NMVTIS Law Enforcement Working Group Seeks Region I LE Jurisdiction Representative to Fill Vacancy

NMVTIS law enforcement working group is seeking one jurisdictional law enforcement member from AAMVA Region I. To be eligible to apply, you must be a sworn officer or DMV investigator in an AAMVA member agency and have experience working within or supervising an auto theft unit or task force and/or have other relative vehicle crimes investigative experience.

The NMVTIS Law Enforcement Working Group operates under the auspices of the AAMVA Law Enforcement Standing Committee. The purpose of the Working Group is to expand NMVTIS awareness and usage among law enforcement and to improve the NMVTIS Law Enforcement Access Tool (LEAT) in collaboration with the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Administration.

For more information about the Working Group, please contact Paul Steier, 703.270.8932 or Brian Ursino, 703.350.5103. If you are interested in applying for the working group, please complete the application and send to Dianne Graham at committees@aamva.org by Friday May 5.

AAMVA Hires New Regional Director

AAMVA is excited to announce that Julie Knittle will join the AAMVA team as the new Director of Member Support for Regions 3 & 4 upon the upcoming retirement of Sheila Prior. Julie has been a fixture in the AAMVA community for many years and is currently the Assistant Director of the Programs and Services Division for the Washington Department of Licensing. She brings to AAMVA more than 14 years of service to WA DOL and 27 years in state government. Julie has been involved with many AAMVA committees and working groups over the years, including serving as the Chair of the Driver Standing Committee, Chair of the Region 4 Driver’s Committee, Chair of the National Driver Register Working Group, and many others. Julie will officially join AAMVA on May 15th which will allow for a multi-week overlap and transition with Sheila.

Real ID Bill Passes, Headed To LePage’s Desk For Signature (Maine)

A bill to bring Maine into compliance with federal Real ID standards is headed to the governor’s desk. On Tuesday, the Maine Senate gave final approval to legislation directing the Secretary of State’s Office to begin designing next-generation driver’s licenses and state-issued identification cards that meet the minimum security standards under Real ID. Read the article on www.pressherald.com.
Pedestrians Represent 21 Percent of All Deaths In Car Crashes in Maryland
Maryland saw 111 pedestrians die in motor vehicle accidents last year, accounting for more than one-fifth of fatalities statewide involving motor vehicles. Officials with the Maryland Department of Transportation announced Wednesday at a news conference in Linthicum that 523 people were killed in automobile accidents in 2016, two more than 2015. Read the article in capitalgazette.com.

Study: More People Are Driving Drugged Than Driving Drunk (Maryland)
Officials say these are unnecessary deaths on the roads. 523 lives lost. Roadway fatalities in Maryland are at the highest level since 2009, that's according to preliminary 2016 data just released by the Maryland Department of Transportation. Read the article on abc2.com.

Livery Cab Driver Accused Of Helping Applicants Cheat On Learner’s Permit Exams (New York)
Nassau County cops say a professional cabbie was cheating on a written learner’s permit test — charging new drivers to take the short quiz for them. Read the article on newyork.cbslocal.com.

North Carolina DMV To Produce Optional Identification Cards
The state of North Carolina is about to begin production of its first optional licenses or identification cards. NCDMV announced Wednesday that it will begin on May 1 with production of the state’s first REAL ID, which meets the security requirements of the federal REAL ID Act. Read the article on wnct.com.

DMV Computer Glitch Reinstates Thousands of Suspended Licenses (Virginia)
A computer glitch at the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles has allowed thousands of drivers back on the road when they shouldn’t be. Read the article in www.nbc29.com.

Older-Driver Road Tests Cut Crashes In Illinois
Normally, after obtaining a New York state driver’s license, it must be renewed every eight years and includes passing a visual acuity (eye) test. There are no old-age restrictions on licensure in New York; for example, you could be 88 years old and renew for an additional eight years, which would put you at age 96 before renewal is again required. Read the article in adirondackdailyenterprise.com.

Jesse White’s Legislation to Expand the Organ/Tissue Donor Registry Passes Senate Unanimously
Secretary of State Jesse White’s legislation that would allow 16- and 17-year-olds to register for the state’s First Person Consent Organ/Tissue Donor Registry when they receive their driver’s license or identification card passed the Illinois Senate today. Read the press release.

Michigan, Hewlett-Packard Settle Suit Over Computer Overhaul
Hewlett-Packard Co. will pay $13 million to the state of Michigan to settle a lawsuit alleging it failed to complete a multimillion-dollar overhaul of a computer system at secretary of state offices. Read the article usnews.com.

**WisDOT Receives $20,000 National Award To Help Combat Drugged Driving**

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation’s (WisDOT’s) Bureau of Transportation Safety has been awarded a $20,000 national grant to help combat the growing problem of drugged driving. The funds will provide Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training to 384 law enforcement officers across the state. Read the press release.

**Innovative Commercial Carrier Training Program Launches in Mexico (Arizona)**

An Arizona Department of Transportation program aiming to reduce commercial vehicle wait times at the international border offered its first training in Mexico this week to help Mexican trucking firms better understand and prepare for safety inspections. Read the bulletin on govdelivery.com.

**Google To Offer Rides In Self-Driving Vehicles In Arizona**

Google and Fiat Chrysler for the first time will offer rides to the public in the self-driving vehicles they are building under an expanding partnership. The companies announced in spring 2016 that they would build 100 self-driving Chrysler Pacifica hybrid minivans. Those vehicles have been tested in Arizona, California and Michigan. Read the article in latimes.com.

**California’s Fast-Track Gas Tax**

For decades, the long shadow of California's most famous anti-tax crusader hung over state politics — making big, ambitious publicly funded projects perilous for elected officials. Read the article on usnews.com.

**Colorado Bill To Expedite Immigrant License Renewals Fails**

A bill to let unauthorized immigrants renew their Colorado driver’s licenses online or by mail has died in the Senate. Read the article on www.coloradoan.com.

**Oregon DMV Issues Scam Warning**

The Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles on Friday issued a warning that people claiming to be from the DMV are calling residents and requesting payment for outstanding DMV fees over the phone. Read the article on patch.com.

**'Computer Problems' Cause Delays at Oregon DMV Offices, Issues With Website**

The Oregon DMV is blaming computer problems Monday for the issues and delays at their offices and for those using the online resources. A DMV spokesperson said they are still working to identify the technical failure. Read the article on katu.com.

**Study: Younger Drivers Don’t Want Electric Cars**

Another day, another study showing that drivers are totally into electric cars. Except this time, the study says exactly the opposite. Today’s study was carried out by the folks at Driving-Tests.org, which helps aspiring motorists study for their written driving exams. Not surprisingly, the site’s target demographic skews young—very young. Read the article in washingtonpost.com.
On Twitter

@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.).

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