AAMVA Board of Directors Meets
The AAMVA International Board of Directors held their winter meeting on January 6-7 in San Antonio, TX. The board provided direction on a number of key AAMVA initiatives and spent time visiting with strategic partners including sister associations, U.S. government partners, and CCMTA. Among the board's decisions was the establishment of a new Motor Carrier Working Group that will identify potential opportunities for AAMVA to expand its services and support to members who work on motor carrier related issues. Interested members should continue to monitor TWIR for an upcoming announcement requesting working member applications.

AAMVA and AASHTO Sponsor Autonomous Vehicles Event
AAMVA and AASHTO jointly sponsored a workshop hosted by the Nevada DMV and Nevada DOT last week to discuss autonomous vehicle technology. The meeting's objective was to share and explore different approaches to regulations and public policy across the country. At the meeting, Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval announced that within a month, a center for autonomous vehicles would be created within his economic development office. The office would assist companies looking to test or build their vehicles in Nevada the same way that the state now helps companies with unmanned aerial vehicles. AAMVA members were well represented by numerous attendees, including presentations by Bernard Soriano (CA DMV), Jude Hurin (NV DMV), and Ian Grossman (AAMVA).

2016 Workshop and Law Institute - Session Spotlight
Register now for AAMVA's 2016 Workshop & Law Institute, March 9-10, 2016 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Register Before February 12th to Save! Early-bird registration ends on February 12th.

Session Spotlight
Legal Implications of Increased Automation
Wednesday, March 9
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Beyond the technology and rules of the road, increased automation comes with legal implications and liability impacts that AAMVA members must address.
Interested in having your logo appear here? Become a TWIR sponsor by contacting
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OUR EVENTS

FEBRUARY

2-3 | DMV Investigator Integration Working Group Meeting
Phoenix, AZ
By invitation only

OUR WEBINARS

JANUARY

12,19, 26 | NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) 3.0 - Understanding the New Data Elements
2:00 - 3:00 pm ET

20 | Yeah We Do That
2:00 - 3:00 pm ET

21 | New CDLIS Timeliness and Accuracy- Summary Workbook
2:00 - 3:00 pm ET

FEBRUARY

2, 9, 16 | NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) 3.0 Understanding the New Data Elements
2:00 - 3:00 pm ET

OUR SURVEYS

Please respond to these surveys from New Hampshire, Wisconsin, New Jersey, Florida, and Alberta.

REAL ID residency documents (Ends 02/08/2016)

Paperless DMV (Ends 02/12/2016)

CDL Driver Improvement Program (Ends 01/29/2016)

Attendees will hear from fellow members such as the California DMV, who recently released autonomous vehicle regulations.

Apply for Vacancy on Test Maintenance Subcommittee
The Test Maintenance Subcommittee (TMS) is a permanent AAMVA Subcommittee which is directly responsible for developing, maintaining and distributing new and revised model driver’s license testing systems (CDL, noncommercial and motorcycle) to the AAMVA Member Jurisdictions.

Subcommittee applicants must be well versed in all aspects of commercial and noncommercial knowledge and skills/drivers test administration; and shall have as part of their job responsibilities, driver licensing test development or administration activities. TMS will meet face to face at least twice a year, as well as via conference call or webinar as the work load requires. Applicants are required to attend and actively participate in all Subcommittee meetings, assist in all Subcommittee activities; and be the liaison between the AAMVA Member Jurisdictions in your Region and the Subcommittee on licensing issues. Please complete the application in its entirety and submit it to committees@aamva.org no later than close of business on Friday, January 29, 2016. Please cc Karen Morton on your submission at kmorton@aamva.org.

Now Available: FDR e-Learning Courseware Updates and Enhancements
The 2016 Annual Update to the Fraud Detection and Remediation (FDR) e-Learning courseware features a number of important enhancements and new information. Visit the FDR Training section of AAMVA's Web site to review program details, examine the change documentation and access the download page. You will need to use your AAMVA User ID and Password to access the material. Downloads are designed so that single training contacts can access the courseware on behalf of their agencies and then deploy the training throughout their organizations. (Individual students must go through the designated agency contact to retrieve courseware.) Visit http://www.aamva.org/FDR-Training/ for more information.

Deadline Approaching - Apply for AAMVA Awards
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 by February 1, 2016 (April 1, 2016 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.

AAMVA Systems Training

Course I: Introduction to the National Driver Register
Training Session: Tuesday, January 19, 2-4 ET
Register Here. You will have to register if you are new to the training site by clicking on "Register"

Course II: PDPS Inquiry Transactions
Training Session: Wednesday, January 20, 2-4 ET
Register Here You will have to register if you are new to the training site by clicking on "Register"
Third Party Testing for Non-Commercial DL (Ends 01/26/2016)

Driver Licence Requests from Outside Jurisdiction (Ends 01/31/2016)

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.

Course III: PDPS Update Transactions
Training Session: Thursday, January 21, 2-4 ET
Register Here You will have to register if you are new to the training site by clicking on "Register"

JURISDICTION NEWS

ALPCA’s 2014 Best Plate Award to Alberta

After a very close race, Alberta’s Support Our Troops License Plate won the Automobile License Plate Collectors Association Best Plate Award for 2014. This optional license plate gives Albertans a new way to show their respect and appreciation for Canada’s brave service men and women. The cost is a one-time fee of $75 plus a $9 registry agent fee. Read more at alpca.org

Ohio Front License Plate Study
The following report has just been posted to the AAMVA website:

- Ohio Front License Plate Study (2015)

Visit the http://www.aamva.org/Jurisdiction-Studies/ to see this and other resources.

Kentucky Gold Star License Plate Now Offered to Siblings of Fallen Military Heroes

Individuals whose siblings have died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces may now apply for a Gold Star Sibling license plate thanks, in part, to legislation passed in the 2015 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly. House Bill 209, which passed both chambers unanimously, expands the Gold Star plate eligibility to siblings of fallen heroes. Until this legislation, only parents and spouses of the deceased were entitled to apply.

FEDERAL NEWS

REAL ID Alert
Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh C. Johnson announced plans for the final phase of REAL ID enforcement which addresses enforcement by TSA at airports:

- Starting January 22, 2018, passengers with a driver's license issued by a state that is still not compliant with the REAL ID Act (and has not been granted an extension) will need to show an alternative form of acceptable identification for domestic air travel to board their flight. Passengers with driver's licenses issued by a state that is compliant with REAL ID (or a state that has been issued an extension) will still be able to use their driver's licenses or identification cards.
- Starting October 1, 2020, every air traveler will need a REAL ID-compliant license, or another acceptable form of identification, for domestic air travel.

View the DHS press release and Q&A documents for additional information.
FY2016 Commercial Driver's License Program NOFA
FMCSA has released their Fiscal Year 2016 Commercial Driver's License Program Implementation Grant Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). Applications are due date April 5, 2016.

FMCSA Seeks Public Comment on CRST Expedited Exemption Application
CRST Expedited has applied for an exemption to allow CLP holders who have successfully passed the CDL skills test to be able to drive a CMV without having a CDL holder seated beside them in the CMV. CRST states that the CDL holder would remain in the CMV at all times while the CLP holder is driving, but not necessarily in the passenger seat. FMCSA requests public comment by February 4th on CRST's application for exemption.

Federal Grants Available
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
- FY 2016 Commercial Driver's License Program Implementation
- FY 2016 Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training Grant Program

These grants can be found on AAMVA's Federal Grant page along with others as they become available.

PARTNER NEWS

Survey and Outreach for the AASHTO HSM, Second Edition
Work recently began on NCHRP (17-71) Proposed AASHTO Highway Safety Manual, Second Edition (HSM2). As a first step in that effort, AASHTO is reaching out to individuals who have used the HSM to help identify ways to improve the usability, accessibility, and technical content of the HSM. If you have used the HSM, or are interested in transportation safety, there are three ways for you to be involved in this effort:

1. Take the HSM User Survey
2. Suggest Specific Revisions to the HSM, 1st Edition
3. Stay Informed about Ongoing HSM, 2nd Edition Activities

For more information, visit www.hsm2.org