Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (TIME) Task Force of Georgia

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GA Dept. of Driver Services (DDS) Issues New, More Secure Licenses & IDs

By Spring 2019, the Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) will begin issuing more secure driver licenses and identification cards for Georgia residents. The cards have a modern design and feel and will be the most secure credentials that our State has ever issued.

Cards will be made of premium polycarbonate to reduce document forgery and protect against identity fraud. Polycarbonate's durability increases the longevity of the driver's license and enables the high security engraving of photos. Several Multiple Laser Images, a level one security feature (visible to the naked eye) are incorporated where different images such as a portrait, logo, symbol, or numbers can be seen depending on the viewing angle, making the license extremely difficult to replicate. A second layer of hidden security features are only visible with an ultraviolet light.

The symbolic Georgia peach and outline of the state will also be integrated into the design of the card. Portraits will be black and white taken against a white background. Under 21 cards remain vertically oriented. The Real ID Homeland Security Star and Veterans markers continue to be at the top right corner when applicable.

Customers are reminded that previously issued driver's licenses and IDs will remain valid until their expiration, so Don't Renew Until It's Due! When it is time for a renewal, the new cards will be available via the official DDS Mobile App, DDS 2 GO and DDS Online Services at www.dds.georgia.gov. These two renewal options offer a $5.00 discount to obtain the new and more secure card.

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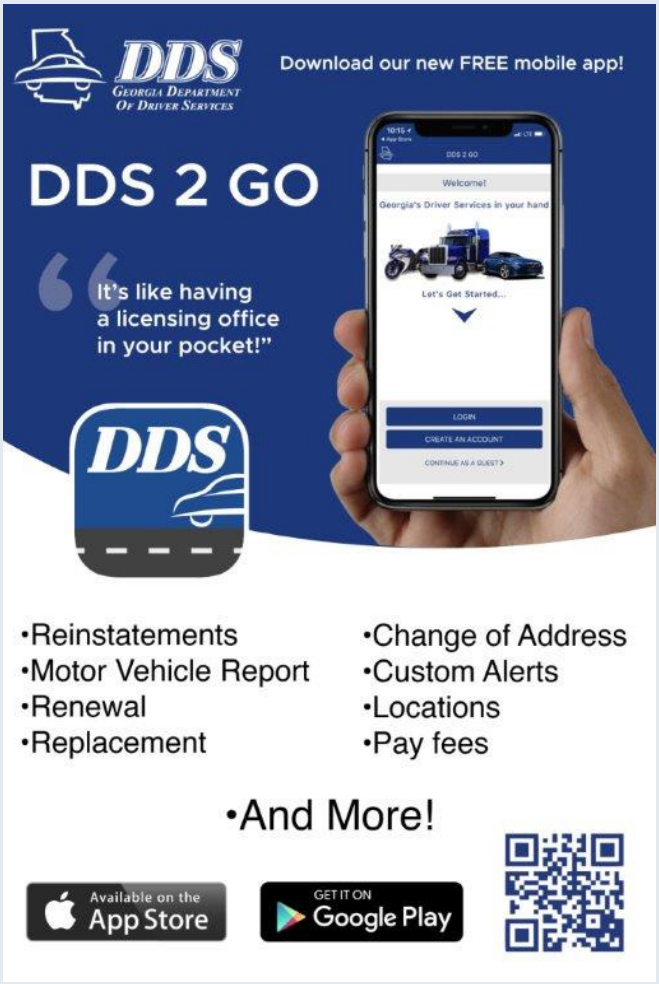
DDS 2 GO Mobile App

The Georgia Department of Driver Services is pleased to announce that they have launched a free mobile app. Georgia drivers are now able to conduct several transactions via their mobile device without physically visiting a DDS Customer Service Center.



Mobile app users are able to change their address, renew their license or identification card, reinstate a suspended license, obtain a Motor Vehicle Report, upload documents including CDL Medical Certificates and more.

Mobile app users also receive notifications when there are updates to their driving record and are able to view two (2) years of their driving history for free.

Skip a trip to DDS by downloading the free DDS 2 GO mobile app!

Changes to School Bus Passing Law

Under the new rules laid out by Senate Bill 25, cars heading in both directions on a divided roadway must stop for a school bus if the road is only divided by a center turn lane or double yellow lane stripes.

That reverses changes made to state law last year that allowed drivers coming from the opposite direction on divided roads separated only by a center turn lane to continue moving without having to stop for a school bus. Those changes had gone into effect last summer.

If the road is divided by a grass median, an otherwise "unpaved" median or a raised barrier, however, cars coming from the opposite direction do not have to stop for the school bus. Drivers coming from both directions on a two-lane road must continue to stop for school buses that are picking up or dropping off kids.

The Governor's Office of Highway Safety said the fine for violating the law will be up to $1,000 if the violator is caught by an officer and $250 if a stop arm camera catches a driver breaking the law.

Bovine Emergency Response Plan (BERP) – Georgia Responder Training

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The TIME Task Force is pleased to offer the first series of Bovine Emergency Response Plan (BERP) training sessions in GA this spring. BERP provides a standardized framework for response to roadway incidents involving cattle transport. Four sessions are planned statewide with space remaining only in the Tifton class. All emergency management disciplines are invited to train together regarding the following:

- Incident Dispatch
- Emergency Response Arrival
- Scene Assessment
- Security & Containment
- Livestock Extrication
- Euthanasia
- Relocation
- Mortality Disposal
- Vehicle Uprighting
- Incident Debriefing

2019 BERP Training Schedule – Four Identical 8-Hour Sessions Throughout Georgia

~~**Monday, April 8 – Calhoun, Gordon County Agricultural Service Center**~~ **SESSION FULL**
Wednesday, April 10 – Tifton, UGA Tifton Campus
~~**Thurs., April 11 – McDonough, UGA Henry Co. Cooperative Ext. Office**~~ **SESSION FULL**
~~**Friday, April 12 – Perry, Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter**~~ **SESSION FULL**

Registration is required. Space limited to 50 trainees per session. Participants must attend the entire 8-hour training session (no exceptions).
Register at the TIME Task Force of Georgia's website – timetaskforce.com/calendar.

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