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**OUR EVENTS**

**JANUARY**

9 | [2019 January Industry Advisory Board Meeting](#)  
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**SYSTEMS TRAINING**

\*Register for the following training sessions [HERE](#).

**DECEMBER - CDLIS**

18 | [CDLIS Reports Identifying Potential Issues SDLA \(advanced\)](#)

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**New Administrators' Orientation**



AAMVA hosted 11 jurisdictional members for the annual New Administrators' Orientation last week. AAMVA President & CEO Anne Ferro and AAMVA staff gave the new administrators a briefing on how the association works and the resources AAMVA provides to help in their home jurisdictions. The new administrators also had a meet-and-greet with AAMVA employees, and had

plenty of opportunities to ask questions about the association. [View photos from the meeting here.](#)

**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 by honoring individuals, teams, and organizations who have committed their time and resources to the following categories: **Safety, Service, Security, Public Affairs & Consumer Education (PACE), and International Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC).**



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.

**SUBMIT AWARD ENTRY**

**REGION 1 NEWS**

[\(advanced\)](#)

20 | [SSOLV and HAVV \(basic\)](#)

**DECEMBER - SPEXS**

17 | [SPEXS SPM \(intermediate\)](#)

18 | [SPEXS WEB UI and Reports \(intermediate\)](#)

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**OUR WEBINARS**

**DECEMBER**

18 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature](#)

**JANUARY**

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**OPEN RFPs**

**DECEMBER**

[AAMVA RFQ FY19-17764: Shipping Services](#)

December 21, 2018

**Operation Hands On Teaches Teens Driver Safety (Maine)**

Teaching teens important lessons in driver safety, specifically when it comes to traffic stops. That's the mission behind Operation Hands On. To teach teens the importance of keeping two hands on the wheel if they get pulled over. The non-profit, The Courageous Steps Project, and Beal college are partnering with local police departments to walk teens through this scenario. They want teens to know to stay calm if they get pulled over. They say working with autistic teens is important because they may tend to grab something in a tense situation like this. [Read the article at wabi.tv.](#)

**Nearly Half-Million Real IDs Issued in Mass., but Standard Driver's License is More Popular (Massachusetts)**

Massachusetts residents planning to renew their driver's licenses in the new year may want to consider getting a Real ID, as 2019 marks the final year before the IDs will be required to board domestic flights and to enter federal buildings. Getting the new IDs, however, isn't quite as simple as before. The state started issuing the new identification cards in March, and through November the Registry of Motor Vehicles had issued 474,406 Real IDs, according to a spokeswoman for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. But not everyone is jumping at the opportunity. [Read the article at telegram.com.](#)

**Sober Drivers, Safe Travels Urged in New State Ad Campaign (Massachusetts)**

State public safety officials Monday are launching a statewide public information campaign about the dangers of driving drunk or stoned and a mobilization of police officers to conduct 'stringent' impaired driving enforcement operations this holiday season. The safe driving campaign is the first since retail stores began selling recreational marijuana and the danger of driving while impaired by marijuana is a feature of the campaign, which is anchored by television, public transit and internet ads in English and Spanish. [Read the article at gloucestertimes.com.](#)

**PSAs, Ads Will Be Alerting You to REAL ID Requirements (Rhode Island)**

If you haven't heard yet about the requirements of a REAL ID yet, you will soon. That's because Rhode Island's Division of Motor Vehicles will be spreading the word big time starting next month, with print and online advertisements, television public service announcements and billboards. Eyewitness News has been tracking the journey this year to get Rhode Islanders compliant with the federal system, which lays down uniform ground rules for how a resident can get a driver's license or state ID card, the information recorded on that card and the proofs of identity required to get it. The Rhode Island DMV started issuing REAL ID-compliant cards last week, and so far, about 1,400 have been issued. [Read the article at wpri.com.](#)

**REGION 2 NEWS**

**Texas Board Rejects Confederate Group's Latest License Plate**

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles has denied a group's latest attempt to create a specialty license plate celebrating soldiers who fought for the Confederacy. The department's board voted 5-3 Thursday to reject the license plate design proposed by the Sons of Confederate Veterans, which features a rebel soldier carrying a Texas regiment's special flag at a Civil War battle. [Read the article at news4sanantonio.com.](#)

**What State CIOs Can Learn from Texas' Identity and Access Solutions**

Centralized, cloud-based identity and access solutions are helping state government agencies lower costs, tighten security and give citizens a single point of entry for multiple services, according to experts in a new podcast. Texas IT leaders overhauling the state's governmentwide online portal have taken an early cue from the success at the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, which deployed a central, integrated identity and access management (IAM) platform, says Christopher Keel, principle at Deloitte Consulting, on the podcast. [Read the article at statescoop.com.](#)

### **DMV Preparing for State Vehicle License Plate Reissuance (West Virginia)**

Commissioner Pat Reed announced today that the Division of Motor Vehicles has completed the first phase of the new state vehicle license plate reissuance, per House Bill 4015 from the 2018 Legislative Session. In the coming weeks, state agencies will be notified when their new plates, titles, and registration cards are ready. About half of all plates to be reissued will be released beginning this week, under the 'State Vehicle Title, Registration, and Relicensing Project of 2018.' [Read the article at transportation.wv.gov.](#)

## **REGION 3 NEWS**

### **New U of Illinois Center to Focus on Autonomous Technology**

The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign is creating a new center to focus on autonomous technology such as self-driving cars and robotic assistants. The university has allocated \$2.1 million for the Center for Autonomy. The College of Engineering is providing another \$2.1 million to recruit new robotics faculty. Professor Geir Dullerud is director of the new center. He says it will play an important role in designing systems that function without human intervention, in a way that's reliable and safe. [Read the article at usnews.com.](#)

### **Nearly Half of ND Motor Vehicle Fatalities Involve Alcohol, Study Says (North Dakota)**

North Dakota ranks second in the nation for the most impaired-driving deaths per capita, studies show. In 2017, the percentage of motor vehicle crash deaths that had alcohol involvement in North Dakota was 47 percent, according to the 2018 North Dakota Behavioral Health System Study. Nearly half of all motor vehicle fatalities involved alcohol, so law enforcement members regularly caution drivers to have a plan and be especially watchful during the holidays because more people tend to consume alcohol during that season. 'If you think you are going to be drinking, please get a responsible designated driver, and use ride shares or taxi cabs,' said Dickinson Police Department Capt. David Wilkie. 'Just don't drive because there are going to be officers out there who will arrest you up for driving under the influence. And everybody knows that is a huge financial burden. It gets costly. Getting a DUI is not worth it.' [Read the article at grandforstherald.com.](#)

### **Ohio's First Autonomous Shuttle Available to Public**

Smart Circuit operates daily along the Scioto River Downtown. Ohio's first self-driving shuttle opened to the public Monday. 'It was excellent,' said Kayla Wilson, 20, who took a ride on the shuttle, called Smart Circuit. 'I would definitely use it again.' Wilson documented her trip with pictures and videos, noting how the shuttle is a nice transportation alternative 'especially in the wintertime when I don't want to walk.' Smart Circuit runs 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week, at no cost to riders...While the shuttle is self-driving, an on-board operator oversees the shuttle and can take control if necessary. The shuttle can switch from autonomous to manual, and can hold up to six people including the operator. [Read the article at dispatch.com.](#)

## REGION 4 NEWS

## Colorado Work Fatalities Involve Vehicles 39% of the Time: Study

Motor vehicle accidents account for 39% of the workplace fatalities in Colorado, likely because workers in certain professions are increasingly on the road as part of their jobs, according to claims data released Tuesday by Pinnacol Assurance Inc. Denver-based Pinnacol, which is Colorado's largest workers compensation insurer, recently analyzed the collective impact of motor vehicle accidents on workers, finding that such claims over the past five years have cost the insurer \$173 million, with most accidents happening between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., with Monday being especially dangerous and accidents peaking between July and September. [Read the article at businessinsurance.com.](#)

## Volunteers Can Get Paid to Smoke Pot - and Help CU Researchers Study its Impact on Drivers (Colorado)

In 2016, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment issued \$2.35 million to research how marijuana affects public health and safety. A team with the University of Colorado has \$843,500 of it to look into how cannabis use affects drivers...Participants give blood samples before and after smoking to measure the amount of THC in their system. They go through a driving simulator, using an ocular device to track eye movements and an iPad to test reaction time, memory, and judgment. The researchers hope some of these more portable devices could be useful for police. [Read the article at 9news.com.](#)

## Nevada Highway Patrol Marks DUI Arrests with Christmas Tree

Nevada Highway Patrol troopers working the graveyard shift set up a Christmas tree Friday night to celebrate lives potentially saved this holiday season. Every time a trooper from the Highway Patrol's southern command arrests an impaired driver, a new ornament will be added to the Christmas tree, dubbed the Life Saving Tree. Each ornament will represent a life potentially saved by removing an impaired driver from the Las Vegas Valley's roadways during late nights and early mornings, NHP Lt. Anthony Munoz told troopers at their briefing Friday night. 'It's one of those things where, when we go out every night, our mission is to leave the valley better than we found it, and we're going to put extra emphasis on it this month,' Munoz told the troopers. 'That includes removing impaired drivers.' [Read the article at reviewjournal.com.](#)

## Oregon to Update Driver License, ID Card Design

The next time you renew your Oregon driver license or identification card you may see a new design with new security features. DMV is rolling out a new card design starting this winter and early 2019. The beauty of the new cards isn't just skin deep. The enhanced colorful look is part of the new card's advanced security features, making it harder to alter or duplicate...This is the first major upgrade to the card technology in Oregon since 2003. In addition to the new look and security features, the new card will provide a vertical layout for provisional driver license holders – drivers younger than 21 years old. [Read the article at content.govdelivery.com.](#)

## WYDOT's New Campaign Focuses on Teen Drivers (Wyoming)

The Wyoming Department of Transportation is using peer-to-peer messaging to encourage teenage drivers to buckle up. WYDOT Public Affairs Office's high school banner program features photos of high school students along with a message encouraging students to wear their seat belts. Public Affairs Photographer Rick Carpenter has been traveling the state over the past few years, getting photographs of the students and creating the banners. 'These are one of the ways we are



engaging with the youth of Wyoming to help spread vital safety messages,' said WYDOT Director Bill Panos. 'It's important to impress upon our kids safe driving habits and these banners are the perfect platform for us to do that. Plus, it's a lot of fun to work with these Wyoming kids.' [Read the article at kgwn.tv.](#)

## OTHER NEWS

### **The Life-Saving 'Dutch Reach' Comes to American Driver's Ed**

For people who bike on city streets, moving cars are pretty scary: They stop short, swerve suddenly, and make right-hook turns at intersections. But parked cars pose a serious threat, too, because that's how cyclists get doored. There's an extremely easy way for a driver to mitigate these dreaded encounters between car doors and passing bicyclists: Open the door with the right hand, rather than the left, which forces the driver to swivel around and give a quick rearwards glance into the traffic lane. Some traffic safety advocates refer to the maneuver as the 'Right Hand Reach.' Michael Charney, a retired doctor in Massachusetts who has perhaps become the technique's top evangelist, popularized the term 'Dutch Reach,' since it's a common practice in the Netherlands. [Read the article at citylab.com.](#)

### **Here's How Lyft Envisions Self-Driving Cars Communicating with Pedestrians**

The question of how self-driving cars will interact and communicate with humans is one that has come up before, but the answer is still up in the air. Google has been looking into this at least since 2012, and earlier this year, Uber filed a patent for using flashing lights and sounds to talk to pedestrians. Now, the United States Patent Office has granted Lyft with a patent for what it describes as an autonomous vehicle notification system. Lyft's solution entails developing a predetermined message to display on the most visible car window. [Read the article at techcrunch.com.](#)

### **This Is the Company With the Most Autonomous Miles Driven in 2018**

When it comes to having the most experience in the autonomous vehicle market, there's no denying that Alphabet's (NASDAQ:GOOG) (NASDAQ:GOOGL) Waymo is leading the pack. The company announced back in October that it had surpassed 10 million miles of autonomous driving, having reached the goal after hitting 4 million autonomous miles just 11 months earlier. Additionally, Waymo has logged 7 billion virtual miles through its software simulations. [Read the article at fool.com.](#)

### **Where to Find Self-Driving Cars on the Road Right Now**

Headlines abound about self-driving cars, but there's a big difference between reading about them and seeing one, replete with all its sensors, on the street. Or, for that matter, taking a ride in one. While you may have heard about companies such as Uber working on autonomous vehicles, plenty of other outfits are making progress and running their cars in states like California, Michigan, and Pennsylvania. Here's an evolving round-up of what's going on with self-driving cars on public roads, from Aptiv to Waymo. [Read the article at popsci.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](#).

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### MD\_MVA @MD\_MVA | [View the Tweet](#)

Gail and Brenda from our Organizational Development team are suiting up for the Holidays!



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### New Jersey MVC @NJ\_MVC | [View the Tweet](#)

Yesterday marked the last meeting for NJMVC's longtime Board Member and Acting Director of Highway Traffic Safety Gary Poedubicky. We wish him well and thank him for his many years of service.



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### Ontario Ministry of Transportation @ONtransport | [View the Tweet](#)

It's #ThrowbackThursday: Check out this photo of traffic from 1937 on Highway 8, now Regional Road 81, in St. Catharines. #TBT



**PSP Troop P Wyoming PIO Office @PSPTroopPIO | [View the Tweet](#)**

PSP Troop P Wyoming PIO Office @ Ken Pollock Volvo with Ryan Leckey promoting safe holiday driving, Winter coat drive and car seat checks. Free car seat checks with Santa and cookies on Thursday, December 13 @ Ken Pollock Volvo Pittston Twp from 2-5



**FLHSMV @FLHSMV | [View the Tweet](#)**

Congratulations to XPO Logistics truck driver, Freddie Williams, for accruing 1 million miles of safe driving! With the FL Trucking Association, #FHP Chief Derek Barrs, Maj. Jeffrey Dixon, and Lt. Anthony Stone awarded Mr. Williams for his commitment to keeping FL's roads safe.





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@NC5\_MTorres is live on #OpenLine with folks from @TNHighwayPatrol and the @TNHSO talking impaired driving, highway safety, and tips for staying safe during #holidaytravel. @NC5 #traffic #nashville #TN



**Gov. Greg Abbott @GovAbbott | [View the Tweet](#)**

@TxDOT reminds Texans that everyone can help play a role to “End The Streak” of deadly accidents on the road. Learn more: <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/media-center/psas/end-streak.html> ... #EndTheStreakTX





**Iowa DOT @iowadot | [View the Tweet](#)**

Getting in the Christmas spirit at the Cedar Rapids driver's service center today!



**CHP Headquarters @CHP\_HQ | [View the Tweet](#)**

While some might retire or take a desk job after a life-changing crisis, not this 9 year CHP veteran.

He says he's right where he belongs.



**CHP officer injured by DUI driver returns to work, talks about road to recovery**

A sunny morning in downtown Vacaville and CHP motorcycle officer Martin Lendway is back at Sport Rehab for a challenging physical therapy session.

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