New Highway Safety Outreach Resources Page at AAMVA.org

AAMVA is pleased to announce a brand new Highway Safety Outreach Resources page at AAMVA.org. You can find a collection of tools and information to help in achieving your highway safety goals. We are privileged to have strong working relationships with other like-minded organizations who also strive to reduce highway safety fatalities and injuries, and by visiting our new Highway Safety Outreach Resources page, you can benefit from the work these organizations have already crafted. Visit http://www.aamva.org/Highway-Safety-Outreach-Resources/ for more information.

Registration for the 2016 Region IV Annual Conference is Now Open!

Online registration is now available for the 2016 Region IV Annual Conference. This year's conference will take place May 16-19, at the Hilton Portland & Executive Tower in beautiful Portland, Oregon. The 2016 Region IV Conference will be packed with two and a half days of discussions on the latest driver licensing, motor vehicle and law enforcement topics. Learn about the successes and challenges of others, share ideas, build relationships, and discover the many products and services provided by our industry partners that can assist in your mission. Industry attendees will have the opportunity to meet with key players in the motor vehicle and law enforcement arena. Visit the 2016 Region IV Conference Web site to learn more.

ONE WEEK LEFT to 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 Joins NHTSA for Vehicle Cybersecurity Roundtable

AAMVA joined the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for its Vehicle Cybersecurity Roundtable in Washington, DC. The roundtable included industry and stakeholder experts looking to facilitate the industry’s development and adoption of vehicle cybersecurity standards and best practices. The event included multiple panels, including Charlie Miller, the independent Security Researcher that was able to hack into the safety controls of a vehicle through its infotainment system. Security experts throughout the day shared how they envisioned improvements being made in the vehicle cybersecurity sector under the compressed timeframe that automated and connected vehicles are placing upon original equipment manufacturers.

Fraud Detection & Remediation (FDR) Outsource RFP Posted

AAMVA is pleased to announce the release of an RFP for end-to-end program management of AAMVA’s FDR program. The RFP contains a schedule for questions and submissions, please contact Wesley Day at 703-908-5877 or wrday@aamva.org should you have any questions. Download the RFP here or visit http://www.aamva.org/Open-RFPs/ for more information.

Reminder: 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 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.

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.

Region IV Representative Needed for Test Maintenance Subcommittee

AAMVA is looking for a volunteer to serve as the Region IV Representative on the Test Maintenance Subcommittee (TMS), a permanent AAMVA Subcommittee which is directly responsible for developing, maintaining and distributing new and revised model driver’s license testing systems to AAMVA members. These include both commercial and non-commercial testing systems. The components of these test systems include model driver manuals, model knowledge tests, and model skill tests. TMS will meet face to face at least twice a year, as well as via
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 to committees@aamva.org no later than close of business on Thursday, February 4, 2016.

Job Opportunity | State of Oregon - DMV Program Services Manager

The State of Oregon is seeking a DMV Program Services Manager. As the Program Services Group Manager, you will serve on Oregon DMV’s senior leadership team and oversee four separate functions: Driver Programs, Vehicle Programs, Business Regulation & Fraud Prevention, and Systems & Planning. This job opportunity is open until February 1st. For more information on this opportunity and how to apply, visit here.

Connecticut DMV Commissioner Resigns

Commissioner Andres Ayala resigned from his position as head of the Connecticut DMV effective January 22, 2016. Deputy Commissioner Mike Bzdyra is serving as Acting Commissioner until February 12, 2016. Connecticut Governor Dannel P. Malloy announced that Dennis Murphy, who currently serves as Deputy Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Labor, will take over as Acting Commissioner of the DMV, effective February 12th, and until the Governor makes a selection for a permanent Commissioner of the agency.

Karen St. Germain Appointed Commissioner of Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles

Louisiana Governor-elect John Bel Edwards announced several key cabinet appointments for his administration, including appointing Karen St. Germain as Commissioner of the Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles. St. Germain was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives in 2003, and has served her constituents in District 60 for the past 12 years. Representative St. Germain serves as the Chairwoman for the House Transportation, Highways, and Public Works Committee. She is also a member of the House Executive Committee, the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay, the House Committee on Homeland Security, and the Joint Committee on Homeland Security.
Georgia Department of Driver Services Investigators Earn Prestigious State Certification
Commissioner Rob Mikell, Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS), announced that the Agency's Office of Investigative Services (OIS) has earned State Law Enforcement Certification by the State of Georgia Law Enforcement Certification Program headed by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police. It is estimated that less than 20% of over 700 law enforcement agencies in the State of Georgia are state certified. DDS OIS employs a staff of seventeen P.O.S.T. certified law enforcement officers who focus on the investigations of allegations of driver's license fraud including crimes relating to identity theft, fraud, forgery and other crimes. Obtaining state certification ensures the Investigators' efficiency and effectiveness as they work to ensure the security and integrity of Georgia's license issuance process.

Supreme Court to Hear Executive Action Immigration Case
The United States Supreme Court has agreed to decide whether or not President Obama can implement his expansion of prosecutorial discretion through executive order before the President leaves office. The suit has the potential to reverse a standing injunction against expansion of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and the creation of the Deferred Action for Parents of Americans (DAPA) program announced by the President in November 2014. Texas and 25 other states successfully sued the federal government and challenged the authority to make the changes through executive order. In November, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit ruled 2-1 against lifting the injunction against expansion of the program. The decision by the Supreme Court to hear the case means the justices will likely hear arguments in the case in April and issue a ruling late in June. The ruling could have large implications from a timing perspective as the nation will be just months away from a presidential election.

FMCSA Submits Carrier Safety Fitness Determination Proposed Rule
The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that would amend Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) to revise the current methodology for issuance of a safety fitness determination for motor carriers. The new methodologies would determine when a motor carrier is not fit to operate commercial motor vehicles in interstate commerce based on the carrier's on-road safety data in relation to five of the Agency's seven Behavior Analysis and Safety Improvement Categories; an investigation; or a combination of on-road safety data and investigation information. Comments on this NPRM are requested before March 21, 2016.

NHTSA Seeks Comment on Recall Notification Methods
The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is seeking comment through an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the means, in addition to first class mail, of providing notification to owners, purchasers, and dealers, by a manufacturer of a motor vehicle or replacement equipment that the vehicle or equipment contains a defect related to motor vehicle safety or does not comply with an applicable motor vehicle safety standard. NHTSA is seeking outside assistance that will aid the agency in developing a rule implementing the notification requirements under MAP-21 and the FAST Act. Comments are requested by March 10, 2016.