Internet Vehicle Sales Working Group Holds Face-to-Face Meeting

The Internet Vehicle Sales Working Group met in Phoenix, AZ, last week to continue to develop best practices for regulating Internet vehicle sales and to provide recommendations and educational materials to member jurisdictions to help them identify, understand and combat fraud and deceptive practices. The working group received valuable input and feedback on their draft best practices from industry stakeholders, which the working group is currently considering. The group also continued to gain a better understanding of new business models used for selling vehicles by meeting with Carvana at one of their "vending machines" where customers pick up vehicles they have purchased online. The working group anticipates publishing the best practices in Spring 2019.

Region 4 Chief Administrators Meet

The annual Region 4 Chief Administrator and Chief Law Enforcement Officials meeting was held in Arizona, November 6 – 8, 2018. The group discussed emerging topics and shared challenges including drugged driving, mDL, autonomous vehicles and X gender designation to name a few.

Card Design Standard Committee Looking for Law Enforcement Representative

The Card Design Standards Committee has been jointly working with the eID Working Group on the topic of mobile driver licenses (mDL). The joint working group has been charged with the review and potential leveraging of existing identity credential standards and recommend standards for the AAMVA membership relating to the emergence and rising popularity of electronic identity (mDL being a prominent use case). The joint working group typically meets in-person once or twice annually, and members are funded for travel to this meeting. Additionally, members are expected to complete occasional assignments between meetings. At this time the Card Design Standard Committee is specifically looking for a Law Enforcement Representative (e.g., sworn trooper/officer). If you are interested in applying for the Card Design Standards Committee, please complete the application and return it.
D.C. Region Renews Push on Pedestrian Safety as Deaths Increase Here and Nationwide (Washington, D.C.)

The guy in the Penn State hoodie crossed Georgia Avenue back and forth so many times in only a few minutes that it looked as though he couldn’t make up his mind about where he was going. But the walkie-talkie in Sgt. Jeremy Smalley’s hand should have been the tipoff to the motorists who blew past him in a downtown Silver Spring crosswalk that a police crackdown was underway. Read the article at washingtonpost.com.

Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles Cautions Customers to be Aware of Unofficial Registry Websites

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is cautioning customers to make sure that they are using the official MassDOT RMV website Mass.gov/RMV when they are trying to renew a license or registration, schedule a road test, or process any transaction online. Customers may inadvertently come across unofficial third-party websites or “mimic sites” that advertise similar services but have no affiliation with the RMV. Customers can use the helpful hints listed below to determine whether the website they are using is the official site for the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles. Read the article at framinghamsource.com.

DMV Ramps Up for REAL ID Licenses (New Hampshire)

Two years may seem like a long time, but the Division of Motor Vehicles is ramping up operations to ensure Granite Staters are prepared for the all-important deadline of the federal REAL ID law. For the first time last Saturday, six DMV locations were open from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. specifically to process new driver licenses and renewals under the REAL ID law, which requires residents to provide a variety of extra documentation to prove their identity. Read the article at unionleader.com.

Georgia DDS Reminds Veterans and Active Military of Special Services

GA Department of Driver Services (DDS) reminds Georgia veterans and active military personnel of special licensing and testing services dedicated to them year-round. ‘For the men and women who have served the United States through military service, DDS welcomes the opportunity to honor you,’ said Commissioner Spencer R. Moore. ‘Please review the special military licensing options available, because it is our way of saying thank you. I am especially proud of the veterans that are part of the DDS Team and continue to serve in many roles throughout the state. It is because of your past sacrifices that we are able to enjoy all the freedoms that are abundant today.’ Read the article at thepostsearchlight.com.

Distracted Driving Initiative Kicks Off in Tennessee

A new initiative that aims to curb distracted driving kicks off this week in Tennessee. The Tennessee Highway Safety Office will launch Operation Incognito Tuesday morning. The goal is to reduce distracted driving, serious crashes, and deaths on the road. Read the article at newschannel5.com.
Dodging Traffic and Rescuing Stranded Drivers: Meet the IDOT Minutemen (Illinois)
You’ve seen their yellow trucks driving on Chicago area expressways for decades. And without them, chances are your next commute into the city or suburbs would probably take a lot longer than usual. The Illinois Department of Transportation Emergency Traffic Patrol, also known as the Minutemen, are a group of state employees who can arrive to the location of a stalled vehicle within minutes to help keep the lanes free and clear. Based out of the IDOT facility at 35th Street and Normal Avenue, the Minutemen operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and currently patrol 1,037 lane miles on seven major expressways. Read the article at nbcchicago.com.

Local First Responders Prepare for an Increase in Accidents This Winter (Indiana)
Winter weather is almost here in central Indiana, but with the change in season comes an increased danger on Hoosier roadways. Fire crews with the Wayne Township Fire Department spent most of the day Friday at the Zore's Towing junkyard training on various vehicle extrication scenarios. A timely endeavor as the rate of car accidents in Indiana skyrockets during the winter season. "We have to be prepared for those cold weather responses when the weather starts changing on us," Captain Mike Pruitt said. Read the article at cbs4indy.com.

MDOT Focus on Safety; Collaborates with MTU (Michigan)
From high-tech to low, The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has implemented projects across the Upper Peninsula this year designed to make highways safer - now and in the future. MDOT safety projects are part of a larger effort to help move the state ‘Toward Zero Deaths’ (TZD). Since 2010, MDOT has collaborated statewide with law enforcement officials and first responders to promote this important national highway safety strategy, including posting year-to-date fatality totals in their offices and on roadside dynamic message signs. These efforts are raising awareness of traffic safety challenges in Michigan. Tapping into supplemental road funding provided by the Legislature in 2017 that was earmarked specifically for connected and autonomous vehicle research, the region was able to upgrade five traffic signal locations in the Houghton area this season. This work will help future vehicles "talk" to the traffic signals using dedicated short-range radio communications systems. Read the article at upmatters.com.

Buckle Up Phone Down Campaign Wins Awards TransComm and Mid-Mo PRSA Honors Efforts (Missouri)
The Missouri Department of Transportation has received recognition from the American Association of Highway Transportation Officials and the Mid-Missouri chapter of the Public Relations Society of America for its Buckle Up Phone Down campaign. Recently, MoDOT reported that its annual seat belt survey revealed 87.1 percent of Missourians now use a seat belt, the highest rate since the survey began in 1998. Missouri is nearing the national average which is 89.7 percent. Read the article at news.transportation.org.

CHP Acts Against Adult Distracted Drivers (California)
Distracted driving is a problem across all age groups. The California Highway Patrol (CHP) will address the challenges of distracted adult drivers, who are often role models for younger drivers, with the aid of a year-long grant. The Adult Distracted Driving (ADD) program, which started October 1, combines education and enforcement. Each year, thousands of people are killed by distracted drivers and thousands more are injured. A change of driving habits can help stop distracted driving. The statewide ADD program has been launched in partnership with the California Office of Traffic Safety...With the ADD grant, the CHP will complete a
minimum of 60 distracted driving enforcement operations and at least 480 traffic safety presentations statewide by the end of September 2019. Read the article at yubanet.com.

**MADD Hawaii Kicks Off Annual 'Tie One On For Safety' Campaign**
The Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) will hold their 29th annual 'Tie One on For Safety' campaign kick-off event on Wednesday, Nov. 14 at Tamarind Park in Honolulu from noon to 1 p.m. The campaign is MADD’s signature public awareness program, where drivers across the country display MADD ribbons on their vehicles as a reminder to designate a non-drinking driver. Read the article at mauinow.com.

**Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week, Nov. 11-17, Recognizes Safety Role (Idaho)**
First responders, who play a critical safety role every day in managing traffic incidents in Idaho, are being recognized throughout the state Nov. 11-17 during Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week. Travelers can protect responders by driving engaged and moving over when incident responders are on scene. Traffic incidents are the leading cause of death for EMS responders and law enforcement officers, according to a press release from the Idaho Transportation Department. Read the article at idahopress.com.

**New TV Ads, Created by MSUB Students, Hit Airways to Alert Montanans About ‘Real ID’**
Are you ready to get a new REAL ID Montana driver’s license or state ID? If not, there’s still time to prepare before January, when Montana will start to comply. New television ads hit the airwaves this week across Montana. The ads feature historic figures, Merriweather Lewis and William Clark as they try to navigate Montana without REAL IDs. The creative ads are the product of Montana State University Billings communications students, who collaborated with the Montana Motor Vehicle Division. Read the article at ktvq.com.

**WHP Unites with Law Enforcement to Educate Public About the Move Over Law (Wyoming)**
Motorists moving over for law enforcement, emergency, maintenance and other types of vehicles parked on the side of Wyoming highways and interstates are not only abiding by the law but are also keeping their fellow citizens safe. On Nov. 8, the Wyoming Highway Patrol and state patrols from Colorado, Nebraska, South Dakota and Montana, as well as multiple emergency and public service entities, will educate and promote public safety by encouraging motorists to move over. Law enforcement is planning to get the word out through social media, news release and other outlets. Read the article at dot.state.wy.us.

**Banks Look to the States’ DMV Offices for Identity Verification Aid**
When it comes to getting a driver's license, the process can be long and complicated at your local department of motor vehicles office. But apparently your DMV also is quite successful in obtaining quality personal identification verification. And that's got the attention of America's biggest banks, which are turning to state DMV offices for assistance in improving personal identification verification. Read the article at bizjournals.com.

**Hoverbikes May Soon Patrol Streets of Dubai as Police Test Flying Motorbikes**
Here's another sign that we are catching up to the future: Dubai Police may soon be
Dubai Police are now being trained to fly Hoversurf's first production unit hoverbike after taking delivery from the Watsonville, California-based tech firm in October, the company says. The city in the United Arab Emirates prides itself on its futuristic status and began talks last year with Hoversurf about its eVTOLs (electric vertical takeoff and landing vehicles). Police there hope to deploy hoverbikes by 2020 as a way to allow officers to reach hard to access areas; police and Hoversurf recently posted videos of training sessions on social media. Read the article at usatoday.com.

National Work Zone Memorial Seeks Submission of Names
The American Traffic Safety Services Association is seeking the submission of names to be included in its 2019 National Work Zone Memorial; a memorial that honors those who were killed in highway work zone crashes, including: roadway workers; non-impaired motorists; pedestrians; law enforcement officers; and first responders, such as firefighters and paramedics. The deadline for submissions is Dec. 1, the group said...Lori Diaz, manager of the ATSSA’s Foundation, which is in charge of the memorial, explained to the AASHTO Journal in a phone interview that it is designed to raise public awareness about the growing human toll, in terms of fatalities and injuries, caused by work zone crashes. Read the article at aashtojournal.org.

This is the Most Important Moral Question About Self-Driving Cars
A self-driving car has lost control of its brakes and is heading down the road toward some pedestrians. Which one should it hit — an elderly person or a child? For the last four years, the MIT Media Lab has been inviting visitors to answer a series of questions like these. It’s part of a project to learn more about moral decision-making. The project has been immensely popular, with more than 2 million participants from more than 200 countries...But the study doesn’t actually offer much of an insight into any questions we need to answer to deploy self-driving cars, which are mostly when and how to deploy them in the place of human drivers. Read the article at vox.com.

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It is getting cold out there! Please remember when you are buckling the kids in to make sure you take those winter coats OFF!!! When a child is wearing a winter coat, it may feel like they are strapped snugly into a car seat when the straps are actually dangerously loose.
Iowa State Patrol @iowastatepatrol | View the Tweet
The Iowa State Patrol provided Human Trafficking Awareness Training to the professional drivers of Hy-Vee Corporation. Our goal is to enhance training and education to combat Human Trafficking. @HyVee

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From 2012 to 2016, more than 800 people died in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes during the #Thanksgiving holiday period, making it the deadliest holiday on our nation's roads.
#MakeItToTheTable
#BuzzedDriving is Drunk Driving
This classic #dashcam footage of a truck spinning out while passing a trooper is a great reminder why it's important to slow down in winter #wx conditions. Slowing down helps you keep control & also react to other drivers.

Early data suggests no spike in pot-impaired driving after legalization, police say https://ift.tt/2K4z7re

the Tweet
Remember to stay out of the “No Zone” when traveling next to plow trucks. More on winter operations and safety at http://PennDOT.gov/Winter #PAWinter #DriveSafe

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