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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 III Information Exchange Presentations Are Now Available Online



The presentations from AAMVA's Region III Information Exchange are now available in the Presentations from Past Events section of AAMVA's Web site.

<http://www.aamva.org/presentations-from-past-events/>

We'll also be adding a photos from the event to AAMVA's Flickr page, so check back next week to catch a glimpse of what all happened . <http://www.flickr.com/photos/aamva/>

Region I

DMV Overspends on Overtime for Computer System Upgrade (Connecticut)

The Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles went over budget by more than 30% for overtime payments associated with installing and training individuals on the new computer system that rolled out over the summer. It didn't go as well as we'd hoped." Read the full story at NBCCConnecticut.com.

<http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/DMV-Overspends-on-Overtime-for-Computer-System-Upgrade-347284422.html>

Maryland Governor Seeks To Grow Ignition Interlock Program

If Governor Larry Hogan is successful in pushing through one of his latest initiatives, more drivers arrested on drunk-driving charges will be riding with ignition interlock devices inside their vehicles. Read the full story at MDcoastDispatch.com.

<http://mdcoastdispatch.com/2015/11/12/md-governor-seeks-to-grow-ignition-interlock-program/>

Drunk Driving Bill Would Require Breathalyzers Instead of Suspending Licenses (Massachusetts)

A bill proposed in the Massachusetts State Senate would give drunk drivers a chance to avoid a license suspension, requiring them instead to install a device that prevents a car from being turned on if its driver is intoxicated. Read the full story at Boston.com.

<http://www.boston.com/cars/news-and-reviews/2015/11/11/drunk-driving-bill-would-require-breathalyzers-instead-suspending-licenses/fiK5pEbtnkrzREHydWyc3O/story.html>

New Jersey Mulls Issuing Driver's Licenses Regardless of Citizenship

New Jersey residents and lawmakers are debating a plan that could allow all state residents access to a driver's license, regardless of citizenship status. Read the full story at NewJersey.News12.com

<http://newjersey.news12.com/news/nj-mulls-issuing-driver-s-licenses-regardless-of-citizenship-1.11080136>

Deceptive Websites to Renew Licenses Leaves Drivers Duped (Pennsylvania)

You go to renew your Pennsylvania driver's license online but end up feeling duped. One local man says that's what happened to him, after using an online website. Read the full story at WTAE.com.

<http://www.wtae.com/news/Deceptive-websites-to-renew-licenses-leaves-drivers-duped/36348958>

Bill Would Provide Free Military Plates to Vets (Pennsylvania)

Lawmakers are getting their first look at a bill that would provide more free license plates to military veterans. Read the full story at WHBY.com.

http://whby.com/index.php/News/WHBY_News/585294

Rhode Island, HP Reach Deal to Finish Long-Delayed DMV Computer Project

After nearly 10 years and millions of dollars in cost overruns, state officials say they're confident the effort to build a new computer system for the R.I. Division of Motor Vehicles is finally on track to succeed. Read the full story at WPRI.com.

<http://wpri.com/2015/11/11/ri-hp-reach-deal-to-finish-long-delayed-dmv-computer-project/>

Region II

New Law Sought for Texting Drivers in Florida

New legislation, filed by State Rep. Keith Perry, R-Gainesville, would make Florida's ban on texting and driving a primary offense. Currently, it's a secondary offense, meaning drivers have to be pulled over for another reason before being cited for texting while driving. Read the full story at ClickOrlando.com.

<http://www.clickorlando.com/news/new-law-sought-for-texting-drivers-in-florida/36339194>

Military License Plates Honor Heroes and Their Families (Texas)

As the nation prepares to honor those who have served in the U.S Armed Forces this Veterans Day, the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) reminds veterans and their families that they can display recognition of their service with special military license plates. Read the DPS press release.

http://www.txdmv.gov/txdmv-forms/cat_view/13-publications/14-media/79-press-releases/225-2015

DMV Interactive Map Allows Virginians to Search for High-Crash Areas

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles has a new interactive tool that tells drivers exactly where accident prone areas are in the state and what kinds of behaviors are causing them. Read the full article on nbc29.com.

<http://www.nbc29.com/story/30455074/dmv-interactive-map-allows-virginians-to-search-for-high-crash-areas>

Region III

Policeman Cannot Use 'OINK' License Plate: Indiana Supreme Court

Indiana acted properly in forbidding a police officer from using a vanity license plate that said "OINK," the state's highest court decided on Friday, reversing a lower court ruling. Read the full story at Nugget.ca.

<http://www.nugget.ca/2015/11/06/policeman-cannot-use-0ink-license-plate-indiana-supreme-court>

Missouri Patrol Seeking Information In Consumer Fraud Investigation

The Missouri State Highway Patrol have been investigating a series of consumer frauds related to the sale of vehicles by a KC couple. Read the full story at KMBZ.com.

<http://www.kmbz.com/Missouri-Patrol-Seeking-Information-In-Consumer-Fr/22147951>

Man Sentenced to Prison for Running Fraudulent Check Scam (Ohio)

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine on Wednesday announced that a southern Ohio man has been sentenced to six years in prison and ordered to repay \$49,951 for using bad checks and falsified documents to steal cattle and vehicles in Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia. Read the full story at TimesJournal.com.

http://www.timesjournal.com/government/law_enforcement/article_64e2845f-7b96-58c4-82d8-5676254756e7.html

Renewed Push to Strengthen Ignition Interlock Law (Ohio)

After falling short in their efforts to strengthen Ohio's ignition interlock law last year, supporters hope compromise will put the legislation on the house floor this session. Read the full story at ABC6onYourSide.com.

<http://abc6onyourside.com/news/local/renewed-push-to-strengthen-ignition-interlock-law>

Proposed Legislation Could Drop Front License Plate Requirement (Ohio)

The current law in Ohio requires vehicles to have two license plates – one on the front and one on the back – but a legislative proposal could change that law so that drivers would only need one plate. Read the full story at WTOL.com.

<http://www.wtol.com/story/30476131/proposed-legislation-could-drop-front-license-plate-requirement>

Legislature Considers “5 Strikes” Bill for Drunk Drivers (Wisconsin)

The state Legislature continues work on toughening drunk driving laws in Wisconsin. Wednesday, the Assembly Judiciary Committee listened to testimony on a bill that would revoke the driver's licenses of repeat offenders. Read the full story at WBAY.com.

<http://wbay.com/2015/11/12/legislature-considers-5-strikes-bill-for-drunk-drivers/>

Region IV

Claim Says All California Drivers Are Insured

Convincing all California drivers to carry insurance has vexed state officials for decades. The most recent estimates show that 4.1 million drivers, or about one in seven on the state's roads, were uninsured as of 2012. Read the full story at PolitiFact.com.

<http://www.politifact.com/california/statements/2015/nov/09/luis-alejo/claim-says-all-california-drivers-are-insured/>

DMV Doesn't Let Woman Take Driving Test With Her 'Service Dog' (Colorado)

A woman is without a driver's license after the Division of Motor Vehicles office in Golden refused to allow her to take her dog along on a driving test for renewal. Read the full story at Denver.CBSLocal.com.

<http://denver.cbslocal.com/2015/11/09/dmv-doesnt-let-woman-take-driving-test-with-her-service-dog/>

DOL Accuses Auto Dealer of Violating Odometer Law (Washington)

If you're buying a used car, you want to know exactly how many miles it's been driven, which is why Washington state has strict laws against odometer fraud. The Department of Licensing is accusing a dealer in Lynnwood of breaking one of those laws. Read the full story at King5.com.

<http://www.king5.com/story/news/local/2015/11/07/auto-dealer-accused-of-violating-odometer-law/75335886/>

Other News

Apple's Latest Hire Fuels Apple Digital License Plate Rumors

Apple's newest hire is sparking some rumors about what the tech giant is planning for the auto industry. Speculation has been building all year that the company is considering jumping into the auto sector and developing its own electric car. Read the full story at CNBC.com.

<http://www.cnbc.com/2015/11/06/apples-latest-hire-fuels-apple-digital-license-plate-rumors.html>

Federal Regulators Could Be Getting on Board with School Bus Safety Belts

For years, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) promoted safety, but stopped short of requiring buses to have seat belts. Read the full story at WTVR.com.

<http://wtvr.com/2015/11/09/federal-regulators-could-be-getting-on-board-with-school-bus-safety-belts/>

Recent AAMVA Surveys

Here are the topics that our jurisdiction members have been researching over the past month.

- [Interpreter Fraud](#)
- [Mechanic Liens on Vehicles](#)
- [Vehicle Inspection Station Monitoring](#)
- [Voice Biometrics Technology](#)
- [Drive Away Tags](#)
- [Facial Recognition](#)
- [Licence Plate System - Number of Plates Required](#)
- [Non-expiring ID Cards](#)
- [Call Center Metrics](#)
- [Single Owner Title Requirement](#)
- [New and Used Vehicle Registration](#)
- [Length of Motor Homes and Trailers](#)
- [Obtaining a CDL after a downgrade](#)
- [Acceptance of county/city birth certificates](#)
- [Real ID and Photo First](#)
- [Signature & Fee Requirements under the ELT Program](#)

The responses to all surveys can be viewed by clicking here.

<http://www.aamva.org/Survey/User/Search.aspx>

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.).

Stay on top of “Twitter-town talk”. You may be surprised at what you’re missing! Follow **@AAMVAConnection**. (<http://twitter.com/#!/AAMVAConnection>)

- **Calgary Police @CalgaryPolice | View the Tweet**
<https://twitter.com/CalgaryPolice/status/665291032381247488>
Charges laid in police impersonation incidents from last month. <http://on.fb.me/1WRiEdb> #yyc
- **Oregon DOT @OregonDOT | View the Tweet**
Services back online at Beaverton, NE Portland, Downtown Portland DMV offices - thanks for your patience!
- **Smart, Safe & Sober @SmartSafeSober | View the Tweet**
<https://twitter.com/SmartSafeSober/status/665290170892230656>
As a general rule, children should never be buckled in their car seat with bulky jackets on as it can cause the... <http://fb.me/5hKR4Uc1x>
- **Japan Embassy DC @JapanEmbDC | View the Tweet**
<https://twitter.com/JapanEmbDC/status/665286592538349569>
MOC on Driver’s License Reciprocity between Maryland & Japan Signing
The 1st of its kind between Japan & a US state!
- **Teens Drive Smart @TeensDriveSmart | View the Tweet**
<https://twitter.com/TeensDriveSmart/status/665288775262711808>
Embrace your owner’s manual – no matter what vehicle you drive, your regular maintenance schedule is inside it! #CarMaintenance
- **CQ Now @CQnow | View the Tweet**
<https://twitter.com/CQnow/status/665288557313961984>
In Fight Over Longer Trucks, Highway and Spending Bills Collide (\$) <http://cqnow.co/1kTc9FI> via @kelmej #CQWeekly

- **Georgia DOT @GADeptofTrans | View the Tweet**
<https://twitter.com/GADeptofTrans/status/665288198852079616>
Lane closures this Wkend <http://ow.ly/UCTcV> - Buckle up, no texting and Drive Alert.
<http://ow.ly/UCTcV>
- **CQ Now @CQnow | View the Tweet**
<https://twitter.com/CQnow/status/665284008377380865>
Highway Beautification Funds Targeted by GOP (\$) <http://cqnow.co/1kTbynj> via
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