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Autonomous Vehicles Update

U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx [unveiled new policy](#) that updates the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) 2013 preliminary policy statement on autonomous vehicles. [This announcement](#) was made at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit in conjunction with a commitment of nearly \$4 billion over the next 10 years to accelerate the development and adoption of safe vehicle automation. AAMVA was specifically mentioned in the announcement as a partner, along with NHTSA, states, and other stakeholders, to develop a model state policy on automated vehicles. The new policy is designed to facilitate and encourage the development and deployment of technologies with the potential to save lives. Within six months, NHTSA will propose guidance to industry on establishing principles of safe operation for fully autonomous vehicles (vehicles at Level 4 on the scale established in NHTSA's 2013 preliminary policy statement). For more information, see the [Special Alert on AAMVA's Website](#).

AAMVA At Transportation Research Board Event



AAMVA was well-represented last week at the 95th Annual Meeting of The Transportation Research Board (TRB) in Washington, D.C. Anne Ferro, Ian Grossman, Cathie Curtis, Brian Ursino, and Cian Cashin represented AAMVA members at different portions of the meeting, including presentations by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation and sitting on TRB committees responsible for research related to transportation safety management, highway law enforcement, and automated vehicle technology. The meeting attracted more than 15,000 transportation professionals from around the world.

Maryland to Join State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) – Indiana to Follow

[Maryland will begin using AAMVA's State-to-State Verification Service \(S2S\)](#) on Monday, February 1st. Tasks related to on-boarding Maryland will be conducted during the weekend of January 30th. During this process (Saturday evening to Monday morning), there may be periods during which the CDLIS/S2S Central Site (Central Site) is in inquiry-only mode or is unavailable (over and above the

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OUR EVENTS

FEBRUARY

2-3 | [DMV Investigator Integration Working Group Meeting](#)

Phoenix, AZ
By invitation only

OUR WEBINARS

JANUARY

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

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

regularly scheduled maintenance window of 2AM to 5AM on Sunday, January 31st).

Following Maryland, [Indiana will be the next state to take benefit of the S2S](#) functionality. This will occur over the weekend of February 20. Please visit <http://www.aamva.org/State-to-State/> for a full timeline and more information.

NHTSA Funding in Support of S2S

NHTSA has acknowledged that **§405(c)** grant monies can be used to fund a state's implementation activities and operational costs for the State-to-State Verification Service (S2S). The purpose of 23 U.S.C. 405(c) is to establish "grants to States to develop and implement effective programs that improve the timeliness, accuracy, completeness, uniformity, integration, and accessibility of State safety data needed to" – among other things – "link State data systems" and "improve the compatibility and interoperability of State data systems with national data systems and the data systems of other States". 23 C.F.R. §1200.22(a). State Motor Vehicle Agencies that wish to participate using §405(c) funds can:

- Engage their State Highway Safety Office (SHSO) directly on their proposed use of NHTSA grant funds for S2S;
- Provide project information that describes specific, quantifiable and measurable improvements anticipated in the State's core safety databases, including driver databases, in terms of timeliness, accuracy, completeness, uniformity, integration, and accessibility; and
- Coordinate with the State's Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC) to incorporate this project into their Strategic Plan, and have it approved by the committee.

To view a list of SHSO's visit: <http://www.ghsa.org/html/about/shsos.html>. For more information concerning the NHTSA grant programs please visit: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/About+NHTSA/Highway+Safety+Grant+Programs>. For more information on S2S visit: <http://www.aamva.org/State-to-State/> or contact Nancy Carlson - ncarlson@clerussolutions.com or Chrissy Nizer - cnizer@mdot.state.md.us or Pam Dsa – pdsa@aamva.org

Webinar TOMORROW: AAMVA, Yeah We Do That!

Join us for the webinar presentation, *AAMVA, Yeah We Do That*, tomorrow, January 20, 2016 from 2:00 - 3:00PM ET. This webinar will cover all the programs, services, and products that AAMVA offers to members, including best practices and solutions, conferences and events, educational opportunities, information access, legislative support, and much more. [Register now to join!](#)

2016 Workshop and Law Institute



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.

Test Maintenance Subcommittee Needs a Region IV Representative

The Test Maintenance Subcommittee (TMS) is a permanent AAMVA Subcommittee which is directly responsible for developing, maintaining and

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Course III: PDPS Update Transactions

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

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OUR SURVEYS

Please respond to these surveys from Texas, Georgia, Idaho, Saskatchewan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Wisconsin, and Florida.

[Point System Process](#) (Ends 02/12/2016)

[CDL Third Party Testing](#) (Ends 02/15/2016)

[Field Office Frontline Employee Certification](#) (Ends 02/12/2016)

[Lighting and Safety Measures for Tow Trucks](#) (Ends 02/08/2016)

[REAL ID residency documents](#) (Ends 02/08/2016)

[CDL Driver Improvement Program](#) (Ends 01/29/2016)

[Paperless DMV](#) (Ends 02/12/2016)

[Third Party Testing for Non-Commercial DL](#) (Ends 01/26/2016)

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](#).

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.

Volunteers Needed for Electronic ID Working Group

The Electronic Identity (e-ID) Working Group is seeking a Law Enforcement Representative. The eID 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. The Working Group's near-term goals include:

- Deliver a higher level of security and assurance for online transactions
- Web-enable additional services by enabling e-Signing of transactions
- Position guidance for mobile DL
- Analyze jurisdictional legislative efforts to promote/hinder eID

Interested candidates can [complete the application](#) and return it to Dianne Graham, committees@aamva.org, by **January 22, 2016**. If you need further information, please contact [Geoff Slagle](#).

Members Needed for New Motor Carrier Working Group

AAMVA is seeking volunteers for 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. The initial tasks of the group will include performing a gap analysis on motor-carrier-related issues that warrant the AAMVA community's focus that are not already within the scope of other associations and recommending next steps for AAMVA to fill those gaps. The Working Group will be comprised of eight members representing all AAMVA regions with a range of experience in motor carrier-related DMV or enforcement functions, exclusive of CDLs. Eligible applicants will be expected to attend in-person and virtual meetings. Please [complete the application](#) and submit no later than close of business on Thursday, **February 4, 2016**.

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 December are now ready for viewing. To request a copy of these reports, please click on the following link [REQUEST](#)

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](#).

JURISDICTION NEWS

AAMVA Mourns the Loss of Special Agent-in-Charge Gary Mitchell



Gary Mitchell passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 16, 2016 in his home surrounded by his loving family. He was 52. Gary was diagnosed with a brain tumor in May of 2015. Gary retired from NHTSA's Office of Odometer Fraud Investigation six weeks ago after a law enforcement career spanning 27 years. In the photograph below, taken in March 2015, Gary is receiving an award from NHTSA Administrator Mark Rosekind in Washington, DC.

Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, January 21 at the LDS Red Cliffs 2nd Ward located at 625 E. Center Street, Ivins, Utah 84738. The viewing will be 9:30 am-10:45 and the funeral at 11:00am. Interment will be at Ivins Cemetery located at N. 400 W. Ivins, Utah. You may also see [McMillan Mortuary | St. George UT funeral home and cremation](#) for a full obituary and online condolences.

FEDERAL NEWS

FMCSA Seeks Feedback on Carrier Safety Fitness Determination Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) today announced a rulemaking proposal designed to enhance the Agency's ability to identify non-compliant motor carriers. The Safety Fitness Determination (SFD) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), to be published in the Federal Register, would update FMCSA's safety fitness rating methodology by integrating on-road safety data from inspections, along with the results of carrier investigations and crash reports, to determine a motor carrier's overall safety fitness on a monthly basis. The proposed SFD rule would replace the current three-tier federal rating system of "satisfactory–conditional–unsatisfactory" for federally regulated commercial motor carriers (in place since 1982) with a single determination of "unfit," which would require the carrier to either improve its operations or cease operations. For more information, visit fmcsa.dot.gov

2016 NTSB Most Wanted

The National Transportation Safety Board unveiled its [2016 Most Wanted List](#) of transportation safety improvements Wednesday, calling it a "road map from lessons learned to lives saved." The list focuses on 10 broad safety improvements on which the NTSB has made recommendations that have not yet been

implemented. Several items on the list demonstrate the importance of technology in saving lives, preventing accidents and lessening the number and severity of injuries from accidents. For example, the list calls for promoting both the availability of collision avoidance technology in highway vehicles, and the completion of rail safety initiatives to prevent accidents. The list also calls for strengthening occupant protection in all modes of transportation, including laws mandating primary enforcement of seatbelt use, and age-appropriate child restraints. [Read more at ntsb.gov](#)

PARTNER NEWS

Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance Selects Collin Mooney as its New Executive Director

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) has appointed Collin B. Mooney as its new executive director, effective Jan. 11, 2016. Collin has been with CVSA for the past 13 years and has been the Alliance's deputy executive director since 2010. Most recently, he has been serving as the Alliance's acting executive director. Collin joined CVSA in 2003 as director of training programs and later as the organization's director of enforcement programs. He was later promoted to the position of deputy executive director, where he has served the Alliance for the past six years. Since September 2015, after the departure of the existing CVSA executive director, Collin has been dutifully serving as the Alliance's acting executive director until recently being selected as the organization's fifth executive director in the history of the Alliance. [Read more at cvsa.org](#)

The Road Safety Monitor 2015: Drinking and Driving in Canada

The Traffic Injury Research Foundation has released a fact sheet that summarizes national results from the Road Safety Monitor, 2015, on drinking and driving in Canada. [Read more here.](#)

