Facial Recognition Working Group Meets in San Antonio

The leadership core group of the Facial Recognition (FR) Working Group met April 10-11 to edit the final draft of the FR Program Best Practices Guide, originally published in 2015. The final draft is now being reviewed by the full working group before being moved through the approval process. The 2019 version is expected to be published in August 2019.

Abandoned Vehicle Title Fraud Prevention: Survey Help Needed

Time is running out to assist the Abandoned Vehicle & Mechanic Lien Fraud Prevention Working Group in completing a member survey. This survey will be a part of the working group’s best practice document that will help jurisdictions in fraud prevention, detection, and deterrence related to abandoned and possessory lien vehicle title processes.

The survey can be found by clicking this link. Please take a few minutes to provide your jurisdiction input before the April 25, 2019 deadline. The working group is expected to publish this best practice in early 2020. Thanks for your assistance.

Third Party Agents Working Group Seeks Stakeholders

Industry representatives are invited to participate in AAMVA’s Third Party Agents Working Group as Stakeholders. The Working Group is developing an interim guidance and a best practice document for administering and auditing third parties and vendors who process motor vehicle and driver license transactions on behalf of jurisdiction agencies. NOTE: Commercial driver license (CDL) transactions, including skills testing, performed by a third party agent is NOT included in the Working Group’s task.

Organizations that represent companies, providing third party services for motor vehicle agencies are invited to submit an application to participate as a stakeholder. Stakeholders may be asked to join conference calls and in-person meetings (at Stakeholder expense) with the Working Group. Space is limited and AAMVA will select qualified representatives from the applications received. Applications must be submitted no later than May 3, 2019. Send completed application to committees@aamva.org. Questions can be referred to Casey Garber, (703) 328-0747.

This Week’s Webinars

NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the
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24-25 | 2019 April Board of Directors Meeting
Arlington, VA

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

26 | 2019 April State-to-State Governance Committee Meeting
Arlington, VA

29-2 | 2019 Leadership Academy
Arlington, VA

29-2 | 2019 April Joint mDL Working Group Meeting
Alexandria, VA

30-3 | 2019 April CDL Test Modernization - Pilot Test #2
Concord, NH

*Register for the following training sessions HERE.

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16 | CDLIS Rules for Driver Convictions (intermediate)

17 | CD11 Report Out-of-State Conviction (intermediate)

18 | CD12 Negate Out-of-State Conviction (intermediate)

23 | CDLIS A Overview (basic)

24 | CDLIS B Inquiry Transactions (basic)

25 | CDLIS C Update Transactions (basic)

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OUR WEBINARS

APRIL

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

Central Site

April 16, 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

New ICBC Road Safety Speakers Reaching out to Island Students Ahead of Grad Season (British Columbia)

Two new ICBC road safety speakers are now travelling across Vancouver Island sharing their personal stories with high school students about risky driving and the importance of making smart decisions. Every year on Vancouver Island, three youth are killed and 1,200 are injured in 3,800 crashes. "...The latest figures show that vehicle crashes represent the greatest number of unintentional deaths for youth (age 15 to 18)." ICBC is committed to supporting youth in developing strong decision-making skills on the road to help prevent crashes and save lives. Over the past two decades, ICBC's road safety speakers have been sharing their stories with approximately 50,000 B.C. high school students every year. Read more here.

Secretary Dunlap Unveils New Design for Driver’s Licenses and ID Cards (Maine)

Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap is unveiling a new design for Maine driver’s licenses and identification cards, which will be issued to all applicants upon their next renewal. The new design features an outline of the State of Maine, with images of two official state symbols: the white pine cone and tassel (state tree and flower) and the black-capped chickadee (state bird). The design also incorporates iconic images of Maine, including a potato field with a barn, lighthouse, sailboat, mountain, and sunrise. ‘Our staff has worked diligently to create a design that elegantly incorporates a variety of images that speak to the Maine experience, while also improving the security of these important identity documents,’ said Secretary Dunlap. Read more here.

Baker-Polito Administration Brings Awareness to Dangers of Illegally Driving Under the Influence (Massachusetts)

Governor Charlie Baker...joined Administration officials, public safety leaders and advocates from both the public and private sector to bring awareness to the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The group also highlighted a campaign to educate cannabis users about the dangers of driving impaired, and legislation filed by the Baker-Polito Administration to strengthen the state’s impaired driving laws. Governor Baker was joined by public safety advocates Keith Cooper, President of the Cannabis Dispensary Association, and Colleen Sheehey Church, Public Policy Liaison for the Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility in support of this legislation, as well as Cannabis Control Board, Massachusetts Municipal Police Training Committee, and State Police officials. Read more here.

DOJ Warns Consumers of Confusing Motor Vehicle Websites (Montana)

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Please respond to these surveys from Massachusetts, Virginia, Indiana, Idaho, North Carolina, Kentucky, Montana, Iowa, Connecticut, and AAMVA.

Road Testing (Ends 05/13/2019)
Response received from Texas.

Transaction/Technology Fees
(Ends 05/07/2019) Responses received from DE, FL, IL, MB, NH, OH, TX.

Kofax Total Agility (Ends 05/03/2019) Responses received from FL, NH, OH, SD, VA.

DL Equipment and Licensing
(Ends 04/19/2019) Responses received from DE, FL, IA, IN, KY, LA, MD, MS, ND, NE, NH, UT, VA, WI.

Print on Demand Temporary Tags or Plates (Ends 04/30/2019)
Responses received from AL, CA, DE, FL, GA, ID, KY, LA, MT, NE, NH, NY, OR, UT, VT, WV, WY.

Rebuilt Vehicles (Ends 04/29/2019)
Responses received from AL, CA, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, LA, MN, MS, MT, NE, NH, NY, OR, UT, VT, WV, WY.

Insufficient Ownership Documents
(Ends 04/22/2019) Responses received from AL, CT, DE, FL, ID, KS, KY, LA, MI, MO, MS, MT.

Title Printing and Storage Process
(Ends 04/22/2019) Responses received from AL, AR, CT, DE, FL, ID, KS, KY, LA, MI, MO, MS, MT.

Attorney General Tim Fox and the Montana Department of Justice want to make Montanans aware of confusing vehicle service websites charging consumers for services offered free of charge through the agency's Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) official online presence. 'We encourage Montana consumers to understand which websites they're really interacting with when they go online and search for our Motor Vehicle Division,' Attorney General Tim Fox said. 'Government websites are specifically vetted to receive a .gov domain, so if you visit a website that ends in some other extension, it doesn’t actually represent a government agency. We consider these websites confusing because they have names similar to our Motor Vehicle Division, and have been engineered to rank high in online searches in order to gain consumer traffic and charge for services the public could receive for free by visiting our website instead,' Fox added. Read more here.

Minister Crocker Highlights 2019 Highway Safety Action Plans (Newfoundland)

In March, my department announced the results of a highway construction camera pilot project that examined the effectiveness of camera technologies that monitor vehicle speeds in highway construction zones. The Department of Transportation and Works will now work with Service NL and the Department of Justice and Public Safety to determine how these technologies can be used for enforcement. This construction season, our government will add centre line rumble strips to Veterans Memorial Highway. This will mark the first time in the province’s history that rumble strips will be added to the centre line of a highway to alert motorists who inadvertently veer from their lane. Mr. Speaker, this summer, we will also be introducing a 511 quick-dial telephone, smartphone app, and website that will provide easy access to our highway condition and construction reports, highway cameras, the Provincial Plow Tracker and ferry schedules.' Read more here.

GTSC, DMV Highlight Dangers of Distracted Driving (New York)
The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)...held a press conference to announce a public safety campaign and enforcement effort to deter distracted driving. The press conference was held at the Trucking Association of New York’s (TANY) Truck Safety and Education Symposium and helped raise awareness for National Distracted Driving Awareness Month...GTSC is launching a new public service announcement campaign to raise awareness about the dangers of distracted driving. The new campaign will be featured on billboards, television, and radio. State and local police will also launch an enforcement campaign focused on distracted driving, which will take place from April 11 to April 15. Read more here.

DMV Highway Safety Office Publishes 2018 Crash Statistics (Virginia)
The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles’ (DMV) Highway Safety Office is announcing 2018 crash statistics. The final numbers are now available for analysis in the DMV's state-of-the-art automated Traffic Records Electronic Data System (TREDS), the Commonwealth's central repository for crash data and related information. For the first time since 2014, the number of overall crash fatalities in the Commonwealth decreased, with 819 fatalities reported, compared to 843 in 2017. Although a 4-percent decrease, the number is still far higher than 2014's record low number of crash fatalities (700). Several categories of crash types reported increases in fatalities, including alcohol-related fatalities, teen driver-related fatalities, speed-related fatalities, and pedestrian fatalities. Read more here.
Leadership Changes at DHS
The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has seen transitions in leadership this month. Acting Secretary Kevin K. McAleenan will be taking over for former DHS Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen who has resigned. McAleenan has also designated David P. Pekoske as Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Administrator, who will be performing the duties of the DHS Deputy Secretary. Patricia Cogswell, TSA’s Acting Deputy Administrator, will oversee day-to-day operations at TSA and continue to focus on TSA’s mission and priorities.

New Guide Helps States Implement Successful Peer-to-Peer Initiatives (GHSA)
Motor vehicles remain the leading cause of death for teens and young adults. Though fatal crashes involving drivers 16-24 years old declined more than 25% over the past decade, much work remains. To help states further this progress, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has released the 'Peer-to-Peer Teen Traffic Safety Program Guide,' prepared by the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA). Written for State Highway Safety Offices (SHSOs), the guide examines peer-to-peer programs, in which young adults take the lead in identifying a traffic safety problem in their school and community and taking action to address it. The programs offer young leaders the opportunity to not only formulate but also implement and evaluate a plan to educate their community about the identified issue. Read more here.

National Work Zone Awareness Week Launches In The District Of Columbia (AASHTO)
Today, the District Department of Transportation, in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA) kicked off National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW). NWZAW is held at the start of construction season to encourage safe driving through highway work zones and bring national attention to motorist and worker safety and mobility issues in work zones. 'In a city like Washington, DC, that is constantly growing and thriving, work zones are part of our everyday lives,' said DDOT Director Jeff Marootian. 'National Work Zone Awareness Week is an opportunity to remind motorists that safety is everyone’s responsibility, especially in work zones.' This year’s theme ‘Drive Like You Work Here’ emphasizes the importance of motorists following traffic rules that keep roadway workers safe in work zones. NWZAW brings national attention to motorist and worker safety in work zones. Read more here.