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**OUR EVENTS**

**APRIL**

26-28| [CDL Coordinators/IT Meeting](#)  
 April 20, 2016  
 Chicago, Illinois  
 By Invitation Only

**MAY**

9-12| [AAMVA Leadership Academy](#)  
 Arlington, VA  
 By Application Only

**AAMVA Board of Directors Meets**

The AAMVA International Board of Directors held their annual Spring meeting last week in Ottawa, Ontario. Holding the meeting in Canada allowed the Board to hold additional strategic conversations with the leadership of the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA) and to visit the Canadian Parliament. The Board's business included providing strategic direction on AAMVA initiatives and approving multiple committee products for publication. These new tools, including the latest updates to the NMVTIS Business Rules Best Practice, the Gender Designation Resource Guide, the Non-Commercial Model Driving Testing System, and a new AAMVA License Plate Design Standard, will all be available to members later this summer. The Board will next meet in August in Williamsburg, VA just prior to the 2016 Annual International Conference.

**NMVTIS Business Rules and NMVTIS Law Enforcement Working Groups Meet**

The NMVTIS Business Rules and Law Enforcement Working Groups both met in Washington, DC on April 19 & 20, 2016. The Business Rules Working Group had a full agenda that included a detailed discussion to define the requirements and framework for the performance management concept for the state program. This will be used to prepare an estimated fiscal impact statement as requested by the Vehicle Standing Committee.



In addition, the Business Rules Working Group discussed other current topics of concern such as state use of JSI data and branding best practices. It was a very productive and successful meeting with new Chair Tony Hall, Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. The Business Rules Working Group will continue to make progress with their work via conference calls and the next face-to-face meeting for the Working Group is slated to take place in October 2016.



The Law Enforcement Working Group received important program updates from AAMVA and DOJ before spending time updating the working group's goals and action plans. In addition, the two working groups spent one-half day in joint session becoming familiar with each other's accomplishments, future direction, and exchanging ideas of mutual benefit.



**Register Now for the 2016 Region I Conference**

Registration is now open for the 2016 Region I Conference, July 17-20 in Burlington, Vermont. The conference provides an opportunity for you and your peers to discuss relevant driver's license, motor vehicle and law enforcement related issues. Visit <http://www.aamva.org/2016-Region-I-Conference-Home/> for more information and to register today!





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OUR WEBINARS

APRIL

26 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) 3.0 - Understanding the New Data Elements](#)  
2:00 - 3:00 pm ET

MAY

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2:00 - 3:00 pm ET

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### Arkansas to Join State-to-State Verification Service (S2S)

Arkansas will begin using the State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) on Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Tasks related to on-boarding Arkansas will be conducted during the weekend of June 4<sup>th</sup>. During this process (Saturday evening to Monday morning), there may be periods during which the CDLIS/S2S Central Site is in inquiry-only mode or is unavailable (over and above the regularly scheduled maintenance window of 2AM to 5AM on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>). Following Arkansas, several states will be joining the S2S program throughout 2016. Please visit <http://www.aamva.org/State-to-State/> (requires login) for a full timeline and more information.

### Puerto Rico Implements SSOLV, VLS, and USPVS in Production

On April 24, 2016, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (PR) successfully migrated Social Security Online Verification (SSOLV), Verification of Lawful Status (VLS), and US Passport Verification Service (USPVS) into production. PR is now operational with SSOLV, VLS, and USPVS.

PR is the first participating jurisdiction in SSOLV using the Web Services access method.

PR is one of 19 jurisdictions participating in VLS and one of 23 jurisdictions participating in USPVS.

All three applications are available via AAMVAnet and provide the implementing jurisdiction with the information to verify Social Security cards, immigration documents, and US Passports and Passport Cards. For information on SSOLV, VLS, or USPVS, contact AAMVA's Nalini Rangaraju ([nrangaraju@aamva.org](mailto:nrangaraju@aamva.org) / 703.908.5784).

AAMVA congratulates PR for a job well done!

### Training Opportunities

#### Course I: Introduction to the National Driver Register

This introductory session provides history, background, purposes and uses on NDR and PDPS, state's responsibility, and the relationship between NDR, PDPS, States, and AAMVA.

#### Training Session: Tuesday, May 17, 2-4 ET

[Register Here](#). You will have to register if you are new to the training site by clicking on "Register"

#### Course II: PDPS Inquiry Transactions

This session provides information on PDPS Inquiry Transactions, which return pointer information on individuals who have been convicted of driving violations. The course details types of inquiries, information used, participants, and flow of each transaction.

#### Training Session: Wednesday, May 18, 2-4 ET

[Register Here](#) You will have to register if you are new to the training site by clicking on "Register"

#### Course III: PDPS Update Transactions

This session provides information on PDPS Update Transactions, which allow the addition, removal and change of pointer information at the PDPS Central Site. The course details types of updates, information used, participants, and flow of each transaction.

#### Training Session: Thursday, May 19, 2-4 ET

[Register Here](#) You will have to register if you are new to the training site by clicking on "Register"

### FEDERAL NEWS

### Senate Appropriations Approves Commerce-Justice-Science Spending Bill

The Senate Appropriations Committee has approved a draft fiscal 2017 spending

## OUR SURVEYS

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

[Motorcycle Rider Education](#) (Ends 05/16/2016) Response received from NH.

[Online Vehicle Renewal](#) (Ends 05/10/2016) Responses received from AL, DC, GA, ID, IL, MN, MO, NE, VA, VT, WA.

[Sale of Information](#) (Ends 05/06/2016) Responses received from AB, AL, CA, DC, K, KY, LA, MN, ND, NE, NH, OH, OR, SD, UT, VA, VT, WA.

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

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](mailto:webportalsupport@aamva.org) or call Janice Dluzynski at 703-908-5842. All online surveys can be found on the AAMVA Web site [here](#).

bill including \$56.3 billion in discretionary spending. These spending levels represent a \$563 million increase (roughly 1 percent increase) over current enacted spending levels and an increase of \$1.6 billion over the Presidential request. The bill contains \$29.2 billion in discretionary funding for the Justice Department with the following outlays:

- \$9.45 billion for the FBI (an increase of \$652 billion from FY 2016). This includes \$61 million increase for cybersecurity activities.
- \$2.49 billion for the Drug Enforcement Administration (an increase of \$34.1 million). This includes \$12.5 million for the creation of four new enforcement groups concentrating on targeting, disrupting and dismantling heroin trafficking.
- \$2.71 billion for the United States Marshals Service.
- \$2.36 billion for state and local law enforcement and crime prevention grant programs. Specifically, the bill provides \$384 million for Byrne Justice Assistance Grants; \$170 million for initiatives to address Rape Kit and other DNA evidence backlogs; \$49 million in support of Drug Courts and Veterans Treatment Courts; \$75 million for Second Chance Act grants; \$10 million for COPS Office Anti-Heroin Task Force grants; and \$7 million for COPS Office Anti-Methamphetamine Task Force Grants.

## Senate Appropriations Approves Transportation-HUD Spending Bill

The Senate Appropriations Committee has approved a \$56.5 billion FY 2017 Transportation-HUD spending bill by a 30-0 vote. While the measure boosts funding for housing assistance programs, it reduces funding for transportation. The draft bill as released provides \$16.9 billion in discretionary funding for the Department of Transportation but represents an overall total that is \$827 million lower than the FY 2016 enacted level and \$2.9 billion below the Presidential request. Of the \$16.9 billion in discretionary spending, the following amounts were provided:

- \$525 million for national infrastructure investments
- \$44 billion for the Federal-aid Highway Program
- \$16.4 billion for the Federal Aviation Administration
- \$1.7 billion for the Federal Railroad Administration
- \$12.3 billion for the Federal Transit Administration
- \$485 million for the Maritime Administration
- \$891 million for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
- \$644 million for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

There are expected to be numerous amendments offered to the bill that may be considered contentious, including revisiting trucker rest requirements. The Subcommittee has provided [highlights](#) of the legislation.

## NHTSA Requests Comment on Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), along with the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration are in the process of reviewing the Guidelines for the Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria (MMUCC) Fourth Edition (dated December 2012). These groups are [requesting comments](#) on whether updates or improvements to the criteria are appropriate. The MMUCC provides states with a dataset for describing crashes of motor vehicles that is then used to create the data necessary for improving highway safety within each state and nationally. Based upon input received from comments, NHTSA and GHSA anticipate issuing draft changes to the Guidelines by the fall of 2017. Comments must be received before **June 20, 2016**.

## MO DOR Submits Knowledge Test Exemption Request for Veterans to FMCSA

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has [published](#) an exemption request from the Missouri Department of Revenue Driver's License Bureau from commercial driver's license regulations requiring a driver to pass the

general knowledge test before being issued a Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP). Missouri DOR requests this knowledge test exemption for qualified veterans who participated in dedicated training in approved military programs. The Missouri Goal is to assist qualified veterans in obtaining employment when returning to the civilian workforce. Comments on this request must be received on or before **May 20, 2016**. AAMVA requests jurisdictions submitting comments copy [governmentaffairs@aamva.org](mailto:governmentaffairs@aamva.org) so that the association can reflect those comments in their own.

### **FHWA Publishes Third Performance Management Measure for Assessing National Highway System, Freight, and Congestion Mitigation**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has [released](#) its third in a series of three Notices of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that combined establish a set of performance measures for State Departments of Transportation to use as required by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). The measures included in this release would be used by State DOTs and MPOs to assess the performance of the National Highway System for the purpose of carrying out the National Highway Performance Program; to assess freight movement on the Interstate System; and to assess traffic congestion and on-road mobile source emissions for the purpose of carrying out the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program. Comments on this NPRM are due by **August 20, 2016**.

## **PARTNER NEWS**

### **TRB Panel: Women Transportation Leaders of the Northeast**

Transportation Research Board is cosponsoring a panel discussion on Women Transportation Leaders of the Northeast in Cambridge, Massachusetts on April 28, 2016 from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM. The panel features four female heads of state departments of transportation in the northeastern states including:

- Jennifer Cohan, Secretary of Delaware Department of Transportation and former Chair of the AAMVA Board of Directors
- Stephanie Pollack, Secretary of Massachusetts Department of Transportation
- Leslie Richards, Secretary of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
- Victoria Sheehan, Commissioner of New Hampshire Department of Transportation

They will share their perspectives on leadership and advancement in transportation organizations. There is no fee to attend the event, but [advance registration](#) is required due to building security. [Visit here for more information.](#)



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