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OUR EVENTS

MARCH

AAMVA 2019 Workshop & Law Institute
Baltimore, MD March 20–21

APRIL

Workshop & Law Institute This Week!
The 2019 Workshop & Law Institute will get underway this week, March 20 – 21, in Baltimore, Maryland! Register online today! The Workshop & Law Institute provides a great opportunity for you and your peers to discuss relevant driver license, motor vehicle and law enforcement related issues. This unique event provides AAMVA members with an intimate and collaborative environment to network and learn from fellow motor vehicle and law enforcement colleagues across North America. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from and meet directly with jurisdictions, as well as industry organizations that provide the products and services you need. The two-day schedule is packed with sessions covering hot topics in the motor vehicle and law enforcement community including: autonomous vehicles, cognitive impairment, customer service, cyber security, mobile DL, Real ID, and much more. Visit the 2019 Workshop & Law Institute website for more information and to register!

AAMVA and FMCSA Hold CDL Coordinators/IT Meeting

Last week, AAMVA and FMCSA held the 2019 CDL Coordinators/IT meeting in Orlando, FL. AAMVA Test Maintenance Subcommittee Chair Larry Boivin (ME) and AAMVA President and CEO Anne Ferro welcomed attendees to the meeting, and emphasized the important safety role that the jurisdictions, law enforcement, the courts and FMCSA play in achieving commercial driver license (CDL) uniformity and compliance. They also touched on the importance of partnerships between FMCSA and the jurisdictions. In particular, they highlighted the importance of partnerships between state driver licensing agencies and federal regulators, and how these relationships help save lives on our nation’s roads. On Wednesday, FMCSA Administrator Raymond Martinez also addressed participants.

The three-day meeting provided a forum for federal, state, and court officials to share expectations, challenges, and achievements, regarding the CDL program. More than 300 state, federal, and court CDL experts were in attendance to discuss national CDL issues. The meeting also featured sessions on the relationship between the courts and the jurisdictions, and the importance of cooperation between the two to improve highway safety. Presentations and materials from the meeting will soon be available on the AAMVA download page.

Click here to view photos from the event.

Missouri to Begin Using AAMVA's State-to-State (S2S) Verification Service

Missouri will begin using AAMVA’s State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) on Monday, March 25, 2019. Tasks related to on-boarding Missouri will be conducted

2-5 | 2019 April Autonomous Vehicles Best Practices Working Group Meeting
Washington, DC

24 | 2019 April Industry Advisory Board Meeting
Arlington, VA

24-25 | 2019 April Board of Directors Meeting
Arlington, VA

24-25 | 2019 April Foreign Resource Reciprocity Working Group Meeting
San Diego, CA

29-2 | 2019 Leadership Academy
Arlington, VA

**SYSTEMS TRAINING**

*Register for the following training sessions [HERE](#).

**MARCH CDLIS/PDPS**

19 | CDLIS Reports Timeliness (intermediate)

20 | CDLIS Reports Data Quality (intermediate)

21 | CD90.4.1 Out-of State Transaction as SOR Reports (advanced)

26 | CDLIS Reports Identifying Potential Issues SDLA (advanced)

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**OUR WEBINARS**

**MARCH**

19 | NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site

21 | NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – Instant Title Verification

During the weekend of March 23, 2019. During this process (Saturday evening to Monday morning), there will be periods during which the CDLIS/S2S Central Site will be in inquiry-only mode or unavailable (over and above the regularly scheduled maintenance window of 2:00 am to 5:00 am (ET) on Sunday, March 24, 2019). AAMVA is taking all steps possible to minimize service interruptions and will be sending alerts notifying states of Central Site availability throughout the process. [Read more here](#).

**AAMVA Hosts Scandinavian Delegation**

AAMVA was pleased to welcome a delegation from Scandinavia to our headquarters for a meeting around our mutual interest in electronic identity (eID) efforts happening on both sides of the Atlantic. Countries represented included: Estonia, Finland, Norway, and Sweden. Both government and industry were represented, as was the eID Forum. The delegation met with AAMVA’s executives and Identity Management team to discuss and present on projects connected to eID and mobile DL throughout Europe.

**New Date and Location Announced for 2019 Region 2 Conference!**

The 2019 Region 2 Conference is changing dates and relocating to another hotel. The original hotel, JW Marriott, recently informed AAMVA that it will be undergoing highly disruptive construction during the original dates of the conference and this would lead to a less than optimal conference experience for attendees. The new dates of the Region 2 Conference are June 24-26, 2019 and the new hotel is the Marriott Marquis Houston located at 1777 Walker Street, Houston, TX 77010, 713.654.1777. Please take note that the new dates have shifted one day earlier. To make hotel reservations at the Marriott Marquis Houston [click here](#) or call 877-622-3056 and reference the AAMVA Region 2 Conference.

**AAMVA’s Third Party Agents Working Group Seeks Your Input**

The Third Party Agents Working Group has been tasked with developing interim guidance and a best practice document for administering and auditing third parties and vendors who process on behalf of jurisdiction agencies. At their first in-person meeting, the working group determined a survey would be needed to gather some information from AAMVA members. Responses will provide information to help working group members understand the current practices in place and related data. Please take a few minutes to provide your input before the March 29, 2019 deadline. [Click here](#) to access the survey.

**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.

**This Week’s Webinars**

NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site
Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm (ET)
In the past, states contacted the AAMVA Help Desk directly if they needed to make a data correction. As part of the NMVTIS reengineering effort, a Help Desk feature was created to allow states to correct their title and brand data on the central site. When states perform their own data corrections the timeliness and accuracy of the data corrections improves substantially. This webinar is focused on explaining the capability of the Help Desk feature as included in the SWI. Data correction scenarios are explained and matched to the correct update operation within the SWI. A brief overview of the SWI application will also be provided.

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

JURISDICTION NEWS

Alberta Implements the Driver Safety Initiatives as of March 1, 2019

Alberta became the second Canadian jurisdiction requiring mandatory entry-level training (MELT) for new commercial drivers. As of March 1, 2019 all prospective Class 1 (Semi) and Class 2 (Bus) commercial drivers must take a Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) Program in order to obtain a new commercial driver’s license. As of March 1, 2019 all road tests for all license classes will be conducted by Government of Alberta employees thus ensuring increased oversight and standardized testing with our driver examinations. Finally, as March 1, 2019 all new Alberta based commercial carriers must take a mandatory National Safety Code standards and compliance course and pass a knowledge test in order to receive their Safety Fitness Certificate. In addition all new carriers will have to undergo a review of their compliance with safety regulations within the first year of operations. Read more here and here.

2019 on the Right Road to Reducing Fatalities – Below Average Crash Count for Last 10 Years (Manitoba)

In the first two months of 2019, preliminary counts report five people killed on public roadways in Manitoba. This total is significantly lower (62 per cent) than the same time frame in 2018 – a total of 13 people. Over the last decade, the first two months of 2019 are well below the average of 10 people killed, according to Manitoba Public Insurance data. Of note, there were no off-road vehicle (ORV) fatalities in the first two months of 2019. In the same period of 2018 there were three ORV fatalities...’The reality is that every single person killed in a motor vehicle collision over the last decade had a personal connection to someone. Each and every one of their lives mattered. Manitobans need to be less accepting towards road fatalities and more committed to driving motor vehicle-related deaths down to zero.’ Read more here.

Joseph 'Joey' Plaggenberg Announced as the Missouri Department of Revenue's New Motor Vehicle and Driver Licensing Division Director

The Missouri Department of Revenue is pleased to announce Joseph 'Joey' Plaggenberg as their new Motor Vehicle and Driver Licensing Division Director, effective immediately. Having previously served as the administrator for the Driver License Bureau since 2017, Joey will be able to seamlessly transition into his new role as the Division Director. Joey, a recent graduate of the Missouri Leadership Academy Inaugural class, previously served in the roles of General Counsel for the Motor Vehicle and Driver License Division and as counsel for the Department of Social Services on child abuse and neglect cases. Joey is a dedicated public servant, who has already made a significant, positive impact within the Department. He is incredibly deserving of this opportunity. Please take a moment to congratulate the Department of Revenue's new Division Director the next time you see him.

Media Advisory: GTSC, DMV, and DOH Discuss Dangers of Drowsy Driving with Students at University at Buffalo (New York)

The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC), the Department of Motor Vehicles, and the Department of Health are holding a 'Stay Awake, Stay Alive!' presentation for a public health class at the University at Buffalo on the dangers of drowsy driving on Thursday, March 14, 2019. Acting DMV Commissioner and Acting GTSC Chair Mark J.F. Schroeder will be joined by representatives from GTSC, SUNY Stony Brook, the National Road Safety Foundation, and a victim advocate. Additionally, the National Road Safety Foundation will announce the winners of its drowsy driving PSA contest. Read more here.

N.C. Hosts REAL ID Day in Charlotte (North Carolina)

The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles will extend the hours at their newest Charlotte driver license office on March 16 so people can get their N.C. REAL IDs quicker...This is the third installment in a series of REAL ID Days DMV is hosting to help people get the federal identifications across the state...DMV officials will announce additional REAL ID Days in other North Carolina offices. More than 1 million North Carolinians have obtained a REAL ID since its debut in May 2017. Read more here.

Mandatory Minimum Standardized Training Requirements for Commercial Semi Drivers (Saskatchewan)

New mandatory standardized training requirements take effect [March 15] for those wanting a Class 1 commercial licence in Saskatchewan to drive semi trucks. The changes were announced in December by Minister Responsible for SGI Joe Hargrave, after consultation with those in the trucking industry, training schools, additional stakeholders and other jurisdictions. Changes were the culmination of work SGI began mid-2017 to improve standards for training of commercial semi drivers. 'These changes will improve safety on our province's roads by ensuring Class 1 drivers receive more rigorous standardized training, based on strengthened curriculum requirements,' Hargrave said. Read more here.

New License/ID Will Allow Third Gender Option Starting This Summer (Vermont)

A third gender option will soon be offered on driver's licenses and ID cards in order to serve Vermonters better. When the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) begins to roll out new credentials this summer, nonbinary Vermonters or those who do not identify as either male or female will have the option to select 'other' for their gender. 'When an ID does not match the gender identity or...
expression of the holder, the person can be exposed to potentially uncomfortable situations,' said DMV Commissioner Wanda Minoli. 'Thanks in large part to the hard work of Vermonters in the LGBTQ community, we saw an opportunity to allow a third gender option for increased safety and inclusion of all Vermonters.' [Read more here.]

Gabriel Robinson Appointed Interim Director of DC DMV (Washington, D.C.)
Gabriel Robinson was appointed by the Mayor on March 8, 2019 as the Interim Director of DC DMV. Gabriel currently serves as Chief Operating Officer for the Department of Public Works. As COO he serves as the senior executive and leader for all administrative operations for DPW, an agency that employs 1,500 personnel and maintains an operating budget of $176.7MM. Gabriel is rejoining the DMV, where he last served in the role of Associate Director. Gabriel has a B.S. in Business Management and Human Resources from Florida State University. AAMVA would like to thank Lucinda Babers for her contributions and wish her well in her future endeavors!

FEDERAL NEWS

White House Reveals FY 2020 Budget Proposal
The White House has released its fiscal year (FY) 2020 budget request. The $4.7 trillion request would boost military funding, cut non-defense programs, and include funding for a politically controversial border wall along the southern border. The proposal seeks to reduce the national deficit by $2.8 trillion over the next ten years through program cuts, reducing health care and entitlement costs, imposing work requirements on welfare programs, and restructuring federal student loans. Non-defense programs were cut by approximately 5 percent from current levels, and alongside cancellation of previously approved projects, the cuts would contribute $55 billion in projected reductions. The proposal forecasts an annual growth rate of approximately 3 percent through 2024, though the Congressional Budget Office forecasts a 1.7 percent growth rate from 2020 to 2023. The White House has recommended a 22 percent cut to the U.S. Department of Transportation’s (DOT) discretionary budget authority in FY 2020. DOT would receive $21.4 billion in discretionary budget authority, a reduction of $5.9 billion from the 2019 discretionary amount. In addition, the proposal includes $200 billion for additional infrastructure investments to be developed in concert with the U.S. Congress - similar to an infrastructure proposal the White House submitted last year that attempted to spur private sector and state infrastructure investments totaling $1 trillion. [Read more here.]

FMCSA Announces FY19 High Priority Program – Innovative Technology Deployment (HP-ITD) Grants
The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announces the Fiscal Year (FY) 19 High Priority Program – Innovative Technology Deployment (HP-ITD) grant program to support innovative and impactful projects that advance its mission to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving large trucks and buses. Funding is available for the support of innovative projects that improve safety and compliance with CMV regulations, are national in scope, demonstrate new technologies, and reduce the number of CMV crashes. The application deadline is Apr 26, 2019. [Read more here.]

FMCSA Announces 2019 Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training (CMVOST) Grants
The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announces the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training (CMVOST) grant program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to solicit applications from
organizations that provide commercial motor vehicle (CMV) operator training, including accredited public or private colleges, universities, vocational/technical schools, post-secondary educational institutions, truck driver training schools, associations, and State and local governments, including Federally-recognized Native American Tribal governments, that support CMVOST activities. The FMCSA will also accept applications from non-accredited institutions that are approved by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) as eligible training providers to accept Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) grants, and approved by the State Approving Agencies (SAAs) and the U.S. Veterans Administration (VA) to accept VA benefits. The application deadline is Apr 26, 2019. Read more here.

Two CDL Federal Register Notices by FMCSA
ELDT Class B to Class A – FMCSA adopted a new final rule revising CDL theory instruction requirements for those upgrading a Class B CDL for a Class A CDL to reduce the training time and costs incurred by those upgrading their CDL from Class B to Class A. Read more here.

CDL Regulatory Guidance - FMCSA revised certain regulatory guidance for Parts 383 and 384 and seeks comment on the revisions. Comments on the notice are due by May 7, 2019. We encourage our partners to submit comments. Read more here.

PARTNER NEWS

DADSS Research Program Technical Update
Over the past months, The DADSS Research Program and [their] partners at Senseair™ have been collecting data from in-vehicle tests (featuring Generation 3.1 Breath-based Sensors) through the program's Pilot Field Operational Trial and Driven to Protect Partnership with Virginia DMV and James River Transportation. [They] have used the data from these on-road tests to significantly improve the alcohol measurement for the next generation sensor, GEN 3.2...In September 2018, the DADSS Program joined the Virginia DMV to publicly announce Driven to Protect and its partnership with James River Transportation (JRT) to conduct in-vehicle tests on Virginia roads with JRT drivers and fleet vehicles. These vehicles —equipped with GEN 3.1 sensors—have logged over 3,800 hours, obtained over 18,000 samples and driven 40,000 miles to date, and have provided invaluable information to help improve our algorithms. Read more here.

10 Automakers Equipped Most of Their 2018 Vehicles with AEB (NSC)
The National Safety Council is encouraged by a report from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Insurance Institute for Highway Safety that 10 automakers equipped more than half of their 2018 vehicles with automatic emergency braking. Between 2012 and 2014, almost half of all two-vehicle crashes were rear-end crashes. These crashes killed more than 1,700 people each year. In many cases, vehicles equipped with AEB are able to sense slow or stopped traffic ahead and urgently apply the brakes if the driver fails to respond, a technology that can reduce deaths and injuries on our roadways. Read more here.