Combined Standing Committees Meet
AAMVA's Driver, Law Enforcement, and Vehicle committees came together last week in Reston, VA for the Combined Standing Committees Meeting. Each committee gave a report on their accomplishments over the past year and an update on the big projects they'll be tackling in the coming year. The committees also brainstormed ideas for working groups and projects, as well as session topics for the 2017 Workshop and Law Institute in Minneapolis, MN. For more information on AAMVA's Standing Committees, visit http://www.aamva.org/committees-and-working-groups/#Committees

AAMVA Chair and Donate Life Visit AAMVA HQ
Jean Shiomoto, Chair of the AAMVA Board of Directors, visited AAMVA headquarters for an All Staff meeting to speak about her work and get to know the staff.

She was joined by representatives from Donate Life, who spoke about DMV Appreciation Week, and the very important role the AAMVA Community plays in organ donation.

Region IV Rep Sought for Card Design Standard Committee
AAMVA is seeking a Region IV police/highway patrol member to serve on the Card Design Standard (CDS) committee. This preferred candidate can be an officer of any rank, but must have current or recent field traffic law enforcement experience to provide that perspective to the committee. The CDS has been jointly working with the Electronic Identity (eID) working group (WG) on the topic of mobile driver licenses (mDL). The Joint WG has been charged with the review and potential leveraging of existing identity credential standards and recommend standards for the AAMVA membership relating to the emergence and rising popularity of electronic identity (mDL being a prominent use case). Learn more about the committee and its goals on AAMVA's Web site. Interested, qualified applicants must return completed applications (download application here) via email to Dianne Graham at committees@aamva.org no later than October 21, 2016.
Volunteer for the FDR Maintenance Committee

AAMVA is seeking three volunteers to fill vacancies on the Fraud Detection & Remediation (FDR) Maintenance Committee. The FDR Maintenance Committee works under the direction of the AAMVA Law Enforcement Standing Committee and provides technical expertise and oversight for the FDR program/training content. The Working Group typically meets in-person only once annually, and members are funded for travel to this meeting. Additionally, members are expected to complete occasional assignments between meetings. Learn more about the FDR Maintenance Committee and qualifications for holding a seat in the Committee on AAMVA's Web site. Qualified applicants must submit completed applications (download application here) via email to Dianne Graham at committees@aamva.org no later than October 28, 2016.

AAA Recommits to Providing Driver License Services to Non-Members in Connecticut

After initially reporting it would no longer offer licensing services to non-members, AAA has reversed its decision to part ways with the Connecticut DMV. Read the full story at Fox61.com.

Massachusetts Agrees to $62.5 Million REAL ID Contract

The ability of Massachusetts residents to access certain federal buildings and airplane departure gates in future years could depend on the success of a $62.2 million contract with a Colorado company hired to revamp the state's three-decade-old driver's license software system. Read the full story at Walpole.WickedLocal.com.

DMV Jammed Up By Voter Registration Traffic (New York)

The official deadline to register to vote in New York State for the upcoming presidential election is Friday (see note at bottom of page). While those in search of a quick fix might go online, the only site where voters can submit a registration form electronically is the state Department of Motor Vehicles, which has a history of crashing at the deadline. Read the full story at WNYC.org.

NYS Congratulates Law Enforcement's Newest Drug Recognition Experts (New York)

The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) today congratulated and recognized 21 law enforcement officers from across New York State who recently completed extensive training and are now nationally certified as Drug Recognition Experts (DRE). A graduation ceremony honoring all 21 graduates took place in late September in Suffolk County. With this graduating class of 21, New York now has 253 certified Drug Recognition Experts across the state. Read the full story at LongIsland.com.

Supreme Court to Rule if Police Opinions About Whether a Driver is High Should Count as Expert Evidence (Ontario)

A dispute over the admissibility of police "opinions" at drugged-driving trials lands at the Supreme Court of Canada Thursday in a case spotlighting an emerging legal dilemma over the hazy science of marijuana impairment. Read the full article in the National Post.

Federal Government Tells Pennsylvania to Meet REAL ID Requirement or Face Restrictions on Residents Gaining Access to Federal Facilities

The Federal Department of Homeland Security has notified Pennsylvania that state residents will face new restrictions gaining admittance to federal facilities in January

Register online!

OUR WEBINARS

OCTOBER

19 | NMVTIS SWI - Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature

25 | NMVTIS SWI - How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site

OPEN RFPs

Check out AAMVA's Open RFPs page for potential opportunities.

OUR SURVEYS

Please respond to these surveys from AAMVA, New Jersey, Connecticut, Arkansas, Ontario, District of Columbia, Vermont and Oregon.

Web Site History (Ends 10/18/2016) Responses received from AL, GA DDS, IA, KY, MI, MS, OH, VT.

Intrastate Medical Waiver for CDL Drivers (Ends 10/17/2016) Responses received from DE, IA, IL, MB, MD, MN, MO, ND, NE, NH, NM, ON, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WA.

Call Center Self-service (Ends 10/19/2016) Responses received from AB, AL, DC, GA, MD, MN, MS, NC, NE, NH, NM, NT, NY, SC, SD, SK, TN, VA, VT, WA.
China Reciprocity Agreement
(Ends 10/17/2016) Responses received from DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KY, LA, MD, MN, NC, ND, NE, NH, NY, SC, SK, TX, VA, VT, WA.

Personalized Licence Plate Complaints (Ends 10/21/2016) Responses received from AL, AR, CA, FL, IA, IL, IN, KY, MD, MI, ND, NE, NH, NM, NY, OR, QC, SD, VA, VT, WY.

DMV's Providing Vehicles for NCDL Road Tests (Ends 10/26/2016) Responses received from DE, FL, GA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MO, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, RI, SC, VA, VT, WA.

Processing vehicle registration / title transactions (Ends 10/25/2016) Responses received from AL, AR, CA, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, KY, LA, ME, MN, NE, NH, NT, NY, OK, RI, SD, TX, VA.

Returning Out-of-State Titles (Ends 11/10/2016)
These jurisdictions appreciate your assistance with their research. If you need a Web password or have any questions about using the survey tool, please send an e-mail to webportal.support@aamva.org or call Janice Dluzynski at 703-908-5842. All online surveys can be found on the AAMVA Web site.

because Pennsylvania’s driver’s licenses and IDs are not in full compliance with federal REAL ID requirements. Read the PennDOT press release.

Use of Backup Cameras Allowed in Pennsylvania Driver's Tests
After parallel parking perfectly the old-fashioned way, 21-year-old Donald Joseph passed his driving test. It was the Muhlenberg Township resident's third attempt, and he did exactly what state transportation officials want drivers to do: Learn how to parallel park with their eyes and mirrors without the aid of rear-camera technology. Read the full article on Govtech.com.

Washington D.C. Attorney General Warns Consumers of Potential DMV-Related “Phishing” Scams
Washington D.C. Attorney General Karl A. Racine has announced, according to the District’s Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), D.C. residents are being targeted by an alleged “phishing” scam. Read the full story at LegalNewsline.com.

Feds Deny Kentucky's Request for More Time to Update IDs
The federal government has denied Kentucky's request for more time to update its drivers' licenses, potentially forcing residents to use passports to board domestic flights by 2018. Read the full story at TheRepublic.com.

Oklahoma Denied Extension To Comply With Real ID Act
Oklahoma citizens will soon need a passport if they plan to fly anywhere, because Oklahoma drivers' licenses will no longer be accepted as a form of identification. Read the full story at 5NewsOnline.com.

Supreme Court Takes up DMV Private Property Case (West Virginia)
The state Division of Motor Vehicles wants the state Supreme Court to overturn a lower court ruling that allowed a Monroe County man to keep his driver’s license after driving drunk while operating an ATV on private property. Read the full story at WVMetroNews.com.

Illinois Gets Extension to Comply With Real ID Standards
Illinois is among 14 states that received a year-long extension to comply with stricter federal requirements for driver’s licenses and identification cards. Read the full story at StLouis.CBSLocal.com.

Manitoba Public Insurance Seeks 3.4% Rate Hike
Manitoba Public Insurance wants to raise rates by 3.4 per cent this year, citing a record number of collision claims this past winter. The province's public auto insurer says the crash-riddled winter, and an overall increase in collision claims and claims costs, have forced it to ask the Public Utilities Board (PUB) for the overall rate hike. Read the full story at CBC.CA.

Wisconsin Officials Acknowledge DMV Made Mistakes About Voter ID Rules
Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles employees gave inaccurate information to people seeking voting credentials, attorneys for the state acknowledged Friday night
while maintaining that media reports exaggerated the problems and that transportation officials have implemented changes to streamline the application process. Read the full story at CBSNews.com.

**Judge Orders Parties To Reconvene To Discuss Public Education On Voter ID Law (Wisconsin)**
A federal judge sharply criticized the Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles for its implementation of the state’s voter ID law at a Wednesday hearing. Read the full story at WPR.org.

**ServiceArizona.com Meets Record Demand for Voter Registration**
A record 45,294 Arizonans registered Monday to vote in the general election through ServiceArizona.com, the customer website offered by the Arizona Department of Transportation’s Motor Vehicle Division. Read the ADOT press release.

**California Issues Self-Driving Vehicle Testing Permits to Valeo, Wheego**
Valeo North America has joined Wheego Electric Cars Inc. in receiving permits to test self-driving vehicles on public roads in California. The state Department of Motor Vehicles said this week that both companies received approval for programs involving one vehicle and four drivers. Read the full story at WSJ.com.

**New Mexico Receives Real ID Extension**
The Department of Homeland Security notified the Department of Defense on Sept. 15 of a 90-day grace period for states that currently have a DHS extension. Read the full story at AlamogordonNews.com.

**Feds Raise Pressure on Oregon to Upgrade Driver's Licenses**
The government is increasing pressure on Oregon to adopt federal standards for its driver's licenses and state-issued IDs before residents face additional scrutiny at secured areas, including airports. Read the full story at OregonLive.com.

**Safe Driver Recognition Changes Effective This October (Saskatchewan)**
Changes to SGI's Safe Driver Recognition (SDR) program take effect Oct. 12, 2016. The program was implemented in 2002 to reward safe drivers and encourage risky drivers to change their behaviour. SGI began reviewing the program in 2012, seeking feedback from customers, stakeholders and employees. Read the SGI press release.

**From The Magazine: Cities Revoke Licenses to Shake Down the Poor**
In August 2012, Gloria Mata Alvarado developed stomach cramps while her husband was driving her to a doctor’s appointment. To relieve the pain, she unbuckled her seat belt. Read the article in The Progressive.

**The Uncertain Future of State DMVs**
Oh, Department of Motor Vehicles. When it comes to government agencies, they are right up there with the IRS. Nonetheless, DMVs around the country have been...
diligently working away on how to handle the future. Self-driving cars are coming – soon. And when they finally do pull up, it'll mean some big changes at the DMV. What's the government agency that's responsible for issuing drivers' licenses going to do when it's unclear who the driver of the future will be — a human or an operating system? Read the full article in the Marketplace.

**Study Urges Extending Junior Drivers License Limits to Age 21**
The national Governors Highway Safety Association is recommending that all states extend junior driving restrictions until age 21. In a study released Wednesday, the association said there was a 10 percent increase in 2015 in fatal traffic accidents for teenage drivers, the first increase since 2006. With the number of fatal accidents involving drivers between 18 and 20 years old higher than those involving younger drivers, the association recommends including older teenagers in the restricted group that requires more extensive training before they can obtain a full license. Read the full story at Post-Gazette.com.

**New Study Outlines Teens' Worst Driving Habits as Deadly Crashes Spike**
The number of teenagers involved in deadly car crashes is rising for the first time in nearly a decade. New data from federal regulators reveal a 10-percent increase last year in teen driving deaths. Teens are more than one-and-a-half times more likely than adults to be involved in a deadly crash. Read the full story at CBSNews.com.

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**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.).

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!***

**TN Highway Safety @TNHSO | View the Tweet**
@TNHSO joins @teensafedrv on Oct. 17 to promote Teen Driver Safety Week http://tntrafficsafety.org/tennessee-highway-s … #TeensRockSafety @sonicdrivein

**MD_MVA @MD_MVA | View the Tweet**
.@mdotnews Dept. Sec. Jim Ports meets with @FrederickCoMD to detail @LarryHogan record setting $14.4B in transportation investments.

**WA State Patrol Retweeted Trooper J. Sevigney | View the Tweet**
Texting while driving = Doing it wrong. #ItCanWait

Infrastructure ON @InfraOntario | View the Tweet
We’re excited to have launched our new website. New look and enhanced features. Check it out! http://bit.ly/2cIHcTD

Ohio State Licensing @OhioStLicensing | View the Tweet
Driving to the game this weekend?! Show your Buckeye Pride w/ an Ohio State specialty license plate! Avail @Ohio_BMV http://go.osu.edu/OSUSpecialtyPlates2016 …

IIHS @IIHS_autosafety | View the Tweet
IIHS Retweeted Graff Mt. Pleasant
More tech to help drivers avoid crashing in the first place.
----> Graff Mt. Pleasant @GraffMtPleasant
    #Cadillac’s advanced safety features in the new 2017 #XT5 crossover helped it become an IIHS Top Safety Pick+: http://bit.ly/2dOyjpl

MI OHSP @MIOHSP | View the Tweet
If a vehicle-deer crash is unavoidable don’t swerve. Brake firmly, hold onto the steering wheel, & bring your vehicle to a controlled stop.

Impact Teen Drivers @impactdrivers | View the Tweet
GDL focuses on 1st yr, because it's the riskiest year; teens are nearly 10 x more likely to crash in 1st yr of driving than any other time!

WRAP.org @WRAP_org | View the Tweet
WRAP today in Washington, D.C. meeting with @AGKarlRacine's office & law enforcement strengthening anti-DUI efforts in the city. #DriveSober

Automotive Fleet @AutomotiveFleet | View the Tweet

NHTSA @NHTSAgov | View the Tweet
Seat belt use is lowest among young drivers 16 to 24. Share the message—buckling
up is the law. http://fb.me/1dWmjP8Ew

GHSA @GHSAHQ | View the Tweet

W/ teen-involved crash fatalities up, hard to say "mission accomplished." @jraindc talks new report w/ @GeorgeColli: http://bit.ly/GHSAt eens16