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**Nominations Currently Being Accepted for the CDL Train-the-Trainer Class**

The Commercial Driver License (CDL) Train-the-Trainer Class has been scheduled for **Monday, June 17, 2019** through **Friday, June 21, 2019** at Pinellas Technical College in St. Petersburg, Florida. The class is 40 hours long and the class size is limited to twelve people. It is designed to be a hands-on training class for lead examiners, or trainers, who conduct examiner and refresher training in their jurisdiction. The training class will utilize the curriculum as published in the Certified Commercial Examiner (CCE) Instructor Manual developed by the AAMVA International Driver Licensing Examiner Certification Executive Board. In preparation for this class, selected candidates will be required to complete assigned pre-course work and participate in prescheduled conference calls related to the assigned work. There is no tuition or registration fee for this training. All travel, room and board expenses will be paid by AAMVA. Please complete the [Nominee Form](#) for each individual being nominated and email them to Karen Morton no later than **Friday, March 29, 2019**, as class sizes are limited. [Click here](#) for more information regarding nominee requirements.

**AAMVA Hosts First-Ever CDL Test System Modernization Research & Development Pilot**

The Test Maintenance Subcommittee conducted the first Research and Development (R&D) Pilot at Florida State College Jacksonville - Cecil Center in Jacksonville, Florida during the week of February 18th. Thirty-six drivers with varying levels of driving experience participated in the pilot with each driver taking two or more test segments. Approximately 80 tests were conducted in a two day period by five teams of experienced CDL Skills Test Examiners. The R&D pilot team consisted of volunteers from several jurisdictions, the Test Maintenance Subcommittee, Highway Safety Services, FMCSA and AAMVA. The next pilot will be conducted in New Hampshire during the week of April 29th. Thanks to all of the volunteers for making this pilot a success!

**AAMVA’s Abandoned Vehicle & Mechanic Lien Fraud Prevention Working Group Meets in Texas**

The Abandoned Vehicle & Mechanic Lien Fraud Prevention Working Group held their first in-person meeting February 26 –28 in San Antonio, Texas. Members discussed the issues and challenges surrounding
abandoned vehicle title issuance, as well as the impact of fraud. After developing main themes, members began researching and analyzing opportunities for enhancement and fraud prevention. The working group will continue their work in-between planning for their next in-person meeting scheduled for May 1 and May 2. The best practice document developed by these members is targeted for release in early 2020.

**AAMVA Attends Biometrics for Government & Law Enforcement Conference**

For the second year in a row, AAMVA supported the Biometrics for Government & Law Enforcement Conference held last week in Washington, D.C. Geoff Slagle, AAMVA Director of Identity Management; Mindy Stephens, AAMVA Manager of Identity Management; and Kevin O'Leary, Idemia and technical advisor to the AAMVA Facial Recognition Working Group, represented AAMVA at the conference. Presentations were given updating attendees on progress with the mDL work and the ongoing use of biometric technology within the community to assist in better identity proofing, combating ID-related crime, and ultimately having a positive impact on highway safety. AAMVA's biometric and mDL work was referenced by several other presenters representing the defense and intelligence communities.

**Preparing for Automated Vehicles, Technical Assistance Now Available**

Automated Vehicle Technical Assistance is available! AAMVA and NHTSA recognized the need to provide educational-based technical assistance to jurisdictions as they expand their understanding of vehicle technology and develop a strategy to address AV testing and deployment. Technical assistance will be facilitated by AAMVA and conducted by jurisdictional subject matter experts and AAMVA staff. The costs to provide the technical assistance will be funded by NHTSA. Click here for a complete description of the available assistance and an application.

**Managing Data Privacy and External Access Working Group Looking for Technical Advisors**

AAMVA's Managing Data Privacy & External Access Working Group is inviting qualified industry representatives to join the Working Group as Technical Advisors. There are a limited number of positions available. Organizations can submit more than one application, but only one representative from an organization can serve. Associate members will be given preference in the selection process for technical advisors.

The Managing Data Privacy and External Access Working Group shall develop and identify best practices to reflect the most current methods that should be utilized by jurisdictions to protect driver and vehicle records data, provide access as authorized by law, and apply efficient and effective approaches to audit practices. The Working Group will be working in coordination with the Third Party Agents Working Group. If you would like to serve, please complete the application.
Like to Ride? MVD Draws Attention to Motorcycle Safety (Arizona)

Motorcycles and safety are two words that should be emphasized in tandem as much as possible, especially when you consider that there are approximately 320,000 motorcycles registered in Arizona. With that in mind, the Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division is lending its assistance to the 'Riding for the Long Haul' motorcycle safety event being held Sunday, March 3 in Phoenix. MVD employees will be on hand to discuss safety issues specific to motorcycle operation and provide information about taking courses at motorcycle safety schools throughout the state. Read more here.

ICBC, Police and Government Continue to Find New Ways to Tackle Distracted Driving (British Columbia)

With more than one in four fatal crashes on B.C. roads involving driver distraction, ICBC, police and government continue to look for solutions to combat this dangerous driving behaviour that claims 77 lives each year.* Crashes reached a record high in 2017, with many of these caused by distracted or inattentive driving. Distracted driving involves any non-driving activity that reduces a driver's ability to focus on the road or control their vehicle, and is the leading contributing factor in police-reported injury crashes in B.C. As part of the commitment to make roads safer, ICBC is inviting eligible drivers to participate in a telematics pilot project starting this summer. The goal is to determine whether using this technology can improve road safety and driving behaviour for inexperienced drivers in B.C. Read more here.

Division of Vehicles Opens New Driver's License Office in Dodge City (Kansas)

Beginning Monday, February 25th, a new office in Dodge City will be available for Kansas residents to obtain their driver's licenses. The opening of this office is part of the 'Driver's License Office Refresh Project' which started in 2018 to upgrade or create new driver's license office locations across the state. The new office is located at 2601 Central, Suite 10, in Dodge City. 'The opening of this office will help us to effectively and efficiently serve the community with its driver's licensing and identification needs,' Director of Vehicles David Harper said. 'One of the biggest improvements is that it will be located on the main floor to provide easy access for everyone we serve.' Read more here.

N.C. to Kickoff REAL ID Express Day in Fayetteville (North Carolina)

The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles will open an office in Fayetteville on Saturday so people can get their REAL IDs quicker. The first REAL ID Day will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 2 at the South Fayetteville driver license office, 2439 Gillespie St. People who visit the South Fayetteville office this Saturday will be able to get a REAL ID in an express transaction that takes less than 20 minutes. People will also be able to get driver licenses or ID card renewals, duplicates or convert existing driver licenses or ID cards to REAL IDs. First time ID cards will also be available. Read more here.

REAL ID Update (Pennsylvania)

PennDOT is excited to announce that in March, REAL IDs will be available to Pennsylvanians who want them. As a result, the look of Pennsylvania driver's license and photo ID cards will change. There is no change to card security...
Gender Information Change (Saskatchewan)

Effective March 20, 2019, Saskatchewan will be giving customers the option to display an X on their driver’s licences or photo identification cards, meaning sex is not specified. Driver’s licences and driver abstracts will display an X in the sex field when a customer has chosen this option.

87 People Lost a Vehicle for a Week Because of Cellphone Tickets Last Year (Saskatchewan)

'Confessions of a Reformed Distracted Driver' is part of the March Traffic Safety Spotlight. Losing your vehicle for a week for something as trivial as being unable to leave your phone alone sounds pretty terrible, right? Under The Traffic Safety Act, receiving a second $280 cellphone ticket within a year triggers an immediate roadside vehicle impoundment. That means the vehicle is towed from roadside and impounded for seven days, while the owner is stuck with the bill for towing and storage (usually at least $400). It also results in four demerits under SGI’s Safe Driver Recognition program. 'It's a law that’s been in place since 2010 and was strengthened in 2017, but it’s something that warrants a reminder,' said Penny McCune, Chief Operating Officer of the Auto Fund. 'In 2018, 87 people found out the hard way as they saw their vehicle towed away for a week’s stay at a local impound lot. That is, by far, the highest number of seven-day cellphone ticket impoundments imposed since it became the law.‘ Read more here.

DC DMV Reinstates Suspended Driver Licenses and Driving Privileges (Washington, D.C.)

In accordance with District Law L22-0175, Traffic and Parking Ticket Penalty Amendment Act of 2017, the DC Department of Motor Vehicles (DC DMV) reinstated driver licenses and driving privileges for residents and non-residents whose credential was suspended for one of the following reasons: Failure to pay a moving violation; Failure to pay a moving violation after being found liable at a hearing; or Failure to appear for a hearing on a moving violation. DC DMV mailed notification letters to residents and non-residents affected by the law. District residents who had their driver license or learner permit, including commercial driver license (CDL), reinstated and have outstanding tickets are boot eligible if they have two or more outstanding tickets. If a District resident has an unpaid moving violation in a different jurisdiction, then his or her driving privileges may still be suspended in that jurisdiction until the moving violation is paid. If a non-District resident had unpaid moving violations in the District, once his or her driving privileges are reinstated in the District, there is no legal requirement for his or her home jurisdiction to reinstate his or her license. Read more here.

FEDERAL NEWS

DOT Advisory Committee on Human Trafficking Announces Public Meeting

The Department of Transportation Advisory Committee on Human Trafficking announces a public meeting will be held on March 12, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT at the U.S. Department of Transportation headquarters in Washington, D.C. The Advisory Committee on Human Trafficking (ACHT) was created in accordance with the Combating Human Trafficking in Commercial Vehicles Act (Pub. L. 115–99) to make recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation on actions the Department can take to help combat human trafficking, and to develop recommended best practices for States, as well as state and local transportation stakeholders in combatting human trafficking. Read more here.
Emerging Practices for Addressing Motorcycle Crashes at Intersections

This project identifies emerging practices for infrastructure treatments that show promise in reducing motorcycle crashes at intersections. Intersections are a dangerous space for motorcycling and our hope in pursuing this work was to find quantitative proof that infrastructure treatments like increased surface friction, improved signage, and changes to signals (and other possible treatments) can reduce the frequency and severity of motorcycle crashes. There are, however, few examples of intersection infrastructure treatments designed and implemented specifically to improve only motorcycle safety. This report examines case studies of several treatments that State and local agencies implemented to improve general safety in intersections and which may have had a benefit for motorcycle safety as well. FHWA encourages the use of these examples to help transportation safety practitioners design and implement treatments at sites where motorcycle safety is of particular concern. Read more here.

NTSB Announces Leadership Changes

National Transportation Safety Board Chairman Robert Sumwalt announced Thursday key leadership changes at the agency, including the selection of Sharon Bryson as Managing Director...Bryson is joined by Paul Sledzik, who recently assumed the duties of Deputy Managing Director...Dolline Hatchett recently joined the NTSB as the Director of the Office of Safety Recommendations and Communications...'Sharon, Paul and Dolline bring a wealth of knowledge to this agency, its mission, and the traveling public,' said Chairman Sumwalt. 'I am extremely grateful to them for their willingness to serve in these leadership roles, and I am excited for our path ahead.' Read more here.

New Projection: 2018 Pedestrian Fatalities Highest Since 1990 (GHSA)

A new report from the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) projects that 6,227 pedestrian fatalities occurred in 2018, the highest number in nearly three decades. States were asked to report pedestrian fatalities for the first six months of 2018. After adjusting this raw data based on historical trends, GHSA projects a four percent increase in the number of pedestrians killed during the full 2018 calendar year. In 2017, 5,977 people on foot lost their lives in motor vehicle crashes. GHSA’s yearly ‘Spotlight on Highway Safety’ offers a first look at state and national trends in 2018 pedestrian traffic deaths, based on preliminary data provided by State Highway Safety Offices in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Read more here.

Georgia DOT’s McMurry Named Chair For AASHTO’s Council On Highways And Streets

Russell McMurry, commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation, has been appointed to a two-year term as chair of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Council on Highways and Streets. McMurry – appointed to be Georgia DOT’s commissioner by a unanimous vote of the State Transportation Board in January 2015 – began his career with the agency in 1990 as an engineering trainee, working his way up to become chief engineer and then planning director for a brief period before becoming commissioner. Read more here.

Google’s Waymo Takes Impressive Lead in the Race to Self-Driving Cars (MADD)

While self-driving technology is still rapidly developing, some companies are making great strides in their progress. A recently released info-graphic highlighted...
companies and the distance their self-driving cars could make before disengagement. Disengagement is when the car’s software detects a failure or the driver detects a failure and the driver must take control of the car. The greater distance the vehicle travels per disengagement, the better that vehicle is performing. Google’s Waymo outshined their competition by nearly doubling the amount of test miles driven before having to disengage – driving over 11,000 miles. MADD is excited about this impressive advancement, understanding that fully-autonomous vehicle technology will play a significant role in reaching a day of No More Victims®. Read more here.