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## New Administrators' Orientation



AAMVA hosted 14 jurisdictional members for our annual New Administrators' Orientation last week in Arlington, Virginia. AAMVA President & CEO Anne Ferro, Chair of the AAMVA Board of Directors Richard D. Holcomb, and AAMVA staff gave the new administrators a briefing on how the association works and the resources AAMVA provides to help in their home jurisdictions. The new administrators also had a meet-and-greet with AAMVA employees, and had plenty of opportunities to ask questions about their association.

## 2016 Workshop and Law Institute - Register Now!



Register now for [AAMVA's 2016 Workshop & Law Institute](#), March 9-10, 2016 in Cincinnati, Ohio. AAMVA's 2016 Workshop & Law Institute is your premier opportunity to network with colleagues from other member jurisdictions across the U.S. and Canada as well as with industry organizations that provide the products and services you may be looking for. What are the impacts on jurisdictions of the rapidly changing landscape of automated &



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connected vehicles? When you've been hacked, it's too late! We'll be talking about best practices in cyber security. These are only a couple of the issues we'll be exploring during the two-day Workshop & Law Institute. We'll also discuss how autonomous vehicles and transportation networking companies are affecting the way we do business. Visit <http://www.aamva.org/2016-Workshop-and-Law-Institute-Home/> to register today and learn more about what you can expect in Cincinnati!

## APPLICATION DEADLINE APPROACHING - AAMVA Leadership Academy



The [AAMVA Leadership Academy](#) provides professional development opportunities for future leaders in the AAMVA community. This program is designed for jurisdiction employees who have demonstrated leadership potential and the ability to succeed in positions of greater responsibility within their agencies. The program will take place May 9 - 12, 2016. Attendees must have the approval and support of their Chief Administrator to apply. All expenses will be paid by AAMVA. This week-long program will include modules on defining leadership, team work and collaboration, organizational performance management, and more. It is an intense training opportunity focused on the unique characteristics of leading and managing a motor vehicle or law enforcement agency. The [draft course outline](#) provides more information on what topics will be included. If you are interested, please fill out the [application form](#) and send it along with your resume to Janice Dluzynski ([jdluzynski@aamva.org](mailto:jdluzynski@aamva.org)). Class size is limited to 18 participants and we can accept only one application from each member agency. **Applications are due by December 14, 2015.** If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact [Janice Dluzynski](#) via email or at 703-908-5842. See what prior participants had to say about the AAMVA Leadership Academy [in this video](#).

## AAMVA Awards Program Call For Entries



Don't miss this opportunity to be recognized for the great work your jurisdiction does every day. The AAMVA Awards Program recognizes members of the motor vehicle and law enforcement community by honoring individuals, teams, and organizations who have committed their time and resources to improving day-to-day business, reaching out to the community, and saving lives. Entries are to be submitted via email to [awards@aamva.org](mailto:awards@aamva.org) by **February 1, 2016 at 5 PM Eastern Time (April 1, 2016 at 5 PM Eastern Time for the Martha Irwin Awards)**. Visit the [AAMVA Awards Program website](#) to learn more about the specific award categories, and to download the [2016 Submission and Nomination Packet](#) and [Entry Form](#).

## E-Odometer Task Force Meeting

The [E-Odometer Task Force](#) met in Arlington, Virginia on December 1st and 2nd. The Task Force had a full agenda that included a half day roundtable discussion with industry stakeholders. The Task Force continued to refine a jurisdictional survey regarding e-signature initiatives to gather some baseline

information from all jurisdictions, and discussed defining standards to draft a detailed guidance document to implement an e-odometer solution. The Task Force also discussed the Fast Act and the pending proposal of rules by NHTSA. The Task Force welcomed two new members, Joseph Hill from Virginia, and Joann Loehr from Montana to the team. The Task Force will continue to meet by conference call and plan an additional face-to-face meeting to develop the guidance document on e-odometer disclosures. The meeting in Arlington was very successful and productive and the Task Force appreciated the time and input from the industry partners. The Task Force was slated to have the next Face-to-Face meeting in July 2016 but due to the passage of the Fast Act the meeting date may be earlier.

### The IDEC Board Welcomes Ontario to the IDEC CCE Program

The AAMVA International Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC) Board would like to welcome The Ontario Ministry of Transportation to the [Certified Commercial Examiner \(CCE\) Program](#). It is the desire of the IDEC Board that the CCE certification program continues to improve the effectiveness and professionalism of commercial examiners, thereby contributing to the safety of individual drivers on our highways. Ontario's entry into the IDEC CCE program furthers that desire. As Secretariat to the AAMVA IDEC program, should you have any questions concerning the CCE Program, please do not hesitate to contact [DHanchulak@aamva.org](mailto:DHanchulak@aamva.org) or 703/908-5767.

### Congress Passes FAST Act

The United States Congress has passed the "Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act." The [FAST Act](#) is a \$305 billion five-year surface transportation reauthorization bill authorizing federal highway programs through 2020. A one-year reduction from the original six-year plan to a five-year reauthorization allowed for an approximate 15 percent increase in highway spending. The passing vote followed the conference report that cleaned up legislative differences between the House and the Senate prior to the December 4th expiration of authorization. AAMVA has prepared an AAMVA member-specific [analysis](#) (member login required) that highlights the sections of interest to members. Visit AAMVA's [Government Affairs](#) page for more information.

### Upcoming Webinars



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

Tuesday, December 8, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (EDT)  
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 Idaho, Iowa, Indiana, Ontario, Oregon, Arkansas, Florida, Montana, New Jersey, and Wisconsin. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after each survey.

**CDL Knowledge and Skills Testing** (Ends 12/30/2015) Response received from Vermont.

**Mandatory Medical Reporting** (Ends 12/29/2015) Responses received from FL, WA.

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

**Licence Plate Covers and Frames** (Ends 12/29/2015) Responses received from CA, FL, KY, MN, NC, ND, NE, NY, QC, RI, SC, VA, VT.

**Dealers - Evolving Business Trends** (Ends 12/18/2015) Responses received from AL, FL, ID, KY, MO, ND, NH, SC, VA, WI.

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

**Transporter License Plates** (Ends 12/18/2015) Responses received from AL, CA, DE, ID, KY, MB, ME, MI, MN, NC, NE, NH, OR, PA, SC, WI, WY.

**Replica Vehicles** (Ends 12/17/2015) Responses received from AB, AL, CA, CO, DC, FL, ID, KY, MN, MO, ND, NE, NH, OH, SC, TX, VA, VT.

**Offensive Plate Monitoring** (Ends 12/14/2015) Responses received from AK, AL, CA, CT, FL, ID, IL, KS, KY, LA, MB, MD, ME, MN, MS, NE, NH, NY, OH, SC, SK, VT, WA.

**Dune Buggies - Title and Registration** (Ends 12/11/2015) Responses received from AL, BC, CA, FL, ID, IN, KS, KY, MB, MD, ME, MI, MN, NE, NH, NV, NY, OR, SC, TX, UT, VA, VT, 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](mailto: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>.

### **Oregon Files FMCSA Application for Exemption**

On November 27th, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) published [an application](#) from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) seeking an exemption from the Agency's Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) requirement that the CLP be valid for no more than 180 days from the date of issuance. The State of issuance may renew the CLP for an additional 180 days without requiring the CLP holder to retake the general and endorsement knowledge tests. ODOT proposes that it be allowed to extend the 180 day timeline to one year. The publication also states, "FMCSA requests public comments whether the exemption, if granted, should apply to all State Driver's Licensing Agencies." Oregon has informed AAMVA that their CLP exemption request to FMCSA had a typo when it was published in the Federal Register. [At the bottom of the leftmost column on page 74200](#), an instance using "CDL" should instead read as "CLP." AAMVA requests that jurisdictions submitting comments to the docket copy AAMVA's Government Affairs at [governmentaffairs@aamva.org](mailto:governmentaffairs@aamva.org). Comments are due December 28th.

### **Funding Announced for States to Train Officers to Detect Drug-Impaired Drivers**

Shaquille O'Neal joined the Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility ([Responsibility.org](#)) and the Governors Highway Safety Association ([GHSA](#)) to unveil GHSA's new law enforcement initiative to provide states funding to significantly increase the number of officers trained to detect drug-impaired drivers. The event was held at Rayburn House Office Building and was attended by members of Congress and Congressional staff. [Drug-impaired driving is a growing problem in America](#). With the increase in marijuana and other drug use, states are looking for ways to prevent people from getting behind the wheel when they should not be driving, and identifying those who do. [Read more at ghsa.org](#)

### **NHTSA Publishes Multiple Information Requests Regarding Highway Safety Plan**

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) published numerous information collection [requests](#) provided to the Office of Management and Budget which must be approved prior to collection. The information collection requests deal with Uniform Safety Program Cost Summary Forms for Highway Safety Plans (among others). Comments are due by February 2, 2016.

### **Congressional Progress Towards Omnibus Stalls**

The United States Congress entered the week hopeful that it would find agreement surrounding a \$1.1 trillion omnibus spending bill prior to the lapse of current spending authority set to expire on December 11th. By the end of the week, those hopes looked a little more grim as policy riders started finding their way into the agreement. Some of the problematic riders included language related to refugees fleeing Syria and Iraq, workplace and financial regulations, and the Department of Labor fiduciary rule. House Appropriations Chair Harold Rogers (R-KY) still hopes to get an agreement on an omnibus

filed by Monday, leaving just enough time to clear the legislation prior to the expiration. If leaders are not able to reach an agreement, another continuing resolution would be needed to avert a government shutdown.

### **Supreme Court to Potentially Hear Immigration Case This Term**

The Supreme Court may decide the legal challenge over President Obama's immigration executive actions before he leaves office. Justices have declined to extend the deadline for additional court filings as sought by Texas and 25 other states in their opposition to the President's 2014 expansion of immigration policies through executive order. This decision would mean that the case could be heard by June, which would carry the potential for the President to affect changes for a broad swath of the nation's immigrant population. While Texas had sought to file their brief January 20th, the Court has instead ruled that Texas must file the brief by December 29th. Until this case is concluded, an injunction prevents the implementation of the executive actions.

### **FMCSA Issues Final Coercion Rule**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has adopted a [final rule](#) that prohibits motor carriers, shippers, receivers, or transportation intermediaries from coercing drivers to operate commercial motor vehicles in violation of hours of service limits, commercial driver's license regulations, drug and alcohol testing rules, and hazardous materials regulations. In addition, the final rule prohibits anyone who operates a CMV in interstate commerce from coercing a driver to violate the regulations. The rule also includes procedures for drivers to report incidents of coercion to FMCSA, establishes rules of practice that the Agency will follow in response to reports of coercion, and describes penalties that may be imposed on entities found to have coerced drivers.

### **Public Briefing and Webcast Invitation: New Report on Technology-Enabled Transportation Services, Dec. 11**

On December 11, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine is releasing a [new report](#) examining the rise of technology-enabled transportation services. Smartphone applications and GPS data have enabled transportation services that, until recently, had never been realized on a large scale. These innovations include carsharing; bikesharing; microtransit services; and, most notably, transportation network companies (TNCs) such as Uber and Lyft. The report examines the growth and diversification of technology-enabled mobility services and explores the implications these services have for consumers. It discusses the challenges and opportunities that policymakers should consider as they regulate these services, including the existing regulatory structure for taxi, limousine, and transit, in the areas of personal security and public safety, insurance requirements, employment and labor issues, and accessibility and equity.

#### **DETAILS:**

Members of the authoring committee will present their findings and recommendations at a public briefing beginning at 11 a.m. EST on Friday, Dec. 11, at the Academies' Keck Center, 500 Fifth St. N.W., Washington, D.C. Those who cannot attend may view a live video webcast of the event [here](#). For questions about the event, please contact Lisa Marflak at 202-

334-3134 or [imarflak@nas.edu](mailto:imarflak@nas.edu). Our twitter handle, [@TRBofNA](https://twitter.com/TRBofNA), will be tweeting about it all week with the hashtag #TRBTNC.