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AAMVA Systems Training

Course I: Introduction to the National Driver Register

This introductory session provides history, background, purposes and uses on NDR and PDPS, State's Responsibility, and the Relationship between NDR, PDPS, States, and AAMVA.

Training Session: Tuesday, January 19, 2-4 ET

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Course II: PDPS Inquiry Transactions

This session provides information on PDPS Inquiry Transactions, which return pointer information on individuals who have been convicted of driving violations. The course details types of inquiries, information used, participants, and flow of each transaction.

Training Session: Wednesday, January 20, 2-4 ET

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Course III: PDPS Update Transactions

This session provides information on PDPS Update Transactions, which allow the addition, removal and change of pointer information at the PDPS Central Site. The course details types of updates, information used, participants, and flow of each transaction.

Training Session: Thursday, January 21, 2-4 ET

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Upcoming Webinars



NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) 3.0 - Understanding the New Data Elements

Tuesday, December 15, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (EDT)
Tuesday, December 22, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (EDT)
Tuesday, December 29, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (EDT)

In addition to the Title, Brand, Theft and Junk, Salvage and Insurance information currently returned by the SWI, the application will now display State Vehicle Data from the State-of-Title (SOT) titling system. Users of the SWI will learn how to interpret the 40+ data elements that are returned from the SOT and under which conditions State Vehicle Data is provided. They will also learn about screen navigation and how State Vehicle Data is displayed. Note: This webinar is for AAMVA jurisdiction and federal government members only. If you are a member and wish to register for this webinar, please login to the site, and go to the [Members Only Webinar page here](#).

Share Information with Other Jurisdictions

Please respond to these surveys from Rhode Island, Quebec, Tennessee, Indiana, Arkansas, Iowa, Idaho, Oregon, and Florida. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after each survey.

Use of Recording Devices During Skills Tests (Ends 01/08/2016)

Responses received from FL, LA, NH.

Transfer of Vehicle Registration (Ends 01/08/2016) Responses received from FL, LA, NJ, PA, VA, VT.

Eye Exam Requirements (Ends 12/28/2015) Responses received from AB, FL, IL, LA, ME, NH, NJ, TX, VA, VT, WA.

Licensing and Vehicle Systems (Ends 12/31/2015) Responses received from AR, FL, GA, IA, LA, MB, MN, MS, NE, NH, SK, VA.

Real ID Compliant DL/IDs Issued (Ends 12/18/2015) Responses received from CA, CT, FL, GA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MS, NE, NH, NJ, RI, TX, VA.

Mandatory Medical Reporting (Ends 12/29/2015) Responses received from AB, AK, CT, FL, IL, IN, LA, MT, NE, NH, NJ, QC, SK, TN, VA, VT, WA, WI.

CDL Knowledge and Skills Testing (Ends 12/30/2015) Responses received from AK, AR, CT, IA, KS, LA, ME, MN, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OR, RI, TN, TX, VA, VT, WA.

Dealers - Evolving Business Trends (Ends 12/18/2015) Responses received from AL, BC, FL, IA, ID, IN, KS, KY, LA, MO, MT, ND, NE, NH, SC, TX, UT, VA, WI.

Transporter License Plates (Ends 12/30/2015) Responses received from AL, CO, DE, IA, ID, KY, LA, MB, ME, MI, MN, MO, MT, NC, NE, NH, OR, PA, SC, UT, WI, WY.

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 webportalsupport@aamva.org or call Janice Dluzynski at 703-908-5842. All online surveys can be found on the AAMVA Web site at <http://www.aamva.org/Survey/User/SurveyDefault.aspx>.

New Court Case Posted: Commissioner of Indiana BMV v. Vawter

[Commissioner of Indiana BMV v. Vawter](#), a ruling on personalized license plate messages, has just been posted to the Court Cases section of the AAMVA website. The Indiana Supreme Court ruled:

"Indiana's personalized license plates are government speech. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles, therefore, does not violate the First or Fourteenth Amendments in denying an application for a PLP or revoking a previously issued PLP. Furthermore, Due Process Clause protections do not apply because vehicle owners do not have a property interest in their personalized license plates. We reverse the trial court's grant of the plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment as to these issues and direct the trial court to enter summary judgment on these claims for the BMV."

Visit www.aamva.org/Court-Cases/ for this and other recent rulings.

IACP Looking Beyond the License Plate Award Given to AAMVA Member



The 2015 winner of the IACP Looking Beyond the License Plate Award, an IACP Award sponsored by 3M, is Trooper Blair Paulsen of the Iowa State Patrol, an AAMVA member jurisdiction. (Pictured L to R, Anoop Gupta and

Amber Steinert, 3M; Trooper Blair Paulsen; and Commissioner Joe Farrow, California Highway Patrol and Chair, IACP Highway Safety Committee). Trooper Paulsen was selected for this annual award after making a traffic stop for a rear license plate violation that led to the discovery and dismantling of a human trafficking ring. A full description of this case can be found here <http://www.aamva.org/IACPBeyondTheLicensePlate/>

Congress Passes Five Day Funding Extension

On the day current spending authority was set to expire, Congress passed a five-day funding patch to keep the federal government operating through December 16th. This extension provides Congress with additional time to finish consideration of a \$1.1 trillion omnibus spending bill that would provide funding for the federal government throughout fiscal year 2016. While initial omnibus negotiations seemed promising, those discussions stalled as different policy riders were attached to the bill. The riders included a package of permanent tax extenders and language restricting entry for Syrian refugees. If negotiators are unable to present the package for formal consideration early next week, another extension will be needed.

NHTSA Requests Comments on DMV-Based Awareness Survey

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is proposing, through an information collection [request](#), to conduct public awareness surveys to evaluate seat belt enforcement and impaired driving enforcement. If granted, the public awareness surveys would be administered in-person at Department of Motor Vehicles Offices in two program locations and two comparison locations. NHTSA proposes 9,600 people would be surveyed with in total, with 4,800 surveyed for seat belt enforcement and 4,800 surveyed for impaired driving enforcement. NHTSA estimates the administration length would be approximately 5 minutes for the recruitment questionnaire and 10 minutes for the awareness survey questionnaire. For the recruitment questionnaire, information on licensure status and age would be collected. For the awareness survey questionnaire, information on attitudes, awareness, knowledge and behavior would be collected. The questionnaires would not collect any personal information that would allow anyone to identify respondents and participant names would not be collected. At time of notice, the program and comparison locations have not been selected. Comments on

the proposed collection of information are due by January 8, 2016. Jurisdictions submitting comments to NHTSA are encouraged to provide a copy to governmentaffairs@aamva.org.

Federal Grant Opportunities

AAMVA tracks federal grant opportunities that are made available to our state-based membership. The following federal grants are open for application:

- FY 2016 CVISN Notice of Funding Availability
- FY 2016 PRISM Notice of Funding Announcement

These grants can be found on AAMVA's [Federal Grants](#) page along with others as they become available.

FMCSA Issues NPRM to Require Passengers of CMVs Use Seat Belts

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has published a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) (NPRM) that would hold motor carriers and drivers responsible for ensuring that passengers riding in a commercial motor vehicle are using the seat belts required by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. Through the NPRM, FMCSA draws upon existing regulations relating to the installation of seat belt assemblies and the requirement that a property-carrying CMV which has a seat belt assembly installed at the driver's seat shall not be driven unless the driver has properly restrained himself or herself with the seat belt assembly. FMCSA, through this NPRM, proposes to require that passengers (as well as the driver) riding in property-carrying CMVs also use their seat belts when the vehicle is operated on public roads. If jurisdictions submit comments on this docket, please consider sending a copy of those comments to governmentaffairs@aamva.org.

Clearinghouse for Older Road User Safety (ChORUS) a Resource For Sustaining Mobility

As America's driving population ages, resources addressing the needs of those drivers become increasingly important. And now --just in time for Older

Driver Safety Awareness Week-- the Roadway Safety Foundation, with support from the Federal Highway Administration and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, has launched the Clearinghouse for Older Road User Safety (ChORUS) at www.roadssafeseniors.org. Read more at www.transportation.gov

Auto Data Direct Hits 2 Million Mark on NMVTIS Records Sold

Since becoming the first authorized provider of National Motor Vehicle Title System (NMVTIS) vehicle reports in 2009, Auto Data Direct (ADD) has sold more than 2 million records to business customers and consumers. "The significance of the number of records sold relates directly to the importance of the NMVTIS database in preventing automobile fraud and protecting consumers," said Jim Taylor, ADD President. "With the database now containing nearly 96% of all titled vehicles in the nation, it is a simple, affordable way to help ensure that a vehicle purchase is a smart decision. Consumers and businesses are seeing the value of this national resource." [Read the full press release here.](#)

2016 Lifesavers Conference - Save the Date

Save the date for the 2016 Lifesavers Conference, April 3-5, 2016 in Long Beach, California. This two and a half day conference features more than 80 workshop, two motivational plenaries, an evening reception in the exhibit hall, the public service award and closing luncheons, plenty of networking opportunities and more. Take a look at [this postcard](#) for more information, and visit www.lifesaversconference.org

The Battle for Attention: Driver Distraction – A Review of Recent Research and Knowledge

The Institute of Advanced Motorists in the United Kingdom has released a report that summarizes recent research and knowledge from scientific studies about distracted driving, with a focus on how drivers engage with technology while driving. Visit <http://www.trb.org/main/blurbs/173581.aspx> for more information.

