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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Staff

FROM: COVID-19 Incident Command Center

SUBJECT: ICC Directive 20-35 (DMV CDL Extension)

DATE: July 14, 2020

Sheriff's Office Personnel,

On July 13th, The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) announced a one-year extension from the expiration date for non-commercial licensees 70 years or older that are expiring between March 1st, 2020 and December 31st, 2020. California law enforcement personnel are asked to honor the waiver mentioned above and to recognize that CDLs are extended with or without a physical paper extension.

Please refer to the attached LEM 20-12 Memo issued by the DMV for further information.



LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION MEMO: 20-12
SUBJECT: COVID-19 DL Extension for Customers Who
Are 70 Years Old and Older Update
Memo Date: July 13, 2020

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Purpose

To notify California law enforcement agencies of an automatic non-commercial driver license (DL) extension for customers 70 years and older, pursuant to the authority granted to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) under California Vehicle Code section 12816(e).

Background

On March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Under the authority granted to DMV and the Director of the DMV pursuant to California Vehicle Code section 12816(e), non-commercial licensees 70 years and older with a DL that expires March 1, 2020, through July 31, 2020, were mailed a 120-day extension.

All commercial DLs including endorsements and certificates expiring between March and September 2020 are extended to September 30, 2020, aligning with a recent emergency declaration from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

Pursuant to Executive Order N-52-20, current, valid commercial DLs and commercial learner's permits, whose medical certification expired on or after March 1, 2020, have an extension until September 30, 2020, to obtain and submit a new, valid medical certificate in accordance with applicable state and federal requirements.

New Information

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, certain populations have been advised to stay home due to the risk of exposure to COVID-19. Some Californians are required to visit a DMV field office in order to renew their DL and may be unable to do so at this time.

DMV Director Gordon issued Director's Order 2020-09 to further extend non-commercial licensees 70 years and older. Non-commercial licensees 70 years old and older with a DL expiring March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 will automatically be granted a one year extension from the DL expiration date.

As an option, customers may request a temporary DL extension emailed to them by visiting the DMV website and completing an online form.

**New
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NOTE: While DMV has taken action to extend licenses, the department will not update driver license records to reflect this extension. California law enforcement personnel are notified to accept a paper extension as valid or accept a non-commercial DL for those 70 years old or older with an expiration date of March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 without a paper extension, as valid for one year from expiration date on their card or for a commercial DL for those 70 years old or older with an expiration date of March 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020 without a paper extension, as valid through September 30, 2020.

This shall remain in effect through September 30, 2020, for commercial licensees 70 years and older and December 31, 2020 for non-commercial licensees 70 years and older.

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