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2016 Workshop – Session Spotlight

Register now to join us in Cincinnati, Ohio for the
2016 Workshop and Law Institute, March 9-10.

Workshop Session Spotlight: Drug Impaired Driving
Wednesday, March 9
10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Does legalizing marijuana impact driver safety? This session will showcase the Washington toxicology study that determined the percentage of drivers involved in fatal crashes who tested positive for marijuana/THC both before and after marijuana legalization. Attendees will also learn about the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) report on what states can do to address drug impaired driving.

CDLIS Timeliness and Accuracy- Summary Workbook Reports for Jurisdictions

At the direction and support of FMCSA, AAMVA produces monthly reports on the CDLIS Timeliness, Data Quality, and Capabilities of all jurisdictions. The reports for January are now ready for viewing. To request a copy of these reports, please click on the following link REQUEST

Submit Nominations for Martha Irwin Awards

The Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety is presented annually to an AAMVA member jurisdiction employee or other individual whose primary function is directly associated with highway and traffic safety efforts and who has had a distinguished career in this arena. The individual can be currently active or retired. One award is presented for achievement in highway safety in Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) and one for achievement in highway safety in Law Enforcement (LE).

- Download the 2016 Awards Program Submission and Nomination Packet and see page 4 for specific Martha Irwin Award (Motor Vehicle Administration) submission requirements.
- Download the 2016 Awards Entry Form. Each jurisdiction agency should complete and send one award entry form with the accompanying information specified in each award description by April 1, 2016.

Kristina Boardman Appointed Administrator of Wisconsin DMV

Kristina Boardman has been appointed Administrator of the Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles, to replace Patrick Fernan, who is leaving WisDOT to accept a position with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. Kristina’s appointment became effective today, Monday, February 22, 2016. Kristina joined WisDOT in 2005. She has worked in DMV since 2007, most recently as Deputy
Register online today!

OUR WEBINARS

FEBRUARY

24 | 2016 Fraud Detection and Remediation (FDR) Training
2:00 - 3:00 pm ET

OUR SYSTEMS TRAINING

FEBRUARY

23 | Course IV: PDPS State-to-State and NDR-Generated Transactions
2:00 - 4:00 pm ET

OUR SURVEYS

Please respond to these surveys from Ohio, Nevada, Ontario, Rhode Island, New Jersey, New York, Texas, Kansas, North Carolina, and Virginia.

Research - Customer Service and New Initiatives (Ends 03/04/2016)
Medical Marijuana and CDL Holders (Ends 03/11/2016)
Driver's Licence Exchange Fees (Ends 03/07/2016)
Fraud and enforcement investigation sections (Ends 03/11/2016)
CDL Rehabilitation Program (Ends 03/15/2016)
Medical Examiner's Certificate (Form MCSA-5876) (Ends 03/15/2016)
Online Temporary 'Timed' Permits (Ends 03/07/2016)
Mobile App Statistics (Ends 03/07/2016)
Outsourcing Call Center Services (Ends 03/04/2016)
Leadership Development Programs for DMV Staff (Ends 02/29/2016)

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 webportalsupport@aamva.org or call Janice Dluzynski at 703-908-5842. All online surveys can be found on the AAMVA Web site here.

Administrator. AAMVA congratulates Kristina Boardman on her new leadership role.

Dawn Olson Named Director of Minnesota DMV
Dawn Olson has been named the new Director of Driver and Vehicle Services at the Minnesota Department of Motor Vehicles. She will be taking over the role from Pat McCormack who recently retired. Olson’s first day as Director will be February 24, 2016. Congratulations to Dawn Olson! AAMVA wishes her the best in her new role.

Kentucky State Police Commissioner Announces Retirement
The leader of the premiere law enforcement agency in Kentucky is retiring February 29, 2016 after 34 years of service to the agency. Rodney Brewer, who has served eight-and-one-half years as Commissioner, was appointed by former Governor Steve Beshear and sworn in December of 2007. Brewer, who has served the Commonwealth with dignity, says his role as Commissioner has been an honor. He led the agency through difficult times including budgetary challenges, construction of a new training academy and executing the merger of the Commercial Vehicle Division into the KSP fold.

Georgia State Agencies Form Successful Partnership to Support Inmate Transition
Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) Commissioner Rob Mikell and Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) Commissioner Homer Bryson announced that their agencies have a 93% success rate in helping offenders in transition obtain state driver’s licenses and/or identification cards. Since taking office, Governor Nathan Deal has made criminal justice reform a top priority, and Georgia is now perceived as a model prison reform policy for other states across the nation. One important aspect in a successful inmate transition is the ability to get identification – particularly a driver’s license or state ID. DDS and GDC have collaborated to assist inmates nearing transition maneuver the often complicated and time-consuming process of compiling identification documents and ultimately obtaining license/ID Card issuance. For more information on Georgia driver services, please visit www.dds.ga.gov. For more information on GDC reentry and transition initiatives, please visit http://www.dcor.state.ga.us/.

Job Opportunities Within the AAMVA Community

Washington Department of Licensing: Deputy Director
Washington Department of Licensing is seeking a dynamic and committed Deputy Director to complement their Executive Leadership Team in leading the agency to be a world-class customer service organization. This recruitment is open until filled. Applicant review begins on March 1, 2016.

Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles: Public Information Officer 2
Public Information Officers manage the public relations and information program for an agency on a statewide basis; write media releases, newsletters, and informational brochures; produce audiovisual presentations and take photographs.

Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles: IT Professional IV
Information Technology (IT) Professionals analyze, develop, implement, maintain, and modify computer operations, systems, networks, databases, applications, and/or information security. Incumbents may perform duties in one or more IT specialization areas depending on the needs of the agency.

Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles: DMV Services Technician 4
DMV Service Technicians provide customer services associated with driver’s license, vehicle, and business occupational licensing programs. Incumbents possess a degree of knowledge and proficiency sufficient to perform
advanced-level work and may provide work direction and training to others.

For more information on these and other job opportunities, AAMVA's Career Center.

**Article: Teens Delay Getting Licenses — and Their Driving is Worse**

For years, a driver’s license represented to teenagers tantalizing adult freedoms. That little piece of plastic inspired visions of sun-kissed road trips, sports cars and make-out sessions in parking lots where mom wouldn’t drop in. But for Washington teens, a subtle shift is under way. More are waiting to get licensed. Read the full article in the Seattle Times.

**FEDERAL NEWS**

**NHTSA Publishes Interpretive Letter to Google on Self Driving Systems**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) published a letter to Google’s Self-Driving Car Project Director providing an interpretation of how Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSSs) apply to Google’s described design for motor vehicles. In the letter, NHTSA addresses each of Google’s requests for interpretation by its specific and relative FMVSS and the priority issues relative to the FMVSS through the Google submitted design. Further, the letter addresses the issue of interpretations of “driver,” “driver’s position,” and “driver’s designated seating position” in the context of the Google described design. Of note, the NHTSA letter states that “the critical point of NHTSA’s responses for many of the requested interpretation is that defining the driver as the Self Driving System (or the driver’s position as the left front position) does not end the inquiry or determine the result. Once the Self Driving System (SDS) is deemed to be the driver for purposes of a particular standard or test, the next question is whether and how Google could certify that the SDS meets a standard developed and designed to apply to a vehicle with a human driver. NHTSA notes that while some interpretation is permissible by the amount of information presented, some of the other requests present policy issues beyond the scope and limitations of interpretations and will need to be addressed using other regulatory tools or approaches.

**DHS Submits Real ID ICR Reinstatement Request**

On February 22, the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a 60-day notice and request for comments on a reinstatement of the Information Collection Request (ICR) associated with the federal Real ID Act. The notice cites that in order for a state to achieve full compliance, DHS must make a final determination that the state has met the requirements contained in the regulations and is compliant with the Act and states must recertify their compliance with Real ID every three years on a rolling basis as determined by DHS. This notice reiterates the mandate on aspects of the information collection process including the DHS certification process generally, state-submitted security plans and background checks, voluntary exceptions processes, and recordkeeping requirements associated with Real ID. The notice also explains extension requests and that per Section 37.63 of the Final Rule, states granted an initial extension may file a request for an additional extension at the discretion of the Secretary of DHS. While there are no program changes or new requirements established as a result of the collection request, information regarding extensions were covered in an initial ICR request but incorrectly removed from the subsequent request. Comments on the notice will be accepted until April 22, 2016. If your jurisdiction files comments, please copy governmentaffairs@aamva.org.

**FMCSA to Hold Public Listening Session on Electronic Logging Devices**

FMCSA has announced that it will hold a public listening session concerning the electronic logging device (ELD) compliance test procedures. The meeting will serve as a forum for providers of ELDs to give feedback to the Agency on non-binding procedures used to determine if an ELD meets the specifications of the
ELD rulemaking published on December 16, 2015. The webinar session will be held on February 25, 2016 from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m., Eastern Time. Registration information is also provided.

**FMCSA Files Extension on Driver Qualification Records**
The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has requested an extension of its previously approved information collection request on driver qualification files. FMCSA is asking the Office of Management and Budget to approve a renewed information collection request because it has revised the paperwork burden associated with it due to the increase in the overall number of commercial motor vehicle drivers and the frequency of their hiring. It is important to note that the regulations themselves have not been amended, and the information collection burden imposed on individual drivers and motor carriers is unchanged. However, OMB has directed FMCSA to include intrastate as well as interstate drivers in the population of drivers incurring an IC burden under the driver qualification file regulations. Comments regarding the request are due by April 18, 2016.

**FMCSA Webinar - CDL Grants**
The FMCSA National Training Center (NTC) is pleased to announce a webinar which will provide attendees with information about the Commercial Driver's License Program Implementation (CDLPI) Grant, which provides financial assistance to States to achieve compliance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. parts 383 (Commercial Driver’s License Standards; Requirements and Penalties) and 384 (State Compliance with Commercial Driver’s License Program). The CDLPI grant program also provides financial assistance for other entities capable of executing national projects that aid States in their compliance efforts and that will improve the national Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) program. Presenters will discuss details of the Notice of Funding Availability for the FY 2016 grant program. The webinar will be delivered twice:

- Wednesday, February 24, 2016, from 2:00–3:30 p.m. Eastern Time (ET)
- Thursday, February 25, 2016, from 10:00–11:30 a.m. ET

To register, go here. For any general questions regarding these webinars, contact Kirse Kelly (kirse.kelly@dot.gov or 703-235-1324).

**Teleconference on DMV Benefits for Non-Immigrant Workers**
The Office of the CIS Ombudsman will be holding a teleconference on February 25th at 2:00 PM to solicit input from stakeholders regarding the difficulty faced by certain non-immigrants in obtaining DMV benefits. Federal regulations provide that individuals who file timely for extension of their non-immigrant status receive automatic 240 day extensions while their applications are pending. However, these individuals do not have documentary evidence of status to present to DMV officials when they file for driver’s license extensions. As a result, many of these individuals are unable to renew their driver’s licenses. Information gathered during the teleconference will be used to recommendations to USCIS on how to mitigate DMV related issues faced by these non-immigrants. More information on the teleconference is available at https://www.dhs.gov/public-engagement