AAMVA Congratulates Colorado on a Successful S2S Launch

AAMVA congratulates Colorado on successfully implementing the State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) during the weekend of January 25, 2020 and becoming the 27th participant using the new service. All migration activities have completed on schedule. CDLIS and S2S services are fully operational now. AAMVA would also like to thank volunteer states Kansas and Rhode Island who assisted with Colorado’s migration. Montana is scheduled to begin using S2S on June 22, 2020. Other jurisdictions will also begin using S2S in the upcoming months and AAMVA looks forward to supporting them during their onboarding process. Read more here.

Third Party Agent Working Group Meets in San Antonio

The Third Party Agent Working Group met in San Antonio, Texas from January 21-23. AAMVA will soon be publishing an interim report with a preview of the best practice topics the working group has been developing. During last week’s meeting, they continued to refine the draft document, and discussed the most beneficial best practices to administer, expand, and establish a third party agent program. The best practice is intended to provide guidance to jurisdictions interested in authorizing a third party to process motor vehicle and driver license transactions on their behalf. The working group also considered best practices that could be used to enhance or provide additional benefits for a jurisdiction with an existing third party agent program. The working group plans to hold its next in-person meeting in April 2020, and expects the full best practice document to be published in the fall of 2020.

AAMVA Attends 2020 Washington Auto Show

AAMVA returned this year as a strategic partner to the Washington Auto Show, where Ian Grossman facilitated a panel discussion on consumer awareness and education of advanced driver assistance technologies. The panel featured April Sanborn (Nevada DMV), Jill Ingrassia (AAA), and Kelly Nantel (National Safety Council).

This Week’s Webinars

NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature
Before a jurisdiction issues a title or other ownership document or record, the SWI can provide information to help the jurisdiction determine whether the ownership documentation presented with the application are valid. The information supports jurisdictions’ titling processes for both new and used vehicles. The Anti-Car Theft Act requires each jurisdiction to perform an instant title verification check before issuing a title to an applicant claiming to have purchased the vehicle from an individual or entity in another jurisdiction. The SWI VIN search feature can be used to satisfy this legal requirement. In addition, the NMVTIS best practice is that jurisdictions perform an inquiry before issuing a title or other ownership document or record, whether or not the applicant claims to have purchased the vehicle in another jurisdiction.

Note: This webinar is for AAMVA jurisdiction and federal members only.

**CDLIS 5.4 / SPEXS 6.1 Technical Changes - Part 1**
Wednesday, January 29, 2020, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)
This webinar will provide an in-depth look at the technical changes that comprise the CDLIS 5.4 and SPEXS 6.1 release. The webinar is oriented toward jurisdiction staff who will be implementing the new release at their agencies. NOTE: This is Part 1 of a 2-part series. Part 2 will be broadcast on February 5, 2020 and requires separate registration.

**This webinar is for AAMVA jurisdiction and federal members only.**

**CSTIMS March 2020 Release**
Wednesday, January 29, 2020, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)
This Webinar will provide an overview of the CSTIMS March 2020 Release. Specific items covered:

- Update Test Schedule – Menu and Calendar options
- Create Test Results – Menu and Calendar options
- Search/View Test Schedules and Test Results
- Create a basic Organization

**This webinar is for AAMVA jurisdiction and federal members only.**

**NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States (AMIE Version) – Part 2**
Thursday, January 30, 2020, 1:00 - 2:00 pm (ET)
NMVTIS has two third party transactions that involve updates between the central site and multiple states. Because the transactions involve multiple states and the central site, it is possible for a transaction to break down before it completes. Further activity against this title record is greatly restricted until the problem is resolved. This webinar provides instruction as to how to identify and resume suspended transactions. The intended audience for this webinar are NMVTIS Help Desk Personnel, Business Process Analyst and IT System Integrators.

Note: This webinar is for AAMVA jurisdiction members only.

**DMV Announces 6.8 Million Californians Have a REAL ID as Enforcement Date Approaches, Encourages Californians to Get Theirs Early**
With less than 10 months before the federal enforcement date, 6,767,413 Californians have a REAL ID as of January 10, according to Department of Motor Vehicles data. This is a 459,976 increase over a month earlier when just more than 6.3 million Californians had received a REAL ID. DMV Director Steve Gordon also encouraged Californians who have yet to obtain their REAL ID to get theirs early while wait times are low. Read more here.
A Familiar Face Tapped to Lead Kentucky State Police into 2020

On January 3, 2020, the longest serving Commissioner in KSP history was reappointed to serve once again. The announcement from Governor Andy Beshear came just days into the New Year and brought Rodney Brewer out of retirement to take the lead of an agency he has a 33-year history with. During his previous tenure, Brewer served in numerous assignments including uniformed operations, special investigations, narcotics, strategic planning, academy commander, and executive protection detail assigned to protect the Governor and Lieutenant Governor. He held every merit and non-merit rank within the organization including Commissioner from December 2007 through February 2016. Read more here.

DMV Wait Times Drop by 42 Percent (Nevada)

The average wait time for walk-in customers at Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles offices dropped more than 42 percent in the last quarter of 2019 while the number of customers served rose by more than 22 percent. The department’s six largest offices, in Carson City, Las Vegas and Reno, served 436,832 walk-in customers from October through December, 2019, with an average wait of 40 minutes. During the same period in 2018, the DMV served 356,075 walk-ins with an average wait of 69 minutes. Read more at dmvnv.com.

NHTSA Rule Change Allows New York State DMV to Use Electronic Certificate of Sale for All Transfers

In October 2018, all automobile dealers in New York State began using the Vehicle Electronic Reassignment and Integrated Facility Inventory (“VERIFI”) system to record their retail and wholesale sales online using the electronic Certificate of Sale (eMV-50). By prior decision, NHTSA limited use of the eMV-50 to in-state transfers only. In September 2019, NHTSA issued a final rule that allows states to adopt electronic odometer disclosure systems without having to petition them for approval. The rule change enables use of NYS DMV's eMV-50 for all transfers – in-state and interstate. Beginning immediately, all automobile dealers in NYS will begin use of eMV-50s for all transfers. Read more here.

Communication Disabilities Database Makes Law Enforcement Aware during Traffic Stops (Ohio)

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) and the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS), released an awareness video today explaining how individuals with a diagnosed communication disability can voluntarily enroll in a database to inform law enforcement of their communication disability...The law enforcement officer is then aware that the driver or a person in the vehicle may have difficulty communicating and can approach the vehicle with awareness to help avoid a situation that could become harmful to either the individual with a communication disability or to the officer. Read more at publicsafety.ohio.gov.

PennDOT, TSA Remind Pennsylvanians About REAL ID Enforcement (Pennsylvania)

Representatives from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and the federal Transportation Security Administration (TSA) reminded Pennsylvanians to upgrade their driver's license or identification card to a REAL ID-compliant version at an event at the Lehigh Valley International Airport..."We understand that October may seem like a long time from now, but it will be here before we know it,” said PennDOT Deputy Secretary for Driver and Vehicle Services Kurt Myers. "We encourage residents interested in applying for a REAL ID to start the process now and be aware of all the document requirements.” Read more at media.pa.gov.
Wyoming Driver Licenses Real ID Compliant

The Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) has been issuing REAL ID compliant driver licenses since 2011, which currently feature a gold star in the top right corner. WYDOT has recently started issuing a new revamped driver license, and those will also feature a star in the top right corner. However, it will be a black circle with the star shape in the middle. “Residents who are wondering if they have REAL ID compliant licenses just need to check the top right corner and to see if they have that star,” said Misty Dobson, WYDOT Driver Services program manager. “We’ve been issuing the REAL ID compliant licenses for a while now so most everyone should have them.” Read more at dot.state.wy.us.

DHS Steps Up REAL ID Education and Awareness Efforts

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) recently sent letters to the Governors of all states, the District of Columbia, and territories asking them to provide DHS with a monthly update of the number of REAL IDs issued by their jurisdictions. The states now report to DHS that they have collectively issued more than 95 million REAL ID-compliant driver’s licenses and ID cards (34%) out of 276 million total cards. While this is a noteworthy improvement over the 67 million REAL ID-compliant cards (27%) out of a total 249 million total cards previously reported in the fall, DHS urges the American public to get a REAL ID immediately and not wait until the deadline. Importantly, the Department has been increasing its overall education and awareness efforts with national organizations, the travel industry, state governments, federal agencies, and Congress. Read more at content.govdelivery.com.

NHTSA Extends Comment Deadline on Advanced Driver Assistance Systems Draft Research Test Procedures

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is extending the comment period on the Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) Draft Research Test Procedures Request for Comment (RFC) to March 6, 2020. The RFC, which seeks public comment on a series of nine draft research test procedures developed by the agency to assess the performance of certain types of ADAS available to consumers, was published on November 21, 2019. The comment period was originally scheduled to end on January 21, 2020. Read more at govinfo.gov.

US Attorney General Launches Presidential Commission On Law Enforcement

Congratulations to IACP Board Members Cabinet Secretary Craig Price of the South Dakota Department of Public Safety and Director David Rausch of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation who were sworn in yesterday as Commissioners on the Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice.

Attorney General William P. Barr on Wednesday swore in 16 members of a new national commission to study crucial issues in law enforcement, which aims to follow in the footsteps of a similar commission formed in 1965 that launched such concepts as improved training for police, increased data collection in policing and the 911 emergency dispatch system. The President’s Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice will be chaired by Phil Keith, the former police chief of Knoxville, Tenn., and the current director of the Justice...
questions about using the survey tool.


**US DOT Announces the Opening of the FY2020 NSFHP/INFRA Grant Program Application**

The U.S. Department of Transportation announces the opening of the FY2020 Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects (NSFHP) grant program application. The NSFHP provides Federal financial assistance to highway and freight projects of national or regional significance. In 2017, the Department renamed this program the Infrastructure For Rebuilding America program (INFRA). This notice solicits applications for awards under the program’s fiscal year (FY) 2020 funding, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Applications must be submitted by **February 25, 2020** through the grants.gov portal. Read more at govinfo.gov.

**PARTNER NEWS**

**Carmen Martorana Appointed IFTA Executive Director**

The International Fuel Tax Association (IFTA) board recently announced the appointment of their new Executive Director, Carmen Martorana. Carmen is a Certified Public Accountant and has a Master of Science in Tax and Accounting. He is currently employed with the New York State Department of Tax and Finance as a Section Head in the Buffalo District Office, and is also a Senior Adjunct Professor. He has over 31 years’ experience in accounting, auditing and tax. Carmen has extensive knowledge of IFTA and served as chair of the IFTA Audit Committee from 2001 to 2003. Read more at iftach.org.

**Annual Report Finds Most States Lack Crucial Highway Safety Laws**

Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety (Advocates) today released the 17th edition of the annual Roadmap of State Highway Safety Laws (Report), finding 395 proven countermeasures which could be saving lives have not been enacted. The Report, “A 2020 Vision for Safety,” provides a “report card” on 16 traffic safety laws for each state and Washington, D.C. Opportunity exists in every state to enact laws that combat the widely acknowledged public health crisis of motor vehicle crashes...Advocates’ Report gives every state and Washington, D.C. a rating in five categories (Occupant Protection, Child Passenger Safety, Teen Driving, Impaired Driving, and Distracted Driving) as well as an overall grade of: Green (Good); Yellow (Caution); and Red (Danger). Read more at saferoads.org.

**International Roadcheck Set for May 5-7 with Emphasis on Driver Requirements (CVSA)**

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance’s (CVSA) International Roadcheck will take place May 5-7. International Roadcheck is a high-volume, high-visibility three-day enforcement initiative that highlights the importance of commercial motor vehicle safety through roadside inspections. Over that 72-hour period, commercial motor vehicle inspectors in jurisdictions throughout North America will conduct inspections on commercial motor vehicles and drivers. Each year, International Roadcheck places special emphasis on a category of violations. This year’s focus is on the driver requirements category of a roadside inspection. Read more at cvsa.informz.net.