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CDL Coordinators/IT Meeting In Chicago



AAMVA and FMCSA held the 2016 CDL Coordinators/IT meeting in Chicago, IL last week. FMCSA Acting Administrator Scott Darling welcomed the meeting attendees and emphasized the important safety role jurisdictions play in achieving CDL uniformity and compliance and the partnerships that FMCSA and the jurisdictions have

created. AAMVA President & CEO Anne Ferro, along with the executive leadership of FMCSA, highlighted the important role those partnerships between state driver licensing agencies and federal regulators play in saving lives on our nation's roads. The 3-day meeting provided a forum for federal and state officials to share expectations, challenges, and achievements regarding the CDL program. More than 295 state and federal CDL experts were in attendance to discuss national CDL issues such as compliance with the CDL Permit & Testing Rule, upcoming Medical Certification rulemakings, driver license and other MAP-21 and FAST Act requirements. The meeting also featured a joint session with CVSA's Driver and Traffic Enforcement and Passenger Committees, where almost 100 CVSA members joined the AAMVA and FMCSA participants to discuss issues with CDLIS information at roadside. Presentations and materials from the meeting will soon be available on the AAMVA download page. [See photos from the meeting on AAMVA's Flickr Page](#)

Newly Established Motor Carrier Working Group Meets in Chicago

AAMVA's newly established Motor Carrier Working Group met face-to-face for the first time last week in Chicago, IL. They held their meeting at the same time and in the same location where the CDL Coordinators met and CVSA held their workshop. This provided a great opportunity for a week full of rich discussions involving commercial driver licensing as well as motor carrier regulations and safety. The AAMVA Motor Carrier Working Group includes eight jurisdictional members and is chaired by Bob Rowland, CDL/ Motor Carrier Coordinator from the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles. Rob Ide, Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles, serves as the AAMVA International Board Advisor to the Working Group.

The working group's objective is to identify potential opportunities for AAMVA to expand its services and support to members who work on motor carrier related issues. The Working Group will develop by December 2016, a final report to the

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OUR WEBINARS

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Board which will include a gap analysis, to determine what gaps, if any, exist in motor carrier support that AAMVA should consider fulfilling and that warrant the AAMVA community's focus that are not already within the scope of other motor carrier associations.

Technical advisors and industry stakeholders joined the group for part of their meeting and provided very valuable input and insight into many motor carrier related programs and activities.

More information about the working group can be found on AAMVA's website. <http://www.aamva.org/Motor-Carrier-Services-Working-Group/>

New PDPS Master Specification Released

As a result of the joint efforts of AAMVA and NHTSA, and the invaluable assistance of the NDR Working Group, we are pleased to announce the publication of the revamped PDPS Master Specification to the AAMVA website <http://www.aamva.org/PDPS/>. This new release (r2.0.4) of the document, approved by the NDR Working Group and NHTSA, consolidates, and sometimes corrects, older documents, namely the previous version of the systems specifications manual, the *NDR System Reference Manual*, the *PDPS Supplement to System Reference - Implementation Planning Guide*, *DLN Survey Transaction (9/1/2005)*, and the *Changes to PDPS Documentation for 10-Year History Check (9/1/2005)*. The revamped document describes the functionality of the system as it is today; therefore, no changes or adjustments on the part of the PDPS participants is expected. We are developing a webinar to walk through the new specifications format. Announcement of the webinar will be posted soon. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the AAMVA Operations Department at 1-888-AAMVA80 option 1 or helpdesk@aamva.org. Thank you for your support.

JURISDICTION NEWS

Carrier Program Modernization in Ontario

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation is modernizing one of the largest licensing and registration systems in North America. In the first phase of this multi-year modernization effort, a new IT system is being implemented for the ministry's licensing and registration program for carriers that will enhance and streamline processes and make services more efficient and accessible. [Read the full announcement here.](#)

FEDERAL NEWS

FMCSA to Hold Listening Sessions on Obstructive Sleep Apnea for Safety Sensitive Personnel

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) [announced](#) that it will be holding three public listening sessions on May 12, 17 and 25 2016 to solicit information on the prevalence of moderate-to-severe obstructive sleep apnea among individuals occupying safety sensitive positions in highway and rail transportation and its potential consequences for the safety of rail and highway transportation. FMCSA also requests information on potential costs and benefits from possible regulatory actions that address the safety risks associated with motor carrier workers in safety sensitive positions who have obstructive sleep apnea. These listening session will also provide an opportunity to share view and data or analysis on this topic with FMCSA. The listening sessions will be held on:

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | [NMTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) 3.0 - Understanding the New Data Elements](#)
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OUR SURVEYS

May 12 in Washington, DC; May 17, in Chicago, IL; and May 25 in Los Angeles, CA.

FMCSA Considering Mandating State Inspections of Passenger-Carrier Vehicles

FMCSA has announced that it is considering [a rulemaking](#) that would require the states to establish a program for annual inspections of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) designed or used to transport passengers or passenger-carrying CMVs. FMCSA plans to assess the risks associated with improperly maintained or inspected passenger-carrying CMVs by reviewing the effectiveness of existing federal inspection standards that are applicable to these types of vehicles. FMCSA is also considering the costs and benefits of having a mandatory inspection program. Comments on this notice must be received by June 27, 2016.

FHWA Announces Tribal Transportation Self Governance Negotiated Rulemaking

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has [announced](#) its intent to establish a negotiated rulemaking committee to develop a proposed rule to carry the Tribal Transportation Self-Governance Program as required by Section 1121 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. FHWA will select the tribal representatives for the Committee from elected officials of tribal governments acting in their official capacities and whose tribes have existing Title 23 USC funding agreements with the Department of Transportation. To the maximum extent possible, FHWA will consider geographical location, size, and existing transportation and self-governance experience in selecting tribal committee representatives. The committee will assist in the development of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking establishing the Tribal Transportation Self-Governance Program.

U.S. Supreme Court Rejects Bid to Block Texas Voter ID Law

The U.S. Supreme Court on Friday [rejected a bid](#) to block a controversial Texas voter identification law, meaning it is likely to be in effect during this year's general election. The court denied a request filed by opponents of the law, including individual Texas voters, who say the law is not needed and disproportionately affects older, poorer, and minority voters. The court left open the option of opponents filing a renewed application before the election.

NHTSA Submits Information Collection Request on Automated License Plate Readers

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has submitted a new [information collection request](#) and request for comment involving case study interviews with law enforcement agency personnel pertaining to their knowledge and practice in using automated license plate readers (ALPR) for traffic safety purposes. The information to be collected will be used to document the state of knowledge and practice in using ALPR under the National Cooperative Research and Evaluation Program. Public comment on the information collection request is due by June 28, 2016.

PARTNER NEWS

IACP Looking Beyond the License Plate Award Applications Due May 15th

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

[Off-Road and All-Terrain Vehicles Reciprocity](#) (Ends 05/16/2016)
Responses received from FL, ID, IL, KY, MO, NC, UT, VA, VT.

[GDL Requirements](#) (Ends 05/25/2016) Responses received from CA, FL, IA, IL, LA, NC, VA, VT, WV.

[Motorcycle Rider Education](#) (Ends 05/16/2016) Responses received from FL, IL, IN, KS, KY, MN, MS, ND, NH, NT, NY, OH, TN, TX, VA.

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

[Online Vehicle Renewal](#) (Ends 05/10/2016) Responses received from AL, BC, CA, DC, GA, ID, IL, KY, MD, MN, MO, NE, NH, NT, NV, NY, OH, OR, PA, SC, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA.

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

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](#).

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) [Looking Beyond the License Plate](#) award program is a national award program that recognizes law enforcement officers whose observations of license plates have led to the arrest of suspects or to the solution of crimes. The award program is open to all sworn law enforcement officers and is conducted in cooperation with the IACP's Highway Safety Committee. The program solicits case histories that validate the importance of license plates as effective crime-fighting tools. Applications must be submitted electronically by **Sunday, May 15, 2016**.

Automated and Connected Vehicles: Summary of the 9th University Transportation Centers Spotlight Conference

TRB's Conference Proceedings on the Web 19: Automated and Connected Vehicles: Summary of the 9th University Transportation Centers Spotlight Conference highlights a November 4-5, 2015 conference held in Washington, D.C. on Automated and Connected Vehicles. This conference was the 9th in a series of Spotlight Conferences funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation's (U.S. DOT) Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST-R), which sponsors the University Transportation Centers (UTC) Program.

This conference highlighted connected and automated vehicle research, testing, and deployment activities under way at the national, state, and local levels. Presenters also provided perspectives from the insurance industry, self-driving technology and mapping companies, and carsharing businesses. [Read more here](#).

Advancing Drugged Driving Data at the State Level: Synthesis of Barriers and Expert Panel Recommendations

The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety has released a report that identifies and recommends strategies for improving state-level data on the nature and extent of drugged driving in the United States by addressing the barriers that impede state efforts to collect and compile such data. [Read more here](#).



