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2015 Workshop and Law Institute Wraps Up



AAMVA's 2016 Workshop and Law Institute has officially wrapped up, but we had a great two days of informative sessions, networking, and fun in Cincinnati last week! Take a look at our [wrap-up video](#) to revisit our time at the Workshop, visit [AAMVA's Flickr page](#) for photos, and head over to the [Workshop Download Center](#) for presentations from

the Workshop.

Standing Committee Update Videos

AAMVA's Driver, Law Enforcement, and Vehicle Standing Committees each gave a video update at the 2016 Workshop and Law Institute, detailing their accomplishments over the past year and discussing what's ahead. You can view these videos at [AAMVA's YouTube channel](#) or by clicking the video links below.



[Driver Committee Update](#)



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OUR EVENTS

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OUR WEBINARS

MARCH

15, 22, 29| [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) 3.0 - Understanding the New Data Elements](#)

2:00 - 3:00 pm ET

16, 24| [High Level Overview of National Registry II Solution](#)

1:30 - 3:00 pm ET

OUR SURVEYS

Please respond to these surveys from Nebraska, District of Columbia, Quebec, British Columbia, Illinois, New Jersey, Michigan, and Delaware.

[Crash Reports](#) (Ends 03/21/2016)

[Use of Polycarbonate to Produce Driver's Licenses](#) (Ends 03/28/2016)

[Motorcycle Brake Light Modulators](#) (Ends 03/30/2016)

[Driver Licensing Services Wait Times](#) (Ends 04/04/2016)

Seeking Volunteers for NMVTIS Law Enforcement Working Group

The NMVTIS Law Enforcement Working Group was formed to identify business requirements regarding how law enforcement can use NMVTIS to provide law enforcement with the information necessary to investigate vehicle-related crimes. The Working Group will address and resolve vehicle, title, registration, and brand business issues as they pertain to NMVTIS. Finally, the Working Group implements strategies to increase NMVTIS usage within the law enforcement community.

Region II Law Enforcement Representative: All DMV Investigators and state police/highway patrol AAMVA members from Region II are eligible to apply. To qualify, the applicant must be a sworn officer who is authorized to access the NMVTIS Law Enforcement Access Tool.

- [Complete the application](#) and send it to Dianne Graham at committees@aamva.org.

Technical Advisor(s): The Working Group has immediate opening(s) for Technical Advisor(s) from AAMVA's associate membership.

- [Complete the application](#) and send it to Dianne Graham at committees@aamva.org.

Applications must be received **no later than March 21, 2016**. For more information about the Working Group, [visit the AAMVA Web site](#), or contact [Brian Ursino](#) at 703-350-5103.

Arizona Latest Jurisdiction to Implement USPVS via Web-Based Menu

On March 7, 2016, Arizona successfully implemented US Passport Verification Service (USPVS) functionality via Web-Based Menu (WBM) in production. AZ is now operational with USPVS and joins 22-fellow participating jurisdictions. USPVS allows the user to verify US Passport document data against DHS backend systems, and is established to assist state DMVs in issuing more secure driver licenses and identification cards. This application is available via internet and provides the implementing jurisdiction with the information to verify US Passports and US Passport Cards. For information on USPVS, contact AAMVA's Nalini Rangaraju (nrangaraju@aamva.org / 703.908.5784). Congratulations to AZ!

Submit Nominations for Martha Irwin Awards

The Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety is presented annually to an AAMVA member jurisdiction employee or other individual whose primary function is directly associated with highway and traffic safety efforts and who has had a distinguished career in this arena. The individual can be currently active or retired. One award is presented for achievement in highway safety in Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) and one for achievement in highway safety in Law Enforcement (LE).

- [Download the 2016 Awards Program Submission and Nomination Packet](#) and see page 4 for specific Martha Irwin Award (Motor Vehicle Administration) submission requirements.

[Motorcycle Testing and Training](#)
(Ends 04/04/2016)

[Customer Abstract Information Request Fee](#) (Ends 04/04/2016)

[Title and Registration Security](#)
(Ends 04/11/2016)

[Jake Brake violations](#) (Ends 03/23/2016)

These jurisdictions appreciate your assistance with their research. If you need a Web password or have any questions about using the survey tool, please send an e-mail to webportalsupport@aamva.org or call Janice Dluzynski at 703-908-5842. All online surveys can be found on the AAMVA Web site [here](#).

- [Download the 2016 Awards Entry Form](#). Each jurisdiction agency should complete and send one award entry form with the accompanying information specified in each award description **by April 1, 2016**.

JURISDICTION NEWS

Georgia Driver Services Prepares for Reinstatement Influx

Each year, income tax season brings an influx of customers to reinstate their driving privileges using their refunds at the Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS). DDS Commissioner Bert Brantley reminds reinstatement customers of a way to save valuable time – the Agency's Online License Reinstatement Services available at www.dds.ga.gov. Eligible customers may request that a free replacement of their original license be mailed directly to them. The license will be mailed within 7-10 business days eliminating the need to visit the DDS in person. For a complete list of online services, including the option to submit the required paperwork before visiting DDS, please visit www.dds.ga.gov or <https://online.dds.ga.gov/onlineservices/>.

FEDERAL NEWS

SAVE Program Website Now Easier To Navigate From Any Device

Visitors will find the [website for USCIS' Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements](#) (SAVE) Program easier to use because the content now automatically adjusts to fit a mobile device or desktop computer. This means that menu options now collapse for easier viewing on smaller screens or browser windows. Benefit applicants should know that they can access [SAVE CaseCheck](#) from mobile devices to check the progress of their SAVE verification case submitted by benefit-granting agencies. Read the [USCIS News Release](#) for more information.

DOT Fast Lane Blog: Acting to Advance the Development of Autonomous Vehicle Technology

"In January, at the North American International Auto Show, I unveiled a 10-year, \$3.9 billion proposal in the President's budget to advance autonomous vehicle technology. That same day, the Department released a series of steps we will take to pave the way for the development of these new vehicle technologies, including fully autonomous vehicles, in the safest way possible. Today, we're announcing some important milestones towards reaching those goals. The first is that the U.S. DOT will hold two public hearings - one in Washington, D.C., and one in California – to hear directly from you about how to best integrate the safe operation of automated vehicles... Also today, NHTSA released the Volpe Center's report that will help us understand how the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards – the federal regulations that all manufacturers have to meet to sell their car in the United States – may have to adjust for this new era. The report found that for cars with traditional designs and controls, there are only minimal federal regulatory hurdles; however, there may be greater obstacles for vehicle manufacturers that design cars without controls for human drivers, such as a steering wheel or brake pedals." [Read more at the US DOT's Fast Lane Blog](#)

NHTSA 2015 Accomplishments Report

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has released [NHTSA 2015](#), a document that summarizes dozens of significant advances that are helping Americans drive, ride, and walk safely. Visit nhtsa.gov for additional information and to download the report.

FMCSA and FRA Seek Input on Screening and Treating CMV and Rail Workers with Obstructive Sleep Apnea

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) [announces](#) in a joint Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) the request of information concerning the prevalence of moderate-to-severe obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) among individuals occupying safety sensitive positions in highway and rail transportation and its potential consequences. The Agencies also request information on potential costs and benefits from regulatory actions that address these safety risks. FMCSA and FRA will host three public listening sessions to gather input on OSA in Washington, DC, Chicago, and Los Angeles. Comments will be due **June 8, 2016**.

FMCSA Announces Receipt of Hearing Exemption Applications

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) [announces](#) receipt of applications from 25 individuals for an exemption from the hearing requirement to operate CMVs in interstate commerce. If granted, the exemptions would enable these individuals to operate CMVs in interstate commerce. Comments on these exemptions must be received by **April 6, 2016**.

FMCSA Announces Changes to the Definition of a High Risk Motor Carrier and Associated Investigation Procedures

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) [announces](#) a new High Risk Motor Carrier definition and associated investigative procedural changes in an effort to improve the carrier prioritization process to enable safety investigators to take more immediate action against carriers with the highest crash risk. These changes correspond with the "Blueprint for Safety Leadership: Aligning Enforcement and Risk" report issued by a Federal Aviation Administration Independent Review Team (IRT) in July 2014. Comments on this notice are due by **May 6, 2016**.

House Democrats File Amicus Brief In Favor of Immigration Action

Congressional Democrats filed an amicus brief last Tuesday before the U.S. Supreme Court to defend President Obama's immigration executive actions. The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear the case, *United States v. Texas*, in April. Texas challenged the legality of Obama's executive actions, and an appellate court ruled them unconstitutional. House Republicans are planning to hold a vote soon on a resolution that would allow the House to file a brief opposing the executive actions, which has never been done before.

FMCSA Requests Comment on Idaho Exemption from Third-Party CDL Tester Bond Requirements

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) [announced](#) that the Idaho Division of Motor Vehicles has applied for an exemption from federal regulations requiring third-party commercial driver's license testers to initiate and maintain a bond in an amount determined by the state to be sufficient to pay for re-testing drivers in the event that the third party or one or more of its examiners is involved in fraudulent activities related to conducting skills testing of CDL

applicants. FMCSA has requested comments on the application for exemption prior to **April 8, 2016**.

