AAMVA’s Imported Vehicle Working Group Meets at AAMVA HQ

The newly established Imported Vehicle Working Group held their kick-off meeting at AAMVA headquarters on February 5-6, 2019. The working group has been tasked with developing guidance that includes information on federal laws for importing vehicles, the federal importation process, and the jurisdiction responsibilities when titling and registering imported vehicles.

The working group held productive conversations and had the opportunity to discuss the importation process with federal partners from Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The working group will continue to expand their knowledge of the importation process and identify the challenges for law enforcement and those responsible for the titling and registration of these vehicles. The working group is tentatively scheduled to hold their second face-to-face meeting in September 2019. If you have any questions about this working group, please contact Casey Garber, Manager, Vehicle Programs.

NOTICE: Unauthorized Persons Offering Rooms for AAMVA Events

If you are receiving phone calls or emails from any organization or person indicating they have a block of rooms for an AAMVA meeting hotel at the same or lower rate, note that they are not affiliated with AAMVA. Please continue to contact the hotel directly to book rooms. If you need additional information, contact Dianne Graham, 571.265.5573 or Samara Fetner, 703.908.2959.

Mississippi to Join State-to-State Verification Service (S2S)

Mississippi will begin using the State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) on Monday, April 8th. Tasks related to on-boarding Mississippi will be conducted during the weekend of April 6th. During this process (Saturday evening to Monday morning), there may be periods during which the CDLIS/S2S Central Site is in inquiry-only mode or is unavailable (over and above the regularly scheduled maintenance window of 2AM to 5AM on Sunday, Apr 7th).

Following Mississippi, several states will be joining the S2S program throughout 2019. Please click here for a full timeline and more information.
### Region 1 Member Needed for IDEC Executive Board

AAMVA is looking for one Region 1 jurisdiction representative to serve on the International Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC) Executive Board. The IDEC Executive Board is directly responsible for maintaining and distributing new and revised IDEC materials to the AAMVA members. These include both commercial, non-commercial and motorcycle examiner testing materials. The IDEC Executive Board will meet face to face at least twice a year, as well as via conference call or webinar as the work load requires. Applicants need to come from an IDEC accredited jurisdiction and are required to attend and actively participate in all Executive Board meetings, assist in all Board activities, and be the liaison between the AAMVA member jurisdictions in your Region. Applicants should have or have had driver examination experience. If you are interested in applying for the IDEC Executive Board, please complete the application and return it to committees@aamva.org by February 15, 2019. If you have any questions about IDEC, please contact Denise Hanchulak, Program Director, Certification & Standards.

### This Week's Webinars

**NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) — Understanding the Administrative Features**
*Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm (ET)*

The NMVTIS SWI Web Application is used by the states to perform title verification and data corrections. This webinar focuses on how the states use the administrative features to oversee the states user community. A brief overview of the SWI application is also provided. The SWI application has been built so that each state manages their own user community. This includes configuring the system with organizations to which users are assigned. The state administrator is responsible for user role assignments and user account activation and deactivation. The SWI Application also includes a reporting component that allows state administrators to monitor user activity.  

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

**NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States (Web Service Version) – Part 1**
*Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 2:00 pm - 3:00 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.*

**NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States (AMIE Version) – Part 1**
*Thursday, February 14, 2019, 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm (ET)*

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**AAMVA's Facial Recognition Working Group Seeks Your Input**

The [Facial Recognition Working Group](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?message_id=16602266&user_id=AAMVA&frames=no) is charged with reviewing and updating the [Facial Recognition Program Best Practices Guide](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?message_id=16602266&user_id=AAMVA&frames=no) published by AAMVA in 2015. The working group will update the content to reflect the most current best practice methods that are recommend to capture, review, and share facial images. Responses will provide information to help working group members understand the current facial recognition practices. The working group is expected to publish the updated best practices in the summer of 2019. Please take a few minutes to provide your input before the **March 4, 2019** deadline. [Click here](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?message_id=16602266&user_id=AAMVA&frames=no) to access the jurisdiction survey.
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**JURISDICTION NEWS**

**Taxed by Tax Time? MVD Makes It a Little Easier (Arizona)**

With tax season in full swing, the Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division is doing its part to take some of the hassle out of filling out those forms for Uncle Sam. MVD has unveiled the 'Vehicle License Tax Paid in 2018' feature, which is now available for free at ServiceArizona.com. This service provides vehicle owners a consolidated report on how much was paid in taxes and fees for every registered vehicle, in 2018. Read more here.

**BMV Now Offering Automated Routing, Permitting System for Oversize Loads (Maine)**

Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap is announcing the launch of a new online permitting system for overlimit permits. Effective Monday, Feb. 11, 2019, the Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles’ Motor Carrier Services Overlimit Permit Unit will be converting to a modernized, web-based automated routing and permitting system. The new system is called MoveME (Move Oversized Vehicles Efficiently Maine) and will have 24-hour/7-day availability for carriers, alleviating the need to wait for BMV office hours to obtain a permit. Apart from loads that are considered “extreme” or instances in which special provisions are necessary, an applicant can apply for, pay and print or download the permit and approved route directly through the online service. Read more here.

**New App Allows People Learning to Drive to Get into Gear (Maryland)**

The Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration (MDOT MVA) now has the innovative RoadReady app to log your rookie driver’s education hours, distance and progress. This customer-friendly app replaces laboriously recording all of the information by hand. ‘Gaining experience through practicing driving is the most important thing a new driver can do,’ said MDOT MVA Administrator Chrissy Nizer. 'The rookie driver RoadReady App allows users to record their driving time using one convenient platform to track their on-the-road lessons.' Read more here.

**Council of State to Consider New DMV Headquarters Site (North Carolina)**

The Council of State will consider at Tuesday’s regular meeting whether a site in Rocky Mount would serve as the headquarters for the state Division of Motor Vehicles starting in late 2020...On Oct. 31, 2018, an NCDOT team reviewed the proposed sites and provided NCDOT Secretary Jim Trogdon with an executive summary and details of the two most competitive bid locations. The property at 1405-1625 N. Church Street, Rocky Mount, was recommended because it was the lowest bid that meets the RFP’s requirements...Should the new lease be approved by the Council of State and the relocation move forward, DMV will work closely with employees who are impacted to ease the transition to the new location. Read more here.

**State Effort to Deter Underage Drinking Results in Seizure of Nearly 900 Fake IDs (New York)**

Please respond to these surveys from Georgia, Ontario, District of Columbia, California, Quebec, Maine, North Carolina, and AAMVA.

- **Customer Receipts/ Temporary DLs/IDs** (Ends 03/05/2019)
  Responses received from AB, CT, FL, IL, LA, MI, NE, NJ, SC, TX.

- **Expedited Cards** (Ends 02/28/2019)
  AB, BC, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, IL, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, MS, NE, NJ, PA, SC, TX, VA.

- **Materials to Produce Driver’s Licenses** (Ends 02/14/2019) CO, FL, ID, IL, IN, KY, LA, MD, ME, MI, MS, NC, NE, NH, NM, NY, OH, SC, TX, UT, VA, WI.

- **Real ID Adoption Rate** (Ends 02/14/2019) AK, CO, DE, FL, IA, IL, IN, KY, LA, MD, ME, MI, MS, NE, NH, NJ, OH, SC, SD, TN, TX, VA.

- **Additional Licensing Systems** (Ends 02/28/2019) AB, AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, ME, MI, MS, NE, NH, NY, OH, SC, TX, VA, WI.

- **Motorcycle Road Test** (Ends 02/26/2019) AR, BC, CO, CT, DE, IA, IL, IN, LA, MB, MD, ME, MI, MN, MS, NC, NE, NJ, NY, PA, SC, SD, TX, WI.

- **Double Vision** (Ends 02/25/2019)
Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced New York’s efforts to deter underage drinking resulted in a record number of fake identification seizures in 2018. The year-round Operation Prevent initiative focuses on concert venues, bars, restaurants and alcohol retailers throughout the State. The State seized 892 fake documents as part of the initiative, up from 814 in 2017. Read more here.

**FEDERAL NEWS**

**NTSB Issues 2019 – 2020 Most Wanted List of Transportation Safety Improvements**

The National Transportation Safety Board announced its *2019 – 2020 Most Wanted List of Transportation Safety Improvements*, during an event held at the National Press Club, Monday. First issued in 1990, the NTSB Most Wanted List of Transportation Safety Improvements serves as the agency’s primary advocacy tool to help save lives, prevent injuries, and reduce property damage resulting from transportation accidents...There are 267 open NTSB safety recommendations associated with the 10 Most Wanted List items and the NTSB is focused on seeing 46 of those implemented within the next two years. The majority of these recommendations, roughly two-thirds of the 267, seek critical safety improvements by means other than regulation. Of the 46 safety recommendations the NTSB wants implemented in the next two years, 20 seek regulatory action to improve transportation safety. Read more here.

**U.S. DOT to Review Current Guidance Documents**

The United States Department of Transportation (DOT) is reviewing its existing guidance documents to evaluate their continued necessity and determine whether they need to be updated or revised. As part of this review, DOT invites the public to identify and provide input on existing guidance documents that are good candidates for repeal, replacement, or modification. In addition, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) will publish a separate notice in the Federal Register inviting public comment on specific actions that FMCSA would like to take on FMCSA guidance documents dealing with commercial driver’s licenses. Comments are due by April 8, 2019. If your agency has any recommendations on guidance DOT should review, please consider copying governmentaffairs@aamva.org so that AAMVA may reflect those comments in their own. Read more here.

**DHS Seeks Comment on Risk-Mitigation Value of TWIC at Maritime Facilities Assessment**

The Secretary of Homeland Security is required to commission an assessment of how effective the transportation security card program is at enhancing security and reducing security risks for regulated maritime facilities and vessels. Through the transportation security card program, the Department issues the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC). Legislation passed August 2, 2018 restricts the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) from implementing any rule requiring the use of biometric readers for TWIC until after submission to Congress of the results of this effectiveness assessment. The Homeland Security Operational Analysis Center (HSOAC), a federally funded research and development center operated by the RAND Corporation, will collect information from those involved in maritime security on behalf of the DHS S&T Research and Development Partnerships (RDP) Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC) Program Management Office. HSOAC will visit regulated maritime facilities and terminals and conduct interviews using a semi-structured interview method to collect information. HSOAC will analyze this information and use it to produce a public report with its research findings. Comments are encouraged and accepted until April 8, 2019. Read more here.
NHTSA Issues Final Rule on Open Container and Repeat Intoxicated Driver Programs

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has published its final rule regarding implementing regulations for the Section 154 (open container) and Section 164 (repeat intoxicated driver) programs. The Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act amended these impaired driving programs which encourage states to meet minimum standards for open container and repeat intoxicated driver laws. NHTSA had jointly issued an interim final rule on September 30, 2016 to ensure states received instructions that were important to the compliance determinations made on October 1 when the FAST Act became effective. Through this final rule, NHTSA is making two changes. The first relates to the opportunity for states determined to be non-compliant with either Section 154 or Section 164 to submit documentation showing why they are compliant. In the interim final rule, the agencies gave states 30 days from the date of issuance of the notice of apportionments to submit this documentation. In order to eliminate confusion, the final rule amends regulations to require submission of any additional documentation within “30 days from the date the funds are reserved.” The second relates to the “special exception” to interlock use under Section 164 for individuals certified by a medical doctor as being unable to provide a deep lung breath sample for analysis by an ignition interlock device. NHTSA is changing “certified by a medical doctor” to “certified in writing by a physician” to align with NHTSA’s implementing regulations. Read more here.

NHTSA Withdraws Event Data Recorder Proposed Rule

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has withdrawn its December 13, 2012 notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) that recommended a new Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) mandating installation of an Event Data Recorder (EDR) that meets NHTSA EDR standards in most light vehicles. At the time NHTSA published the NPRM, the agency noted that a significant number of light vehicles were being sold without EDRs and said it believed a mandate was needed. NHTSA cites that today, EDRs are installed on nearly all new light vehicles and believes a mandate for EDRs is no longer necessary. Read more here.

PARTNER NEWS

David Surgenor Retires from Motorcycle Safety Foundation

David Surgenor, who dedicated nearly 30 years to enhancing motorcyclist safety, has retired from his position as the Motorcycle Safety Foundation National Director of Quality and Outcomes. Surgenor, who is based in Pennsylvania, helped shape rider training programs across the country and remains highly respected among his peers. ‘Dave’s contributions were significant and long-lasting for motorcycling and rider education,’ said MSF Vice President of Training Systems Dr. Ray Ochs. ‘His exuberance for motorcycling was surpassed only by his passion for quality. Dave was a tremendous resource for all levels of stakeholders with an interest in improving one’s quality of life through motorcycling. His approachable demeanor, sense of humor and direct style endeared him to countless people. He will be missed as we wish him a joyous retirement.’ Read more here.

MADD, Highway Nation Partner to Eliminate Drunk Driving

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is proud to announce a new partnership with Highway Nation LLC, the maker of the Wrong Way Driver Alert System that detects and reports wrong-way drivers in real time to users of its app. This is yet another way in which MADD supports technology and understands the critical role technology will play in eliminating fatalities and injuries on our roadways. In addition to the app, Highway Nation has developed a monitoring system for law enforcement and others to use to identify wrong-way drivers in real-time.
enforcement officers to support a more proactive response to wrong-way drivers. 'All too often, drunk drivers also become wrong-way drivers, wreaking havoc on our nation’s roadways,' said MADD National President Helen Witty. 'We know that technology will play a major role in eliminating drunk driving, and we value partners like Highway Nation who are looking for creative uses of technology to fight this leading killer on our roads.' Read more here.