New Video Available for AAMVA Members: NMVTIS Vehicle History for Consumers

NMVTIS was created to protect consumers from vehicle fraud and unsafe vehicles. Although NMVTIS Vehicle History Reports have been available to consumers (commercial and individual) since 2009, the primary users have been commercial consumers, such as used car dealers.

Recognizing the need to raise awareness and promote the availability of the NMVTIS Vehicle History Report to the broader consumer, the NMVTIS Advisory Board, a Federal Advisory Committee, recommended to U.S. Department of Justice the development of a public awareness video. Following the lead of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles' own "Title Check" video, AAMVA has developed a video to raise awareness of NMVTIS and its potential use by anyone considering buying a used vehicle. State agencies use NMVTIS information as part of their vehicle titling process, and consumers would benefit from using the same system. States are encouraged to show the video in their public offices and on their websites. We also suggest members reach out to the state agency responsible for consumer protection and offer the video as another resource.

Four versions of the video are available:

- NMVTIS Vehicle History for Consumers – English
- NMVTIS Vehicle History for Consumers – English, Closed Captioned
- NMVTIS Vehicle History for Consumers – Spanish
- NMVTIS Vehicle History for Consumers – Spanish, Closed Captioned

All versions of the video are available for download on our new Resources for States tab.

Welcome Associate Members!
AAMVA is pleased to welcome the following organizations to our Associate Membership Program. Follow the links below to learn more about each organization:

- IDScan.net - [https://idscan.net/](https://idscan.net/)
- Business Information Systems - [http://www2.bisonline.com/](http://www2.bisonline.com/)
- Center for Secure and Modern Elections - [https://modernelections.org/](https://modernelections.org/)

AAMVA Awards Program 2019 - Call for Entries
Apply now for AAMVA's Awards Program! Don't miss this opportunity to be recognized for the great work your jurisdiction does every day improving day-to-day business, reaching out to the community, and saving lives. The AAMVA Awards Program recognizes members of the motor vehicle and law enforcement community
AAMVA Awards are open to all AAMVA jurisdiction members that are in good standing. Entries submitted for the 2019 Awards must have been conducted (produced, implemented, and/or developed) between October 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018. If an entry won an award in 2018, it cannot be resubmitted in 2019 unless it has major upgrades or developments.

AAMVA is Seeking Members for Five Working Groups

- Card Design Standard Committee Looking for Law Enforcement Representative
- Imported Vehicle Working Group Still Seeking Members
- Foreign Reciprocity Resource Guide (FRRG) Working Group Seeking Volunteers from Regions 2 and 4
- Test Maintenance Subcommittee Needs Region 2 Member
- Auditing Third Party Agents Working Group Still Seeking Members

Each working group has its own application that itemizes the qualifications and experience required. Jurisdiction member applications must be signed by the Chief Administrator of the agency. Incomplete applications will not be considered for appointment.

AAMVA pays the travel expenses for all jurisdiction members to attend in-person meetings. Technical Advisors are expected to cover their own travel expenses. Members selected are expected to attend 2-3 in-person meetings per year, periodic conference calls as needed, and complete work assignments between meetings. More detailed information and applications for each group can be found on our website.

Law Enforcement Standing Committee

AAMVA's Law Enforcement Standing Committee is looking for candidates to fill two vacancies -- a Law Enforcement Representative from Region 3 and a Law Enforcement Representative from Region 4. Serving on a committee is an ideal way to influence policy, develop best practices and network with your peers. The Law Enforcement Standing Committee inspires collaboration between Law Enforcement and Driver/Motor Vehicle Administrators to improve highway and public safety. The goals of the committee are to improve law enforcement participation in AAMVA conferences, working groups, and other initiatives; provide and promote uniformity and consistency through the development of standards, model programs and best practices; and to promote the exchange of challenges and successes in implementing technologies, sharing information, and with other contemporary law enforcement issues. Candidates must be from the law enforcement discipline from state police, state patrol, or from a commissioned DMV investigator. Qualified candidates from Regions 3 and 4 should complete the application and return it to committees@aamva.org by Friday, December 7, 2018. If you have questions about
STATE NEWS

Delaware Office of Highway Safety Kicks Off the Safe Family Holiday Campaign Theme – It’s the Most Dangerous Time of the Year

The Delaware Office of Highway Safety (OHS) has announced the kickoff of The Safe Family Holiday Campaign and the theme ‘It’s The Most Dangerous Time of the Year,’ running through Tuesday, January 1, 2019. The awareness campaign is a reminder that there are increased dangers associated with holiday driving. Efforts are focused to reduce crashes and fatalities on Delaware roadways during the holiday season. In addition to the education component of the campaign, the annual Safe Family Holiday will have an ongoing enforcement period, which focuses on impaired driving, speed, pedestrian safety, occupant protection, and distracted driving during one of the busiest travel times of the year. Read the article at news.delaware.gov.

Winter is Coming … and MDOT SHA is Ready; New 'STORM' Web App Enhances Customer Experience (Maryland)

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) held its annual “Snow Show” event today at the Statewide Operations Center in Anne Arundel County. MDOT SHA Administrator Greg Slater unveiled its newest tool for citizens to plan for safe winter travel – STORM (Statewide Transportation Operations Response Map), a mobile-friendly web application link! STORM enables citizens to track MDOT SHA and contractor’s pre-treating brine trucks in advance of a storm and plow trucks during a storm in real-time. Citizens can enter their address to see the trucks operating in their area. Equipment is visible only when moving at 10 mph or greater, which will eliminate screen clutter, especially near maintenance shops where trucks are moving at slower speeds. Read the article at roads.maryland.gov.

State Officials Warn Drivers: Don’t Get High on Pot and Drive (Massachusetts)

Amid traditional advice to leave early, expect plenty of company and to use public transit wherever possible, state officials added a new admonition to the Thanksgiving travel troika: Don’t use marijuana and drive. Sales of recreational marijuana at stores in Leicester and Northampton begin Tuesday, eliminating restrictions on cannabis consumption previously limited to those authorized to possess and use it for medical reasons. Jeff Larason, director of highway safety for the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, made note of the major social and legal change during the annual Thanksgiving press conference by state transportation officials on Monday. Read the article at bostonglobe.com.

Lawmakers Introduce Bill to Create Two NJ Driver’s Licenses (New Jersey)

The legislation was introduced Tuesday by Sen. Joe Vitale, D-19th of Woodbridge, and Annette Quijano, D-20th of Elizabeth, and aims to tackle the longstanding issue of undocumented immigrants illegally driving in New Jersey without licenses or insurance without jeopardizing the ability of state residents to use their driver’s licenses as a recognized form of identification to travel by airplane and enter military bases or other secure federal facilities. Undocumented immigrants would be able to obtain driver’s licenses in New Jersey under legislation introduced this week that aims to create two licenses for state residents: one that would allow them to legally drive and a second that would also qualify as a federally recognized form of identification. Read the article at burlingtoncountytimes.com.

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State Officials Urge Holiday Drivers to Buckle Up for Safety (Georgia)
The Georgia Department of Public Safety and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety are asking motorists to wear their seat belt and never get behind the wheel if they are legally too impaired to drive during the busy holiday season...Col. Mark W. McDonough, commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Safety said. 'State troopers will be out on the roads keeping a close eye out for seat belt violations, drunk drivers, and other traffic offenses that could possibly cause a serious crash. So make sure you plan your trips carefully. Ensure that everyone in the vehicle is wearing a seatbelt and that children are properly restrained. Don’t drive impaired or distracted, and obey the posted speed limit.' Read the article at albanyherald.com.

New Kentucky Driver's Licenses are Coming: Here's How to Prepare
The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet says now is a good time to start thinking about what documents you'll need once the state starts rolling out new REAL ID-compliant drivers licenses early next year. 'Prepare early,' says the cabinet's Jordan Smith. 'Right now is a great time because a lot of people are traveling for the holiday season in the next couple of months and you've got your license out and you're looking at it, so take the time while you're thinking about it and figure out which credential type you'll want and what documents you'll need.' Read the article at wvxfu.org.

Of Course These Custom License Plates Were Rejected by Texas DMV
Texas said hard pass on these custom license plates folks tried to get through the system in 2018. These are just a few of the hundreds of custom license plates that were rejected by Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. Trust us - some of these you do NOT want to see on the road next to you. Read the article at abc13.com.

Out of Control: Distracted Drivers Struggle to Keep Eyes on the Road in Houston Region (Texas)
In the wreckage of the crash, police found Gabriela Torga's phone on the floorboard of her SUV, near the accelerator. Torga, 23, was driving alone just after 5 a.m. on March 19, 2017, headed east on Clay Road in Deerfield Village when she veered suddenly from the fast lane to the right shoulder. She tried to correct her path but pulled too far too fast. Even though the road was dry, she slid counter-clockwise, clipping the raised median and sending the Toyota 4Runner sideways before it slammed into a tree...A recent survey conducted by Zendrive, which monitors mobile-phone use for trucking and delivery companies, showed that Houston had more distracted drivers than any other city measured. Nearly one in 12 drivers were observed using their phones, up from one in 20 the previous year. Read the article at houstonchronicle.com.

DMV and VDOT Launch New Website to Promote Highway Safety, Reach Goal of Zero Deaths on Virginia’s Roadways
Governor Ralph Northam urged Virginians to help drive change in the Commonwealth’s traffic safety culture by joining the Toward Zero Deaths Virginia movement. Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) is a national strategy on highway safety that uses a unified approach to change driver behavior and improve highway safety with a goal of ultimately reducing the number of traffic-related serious injuries or deaths to zero. To launch the TZD initiative in the Commonwealth and mobilize Virginians to take action, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles and Virginia Department of Transportation, with help from safety partners, created a new website at TZDVA.org.

'While Virginia recorded 843 traffic deaths last year, the good news is that 23 cities
and counties experienced zero roadway fatalities,' said Governor Northam. 'Still, there are too many preventable roadway tragedies—that’s why I’m encouraging Virginians to take advantage of the tools available at TZDVA.org to equip themselves with the resources and data they need to make responsible decisions while driving.' Read the article at governor.virginia.gov.

**REGION 3 NEWS**

**State Police to Participate in Multi-State Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Operation Involving I-94 (Michigan)**

Michigan State Police (MSP) motor carrier officers will join officers from the Indiana State Police, Illinois State Police and Ohio State Highway Patrol in focusing their enforcement on I-94 and other major freeways in Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio in a coordinated enforcement operation. Michigan’s operation is dubbed ‘Eyes on 94’ and seeks to reduce commercial vehicle crashes along the I-94 corridor. This multi-state effort will take place from Dec. 3-7, 2018. During this initiative, motor carrier officers will focus on violations by commercial vehicles that are most likely to contribute to a crash. Those include speeding, following too close, improper passing, distracted driving and improper lane use. Read the article at michigan.gov.

**Ohio State Highway Patrol Cracking Down on Bus Stop Safety After Parents Express Concern**

Two weeks after a Miami Township mother shared her school bus stop safety concerns, the Ohio State Highway Patrol is cracking down on drivers who are breaking the law. On Nov. 7, Miami Township and Milford parents reported they had seen drivers putting students’ lives in danger at bus stops. State troopers are now using new methods to target those who are not following the rules. Read the article at fox19.com.

**REGION 4 NEWS**

**Flames and Oilers Licence Plates Unveiled (Alberta)**

Albertans have a new way to support their community and show pride for their favourite hockey teams. Whether Albertans cheer for the Calgary Flames or the Edmonton Oilers, they can proudly display their support on their vehicles. Service Alberta is introducing two new specialty licence plate designs that feature team logos, slogans and colours. Money raised from the plates will benefit the Calgary Flames Foundation and the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation. 'Albertans are passionate about hockey. We’re pleased to give them a way to not only express their loyalty to their favourite NHL team on their vehicles, but also give back to their communities. I’m looking forward to seeing the battle of Alberta extend to licence plates on our highways and roads.' Read the article at alberta.ca.

**‘X’ Gender Identity Now Recognized on Government ID (British Columbia)**

British Columbians who do not identify as male or female will have the choice to display an X as a third option in the gender field of their B.C.-issued driver’s licence, identity card, birth certificate and BC Services Card. 'Since last summer, we have been working on changes to government documents in recognition and respect of people who do not identify as male or female,' said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. 'Including the X gender designation on key ID is an important step in this.' Read the article at news.gov.bc.ca.

**Here's Which Self-Driving Test Cars Crash Most Frequently in California**

According to a report compiled by Allianz Global Assistance, only 52 percent of Americans say they’re confident that autonomous driving technology will develop
safely enough to consider trading their conventional vehicles for self-driving ones. General Motors has reportedly put on hold plans to begin testing autonomous vehicles in New York City because Mayor Bill de Blasio has expressed concerns about the technology’s safety. [Read the article at forbes.com]

**Motorcycle Lane Splitting is Legal in California, so the CHP Has These Tips to Deal With It**
Though many drivers disagree with this law, it’s legal in California to lane split. And this is a driving privilege that many California motorcyclists enjoy on Inland freeways and roads. With this freedom, however, comes a greater responsibility for motorcyclists and drivers to share the road and be safe. The California Highway Patrol has new safety tips for all drivers regarding lane splitting. [Read the article at mercurynews.com]

**New Mexico Ranks Near Top of List for Children Killed in Car Crashes**
New Mexico ranks second on the Child Car Crash Fatalities, according to a new report. The company Safewise looked at data from the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration and child safety seat laws from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. According to the research, five percent of people killed in car crashes in New Mexico are children. That's more than double the national average. [Read the article at kob.com]

**Oregon DMV: Ambassadors for Government**
Who would think a governmental office – in this case a Department of Motor Vehicles (‘DMV’) – would provide a ‘best practice’ model for customer service? Or, as I term it, exemplary courtesy and kindness in service, (the C+K Factor.) And, in the mix, expect staff to be ‘ambassadors for government’. Well, the North Salem branch office (one of 60 in Oregon) does just that. My conclusion is based on several trips to the DMV following a move to Oregon. During those visits, I was taken with how well this DMV works: fast and courteous service with knowledgeable and pleasant staff – how Oregonian! Not a sour puss in the bunch, not a one 'afflicted with office.' I asked myself, how do they do it? What's the secret sauce? Looking for answers, I interviewed - amidst their busy schedules - Bea Halbert, Customer Service Manager, of the North Salem DMV; Stefanie Coons, DMV Field Services Group Manager; and, Thomas L. McClellan, Oregon’s DMV Administrator. [Read the article at blog.lubans.org]

**Police Report Record Number of Distracted Driving Offences in Sask. Last Month, According to SGI (Saskatchewan)**
Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) says October was a record-breaking month in the province for distracted driving tickets. Police reported 793 distracted driving offences last month, according to SGI, which is the most distracted driving offences for a single month on SGI record. That includes 688 cellphone tickets and 105 tickets for driving without due care and attention. 'It's very apparent that it's a serious traffic concern when it comes to safety on Saskatchewan roads,' said Tyler McMurchy, an SGI spokesperson. 'It's the number one human factor when it comes to collisions, the number one human factor when it comes to injuries and it's second only behind impaired driving when it comes to fatalities.' [Read the article at cbc.ca]

**OTHER NEWS**

**Marriott Says Breach of Starwood Guest Database**
Compromised Info of up to 500 Million
Marriott International said Friday that the private information of up to 500 million guests may have been accessed as part of a breach of its Starwood guest reservation database, potentially one of the largest breaches of consumer data ever. The world's largest hotel chain said it first received an alert in September from an internal security tool of an attempt to access the database. As part of an investigation, the company discovered there had been unauthorized access since 2014 and that an "unauthorized party" had copied and encrypted information. Marriott said it determined on Nov. 19 that the information was from its Starwood database. Read the article at nbcnews.com.

5 Most Dangerous Songs to Drive to (and the 5 Safest)
There are just two or three things we love more than driving at the sound of a favorite song. Until autonomous cars steal this privilege from us, this will likely remain the most relaxing and energizing activity for us petrolheads. But, apparently, not all songs are appropriate in a car when it comes to road safety. A new study conducted by Britain's vehicle finance provider Moneybarn reveals the majority of songs favorite to many drivers are in fact dangerous behind the steering wheel. In general, music with a BPM (beats per minute) greater than 120 may have a negative impact on your driving resulting in faster driving speeds and more traffic violations. Read the article at motor1.com.

Distracted Driving Tends to Cause More Severe Crashes, Study Finds
A new study says crashes caused by distracted driving tend to be more severe than others, and their severity also depends on the type of setting in which they occur — a finding that suggests more attention should be paid to roadway design. The study by researchers at the Risk Institute at Ohio State University found that distracted driving raises the odds that a crash will cause severe injury or death, compared with other crashes, particularly if those distraction-related crashes involve rear-end collisions or occur in work zones or on interstate highways. Read the article at washingtonpost.com.

General Motors is Cutting 14,000 Jobs and Focusing on Self-Driving and Electric Vehicles
General Motors announced on Monday that it will lay off 15 percent of salaried workers and close five plants in the United States and Canada. The cuts will eliminate approximately 8,000 salaried workers, including 25 percent of executives, and an additional 6,000 hourly workers will either lose their jobs or be transferred, according to CNN...The restructuring, which will reportedly save the company $6 billion by 2020, will take the company's focus off sedans, which have increasingly fallen out of favor in comparison to SUVs and hatchbacks...GM's shuttering of plants is also a step toward its new focus on producing electric and autonomous vehicles; its new motto is 'Zero Crashes, Zero Emissions, Zero Congestion.' Read the article at vox.com.

Does the U.S. Take Road Safety Seriously? The Low Cost of Traffic Violations Suggests We Don't
Most of us hate traffic fines. They're annoying and take our money. But do they have a positive impact? Is there a connection between how much people pay and how safe roads are? GoCompare, a price comparison website for insurance in the United Kingdom, recently researched the cost of committing common traffic violations in 31 Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) member countries to find out which violations and nations incurred the largest fines. The new analysis, 'Harsher Penalties' examined the lowest possible fines (with no added surcharges) based on three common offenses: speeding, using a mobile phone while driving, and running a red light. Read the article at forbes.com.

Will the Kids Be All Right in Self-Driving Cars? A New
Report Offers Guidelines
Autonomous test vehicles are being piloted on roads in nearly two dozen cities nationwide, but little attention has been given to the safety of children, according to a new report by Safe Kids Worldwide. The nonprofit group hopes to change that by suggesting a series of actions directed at manufacturers and regulators to protect child passengers during the testing and development of self-driving vehicles, and when they are in everyday use. In a report released last month, a 17-member Blue Ribbon Panel, composed of two former administrators of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and other top-level safety, child advocacy, consumer and transportation experts, created what it calls the nation’s first-ever set of recommendations for the emerging industry. The group stressed the critical need to consider child safety now. Read the article at forbes.com.

TWITTER NEWS

@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 the chatter in the MVA and LE community. You may be surprised at what you’re missing! Follow @AAMVAConnection.

Check out recent @AAMVAConnection Twitter action.

***Thank you for the @AAMVAConnection mentions!***

New Jersey MVC @NJ_MVC | View the Tweet
Many thanks to Patrice Aasmo, our regional representative from @AAMVAConnection, for sharing her insights on resources and best practices with our NJMVC leadership team @suefulton in Trenton yesterday.

NCDOT @NCDOT | View the Tweet
We hope you had a great Thanksgiving holiday! As people head home, please remember to be safe and responsible in your travels.

SCDMV @SC_DMV | View the Tweet
Celebrated the retirement of our good friend and colleague @TrooperBob_SCHP today. @shwedo presented him with an #SCDMV Director’s Coin for his work with the people of South Carolina.

Trooper David SCHP @SCHP_Troop1 | View the Tweet
I’m often asked, “What’s the worst thing you have seen”. For me, the worst thing I have seen is the pain in a mother’s eyes when she opens the door. The tears a Wife/Husband shed while they scream at us. Don’t have us knock on your love ones door! Don’t drink & drive #Stoptheknock
As Tennessee cracks down on drugged driving, parents who lost son in crash warn of dangers. @WKRN

Last year, 242 people were killed by drug-impaired drivers in the state compared to about 199 killed by drunk drivers that same year.

wkrn.com

Picking out a #Christmas tree this weekend? Check out these tips for safely securing a #tree for transport: http://ow.ly/ZxQe306H2l3
Montana MVD @MT_MVD | View the Tweet
When he boards an airplane, the captain lets him fly.
He's the most interesting man in the world, and he chooses Montana REAL ID.
Visit http://mtrealid.gov to learn more.

MaineDOT @MaineDOT1 | View the Tweet
You know those dashed lines you see on the interstate… They may not look like it at highway speeds, but they are actually 10-feet long! In some places, they are 15-feet long! Would you have guessed they were longer or shorter? #FunFactFriday