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Register now for the [Region IV Conference](#), May 16-19 in Portland, Oregon. The early bird registration deadline is **TOMORROW, April 19**, and the hotel cut-off is **THIS THURSDAY, April 21**, and it will not be extended. Our room block is nearly full, so if you are planning on attending, [make hotel reservations soon](#). The 2016 Region IV Conference provides a terrific opportunity for attendees to discuss today's relevant motor vehicle and law enforcement related issues. [Register today!](#)

S2S Training is Now Available to ALL States

State-to-State training is now available to all states. Previously this training was available only for participating jurisdictions. The State-to-State (S2S) Verification Service is a means for states to electronically check with all other participating states to determine if the applicant currently holds a driver license or identification card in another state. State participation in S2S is voluntary. To enroll in S2S training, please visit <http://www.aamva.org/systems-training/>

CDLIS Timeliness and Accuracy- Summary Workbook Reports for Jurisdictions

At the direction and support of FMCSA, AAMVA produces monthly reports on the CDLIS Timeliness, Data Quality, and Capabilities of all jurisdictions. The reports for March are now ready for viewing. To request a copy of these reports, please click on the following link [REQUEST](#)

FEDERAL NEWS

NHTSA Requests Comment on Recall Notification at the Time of Vehicle Registration Pilot Program

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has published a [request for information](#) on its two-year pilot program to evaluate the feasibility and effectiveness of a state process for informing consumers of open motor vehicle recalls at the time of vehicle registration. Specifically the agency is interested in information regarding a state's process for registering motor vehicles, the application(s) used by the states to facilitate its access to open recall data, how a notice to consumers should be provided to raise awareness of an open recall, how

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19-20| 2016 April NMVTIS Law Enforcement Working Group Meeting

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April 20, 2016

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to measure the effectiveness of the pilot, and the estimated costs for a state to fulfill the obligations of the pilot program. This presents an important opportunity for AAMVA members to help inform NHTSA's approach as it moves towards implementation of the pilot program as directed under Section 24105 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. Currently, a manufacturer must provide notice of a recall to each person registered under state law as the owner and whose name and address are reasonably ascertainable by the manufacturer through state records or another source. NHTSA seeks to improve the notice of recall information to owners and develop ways to increase the rate at which consumers satisfy open recalls. NHTSA will make this pilot program available for up to six states. Comments on this notice are due May 16th, AAMVA requests jurisdictions submitting comments copy governmentaffairs@aamva.org so that the association can reflect those comments in their own.

FMCSA Forms MCSAP Working Group

On April 8, 2016, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) [announced](#) the formation of its Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) Formula Working Group. The formation of this working group was federally mandated under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. FMCSA received 29 applications in total. The following individuals were selected as public members to the working group:

- Lt. Donald Bridge, Jr. - Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles
- Lt. Thomas Fitzgerald - Massachusetts State Patrol
- Michelle N. Lopez - Colorado State Patrol
- Alan R. Martin - Ohio Public Utilities Commission
- Lt. Stephen Brent Moore - Georgia Department of Public Safety
- Capt. Brian Preston - Arizona Department of Public Safety
- John E. Smoot - Kentucky State Police
- Col. Leroy Taylor - South Carolina Department of Public Safety
- Adrienne Gildea - Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance
- Stephen C. Owings - Road Safe America

For more information, visit transportation.gov

Senate Discloses Spending Allocations

In an interesting week regarding how best to resolve the discrepancy between a clearly defined budget and moving forward with appropriations designations, the United States Senate Appropriations Committee voted 29-1 to adopt its 302(b) spending allocations. The vote now allows all 12 subcommittees of the Appropriations Committee to begin writing their individual spending bills. These numbers will be based on the \$1.07 trillion base discretionary spending as allowed under last year's budget deal (P.L. 114-74). The allocations pertinent to the AAMVA membership include \$56.3 billion for Commerce, Justice, Science; \$41.2 billion for Homeland Security; and \$56.5 billion for Transportation, Housing and Urban Development.

Second Public Meeting on Guidelines for the Safe Deployment and Operation of Automated Vehicle Safety Technologies

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) [is announcing](#) a second public meeting to seek input on planned guidelines for the safe deployment and operation of automated vehicles. NHTSA will hold the public meeting on April 27, 2016, in Stanford, CA. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 4:00 p.m., PDT. At this meeting, NHTSA is seeking public input on those aspects

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OUR WEBINARS

APRIL

19, 26 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) 3.0 - Understanding the New Data Elements](#)

2:00 - 3:00 pm ET

OUR SURVEYS

Please respond to these surveys from Arkansas, South Carolina, Georgia and District of Columbia.

[Online Vehicle Renewal](#) (Ends 05/10/2016) Response received from Arkansas.

[Sale of Information](#) (Ends 05/06/2016) Responses received from AL, CA, DC, LA, ND, NE, UT, VT, WA.

[Non-compliant DL/ID Card](#) (Ends 05/09/2016) Responses received from DE, FL, IL, LA, ND, NE, NH, SC, UT, VA, VT, WA.

[Lien removal after several years](#) (Ends 05/03/2016) Responses received from AL, AR, BC, DC, GA, IL, KY, LA, ME, MI, MN, MS, ND, NE, NH, NY, OR, PA, QC, UT, VA, VT, WA, WY.

[Oral Tests for CLP](#) (Ends 04/25/2016) Responses received from AR, CA, CT, FL, ID, IL, KS, KY, LA, ME, MI, MN, MS, ND, NE, NH,

of automated vehicle (AV) systems that would benefit from operational guidelines. NHTSA held its first public meeting on this topic on April 8, 2016, in Washington, DC.

DOT Releases Comprehensive Truck Size and Weight Limits Study

The United States Department of Transportation (DOT) [has completed](#) its Comprehensive Truck Size and Weight Limits Study Report to Congress. The final report was completed based on the peer reviewed technical reports released in June 2015. The Department notes that it is DOT's view that data limitations are extremely profound, and as a result, the Department is recommending no changes be made to relevant truck size and weight laws and regulations until these significant data limitations are overcome. The technical reports as well as the transmittal letter are available from the link provided above.

FMCSA Issues Safety Advisory for the Immediate Re-inspection and Retesting of Certain Cargo Tank Motor Vehicles

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is issuing a safety advisory to provide notice to owners and operators of certain cargo tanks that they have: 1) been improperly inspected and tested, and 2) must be re-inspected and retested before being used in Hazardous Materials specification tank service. The tanks in question were tested by H&W Tank Testing (CT#8083; Ohatchee, Alabama) and Christopher Humphries (CT#13131; Jacksonville, Alabama). Cargo tanks that have been inspected and/or tested by either company from April 2011 through March 2016 must be re-inspected and/or retested immediately by a cargo tank facility registered with FMCSA. It is a violation of the Federal Hazardous Materials Regulations to use these cargo tank motor vehicles for transportation of hazardous materials before they have been properly re-inspected and retested by an FMCSA-registered cargo tank facility.

Owners and operators must immediately provide FMCSA with documentation that the required inspections and testing have been performed for all of the affected cargo tank motor vehicles. [Click here](#) to read the full safety advisory, including the entire list of documentation requirements. Owners and operators with questions are directed to contact FMCSA's Hazardous Materials Division at fmcsa.cargotank@dot.gov

Congressional Republicans File Supreme Court Briefs

House and Senate Republicans filed separate Supreme Court briefs to support Texas and 25 other states against the Obama Administration's executive actions on immigrations last week. The House voted last month 234-181 [to file the brief](#) on behalf of the House of Representatives. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and 42 Republicans [signed the Senate brief](#) filed. Oral arguments are scheduled to begin April 18th, and the Supreme Court is set to decide the case before the end of the term in June.

NHTSA Releases Statement on Autonomous Vehicles & Infographic

Did you know that an estimated 94% of all vehicle crashes involve human error? New safety technologies, like rearview video systems and automatic emergency braking, are leading the way for driverless vehicles and possibly making crashes a thing of the past. To help members learn more about today's safety technologies, NHTSA is sharing a new infographic and a link to the agency's statement on automated vehicles, related technologies, and how they are addressing vulnerabilities that can exist with highly automated vehicles on SaferCar.gov. As more advanced safety technologies become available in vehicles, NHTSA wants

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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](#).

to help members understand exactly what they are, how they are making roads safer and how, for that reason, NHTSA is committing to making automated vehicles a reality.

FMCSA: Fatal Truck Crashes Dropped 5% in 2014

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) released its [annual report tracking large truck and bus crash data](#) this week and determined that the overall involvement of trucks in crashes declined by 5% between 2013 and 2014, which includes a steep 33% drop in fatal crashes. However, the agency also noted a significant one-year spike in trucks involved in injury and property-damage-only crashes as well. [Read more at Fleet Owner](#).

PARTNER NEWS

Overview of Major Issues Regarding the Impacts of Alcohol and Marijuana on Driving

The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety has released a report that provides an overview of issues related to marijuana consumption, including effects on driving, blood testing, and potential social and legal factors. [Read the full report here](#).

GHSA Provides Training to Fight Drug-Impaired Driving

Four GHSA [State Highway Safety Office](#) members will receive grants totaling nearly \$80,000 to help combat drug-impaired driving, a growing problem across the country. The Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility ([Responsibility.org](#)), a long-time GHSA partner, is providing the financial support for this project. The Florida, Illinois, Nevada and Texas highway safety offices will each use their funding to provide law enforcement officers with the advanced training and skills necessary to detect drivers who are impaired by marijuana and other drugs. Twenty-two states and territories applied for these competitive grants. A selection committee comprised of law enforcement and drug-impaired driving experts from around the country reviewed the applications and determined the winners.

