foreign nationals to have "driving privilege cards." Read the full story at ABQJournal.com.

<http://www.abqjournal.com/669845/news/nm-gop-lawmaker-eyes-utah-drivers-license-model-for-new-mexico.html>

## **Saskatchewan ATV Group Calls for Mandatory Training After Latest Death**

The Saskatchewan All Terrain Vehicle Association (SATVA) is once again calling on the province to regulate ATV usage. Read the full story at [CBC.CA/news](http://www.cbc.ca/news).

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/saskatchewan-atv-group-mandatory-training-1.3303007>

## **Utah Lawmaker Proposes Electronic Driver's Licenses**

A state legislator is proposing adding one more must-have app for our ubiquitous smart phones: A program that would contain a person's electronic driver's license. Read the full story at [Tucson.com](http://tucson.com).

[http://tucson.com/news/state-and-regional/utah-lawmaker-proposes-electronic-driver-s-licenses/article\\_b1ad3dce-5b10-56f0-91b3-38224b7b8244.html](http://tucson.com/news/state-and-regional/utah-lawmaker-proposes-electronic-driver-s-licenses/article_b1ad3dce-5b10-56f0-91b3-38224b7b8244.html)

## **Other News**

### **House Rejects Proposal to Bar Teen Truck Drivers**

The House rejected an amendment on Wednesday to block teenagers from driving trucks, clearing the way for an effort to lower the minimum age of truck drivers on interstate trips from 21 years of age to 18. Read the full story at [TheHill.com](http://TheHill.com).

<http://thehill.com/policy/transportation/259210-house-clears-proposal-to-allow-teen-truck-drivers>

### **Nearly 9 in 10 Teen Drivers Check Apps While Driving**

We've all heard that texting and driving can be dangerous, but experts say there is a bigger threat lurking behind the wheel: App-checking and driving. Read the full story at [FoxSanAntonio.com](http://FoxSanAntonio.com).

<http://www.foxsanantonio.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/nearly-9-10-teen-drivers-check-apps-while-driving-17201.shtml#.VjzCqdiFOUk>

### **The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Releases a New Fact Sheet on Planning for the Future of Connected Vehicles and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)**

The USDOT has developed a new fact sheet to encourage planning agencies to consider how their local transportation systems will function in a connected vehicle environment.

[http://www.its.dot.gov/press/2015/its\\_future\\_cv.htm#sthash.nYhZyCKD.dpuf](http://www.its.dot.gov/press/2015/its_future_cv.htm#sthash.nYhZyCKD.dpuf)

### **Tesla Reins in Autopilot After 'Fairly Crazy' Drivers Misuse Self-Driving Tech**

Tesla chief Elon Musk says the company will restrict the Autopilot feature in its Model S electric car so that people will use it more responsibly. Even so, the company says Autopilot has already averted lots of accidents and caused none. Read the full story at [CSMonitor.com](http://CSMonitor.com).

<http://www.csmonitor.com/Technology/2015/1104/Tesla-reins-in-Autopilot-after-fairly-crazy-drivers-misuse-self-driving-tech>

### **The Future of Truck Safety Lies in Technology**

2015 marked a new direction for truck safety, and the beginning of the year witnessed the US National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) publish its annual Most Wanted list. This year, the organisation highlighted its desire for more industry focus on truck safety, including anti-collision technology, better limits on driver hours and tighter regulation of trucking companies with high collision rates. Read the full story at AutomotiveWorld.com.

<http://www.automotiveworld.com/megatrends-articles/future-truck-safety-lies-technology/>

### **Japan Wants To Be Number One in Autonomous Tech by 2020**

In the wake of Tesla's release of Autopilot beta, and with tech companies like Google, Apple, and Uber making inroads into the car business, Japan Inc. has set itself a goal. Read the full story at HybridCards.com.

<http://www.hybridcars.com/japan-wants-to-be-number-one-in-autonomous-tech-by-2020/>

### **Porsche Caught Up in Scandal at VW**

The widening Volkswagen emissions-test cheating scandal has enveloped a wide array of Porsche and Audi six-cylinder diesel vehicles as California and federal regulators levied fresh charges that the automaker used software to hide pollution. Read the full story at LATimes.com.

<http://www.latimes.com/business/autos/la-fi-hy-vw-emissions-porsche-20151103-story.html>

### **Study: Self-Driving Cars Crash Five Times as Much as Regular Ones**

A new study found that self-driving cars are far more accident-prone than ordinary cars, even though Google and other autonomous vehicle proponents have said those cars are safer because they don't actually cause the crashes. For every million miles driven, self-driving vehicles had 9.1 crashes, compared to just 1.9 for regular vehicles, according to a report released Thursday by the University of Michigan's Transportation Research Institute. Read the full story at Fortune.com.

<http://fortune.com/2015/10/29/self-driving-cars-crash/>

## **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.).

### Twitter Talk on Connected Vehicle



More of what “the masses” are saying on Twitter about connected vehicle technology #ConnectedVehicle (<https://twitter.com/search?q=%23connectedvehicle&src=typd>), #ConnectedCar (<https://twitter.com/search?q=%23connectedcar&src=typd>):

- **Volker Fricke @vfricke | View the Tweet**  
<https://twitter.com/vfricke/status/662197695537352705>  
Register for IEEE webcast: Bringing #ConnectedVehicle Technology to the Next Level (Part 1)  
<https://event.on24.com/eventRegistrat...> (<https://t.co/yashGgoOYb>)
- **NTT DATA Deutschland @NTT\_DATA\_DE | View the Tweet**  
[https://twitter.com/NTT\\_DATA\\_DE/status/661881820426932224](https://twitter.com/NTT_DATA_DE/status/661881820426932224)  
Collective intelligence on the road: <http://ow.ly/Uenrw> #connectedcar #connectedvehicle  
(<https://t.co/eeAozhXazP>)
- **Capgemini @Capgemini | View the Tweet**  
<https://twitter.com/Capgemini/status/660509600895139844>  
How can you use multiple channels to get in touch with #mobility customers #connectedvehicle  
<http://ow.ly/HiSSF> (<https://t.co/OCsmp2Ntkj>)
- **ITS America @ITS\_America Oct 29 | View the Tweet**  
[https://twitter.com/ITS\\_America/status/659778024846532608](https://twitter.com/ITS_America/status/659778024846532608)  
@USDOT @ITSJPODirector Releases New Fact Sheet on #ConnectedVehicle Safety Applications  
<http://ow.ly/U0dVg> (<https://t.co/yDsDEEQuXW>) #THISisITS
- **Capgemini @Capgemini | View the Tweet**  
<https://twitter.com/Capgemini/status/659405669183954944>

The imperative for realizing the vision of the #connectedvehicle is strong: New POV states.  
<http://ow.ly/HiSqQ> (<https://t.co/8RINx2NTGQ>)

- **IoT Evolution @IoTevolution | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/IoTEvolution/status/658651881477132288>

SAP makes major move into the #connectedvehicle market by bringing #cloud services to the wheeled world <http://bit.ly/1NvQVXV> (<https://t.co/Mi5QiZshqO>)

- **m2m2iotpaper @m2m2iotpaper | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/m2m2iotpaper/status/657581771207249921>

All-in-One #ConnectedVehicle #Smartphone for Commercial #Fleets and #Vehicles Across Canada <http://goo.gl/TC5oIA> (<https://t.co/UrcStgaUUj>)

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