June 27, 2016

**NCS Upgrade Notification**
Implementation of the Network Control Software (NCS) upgrade project, originally scheduled for July 4, 2016, has been cancelled. The new technology that will be introduced with this upgrade requires more time and testing to ensure successful implementation. As NCS is one of AAMVA’s most critical applications, AAMVA management has decided to postpone the implementation date. The new implementation date will be provided as soon as possible. AAMVA will send a detailed communication to all members when the transition to the new NCS happens. In case of any questions or concerns, please contact the AAMVA Helpdesk at 1-888-AAMVA80 option 1 or Helpdesk@aamva.org

**PDPS Training**

**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: Tuesday, July 5, 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: Wednesday, July 6, 2-4 ET
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**Course IV: PDPS State-to-State and NDR-Generated Transactions**
This session provides information on two types of PDPS Transactions:

- State-to-State transactions, which allow a State to request driver history and status information from another State
- NDR-Generated transactions, which provide each State with statistics on its interactive and batch transactions, as well as information to help detection of misuse of the system.

The course details types of inquiries, information used, participants, and flow of each transaction.

Training Session: Thursday, July 7, 2-4 ET
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**Maryland REAL ID Compliance**
Christine Nizer, Administrator of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration,
recently had a letter published in the Baltimore Sun clarifying Maryland's new DL/ID cards' compliance with the REAL ID Act. You can read the letter here.

**Nevada Heroic Veterans Honored with New Special Plates**
Nevada combat veterans who earned the Silver Star Medal or the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device, Combat V or Combat Distinguishing Device can now display the honor on new specialty license plates released today by the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles. The Silver Star Medal is the third-highest military decoration for valor awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces. Only the Medal of Honor and Service Cross rank higher. The Bronze Star Medal is awarded for heroic or meritorious achievement or service. The new license plates, approved by the 2015 Nevada Legislature in Assembly Bill 103, are also issued in disabled versions for medal recipients who have a 100% service-connected disability. The specific requirements, application form and details on obtaining the plates are available on the DMV website at [www.dmvnv.com](http://www.dmvnv.com).

**DOT Issues Commercial Drone Final Rule**
The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has issued a final rule for routine commercial use of small unmanned aircraft systems (UAS or “drones”) opening the door for their integration into the nation’s airspace. Among items of interest in the 624 page rule are the comments on comparison of prerequisite motor skills, safety benefits, and the obtaining of a corresponding driver’s license in order to operate a small unmanned aerial system. The FAA has made the determination that requiring a U.S. driver’s license as a prerequisite to obtaining a remote pilot certificate would impose the cost of acquiring those skills on people who do not currently possess a driver’s license without a corresponding safety benefit. Accordingly, this rule will not require remote pilot certificate applicants to hold a driver’s license.

**Police Can Seize Evidence For Outstanding Warrants, Says U.S. Supreme Court**
The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that police can seize evidence from an unlawful search if they first discover the suspect has an outstanding arrest warrant. The vote in the *Utah v. Streiff* case was 5-3. Justice Stephen Breyer sided with the court's four conservative justices, holding that if police stop someone without reasonable suspicion, an arrest warrant entitles them to conduct a search. The evidence is admissible in court as long as the stop is not the result of "flagrant police misconduct."

**U.S. Supreme Court Limits Impaired Driving Blood Test Law**
The U.S. Supreme Court struck down state laws that make it a crime to refuse a blood test when police have suspected a driver of impaired driving. The *Birchfield v. North Dakota* decision affects laws in 11 states that impose penalties for blood test refusals. The Court maintained that police can conduct a breath test but determined blood tests are more invasive, necessitating a search warrant. Justice Samuel Alito wrote in an opinion joined by Justices Roberts, Kennedy, Breyer and Kagan, "There must be a limit to the consequences to which motorists may be deemed to have consented by virtue of a decision to drive on public roads."

**U.S. Supreme Court Deadlocks to Affirm Lower Court Ruling Staying Expanded Immigration Executive Actions**
The United States Supreme Court has precluded the Obama administration from expanding the scope of deferred action for people that are living in the country illegally. In a deadlock decision (4-4) due to vacancy, the judgment of the lower court has been affirmed by an equally divided Court. The decision means that the Obama administration will not be able to implement its executive actions that could affect millions of people who are living in the country illegally. The executive actions in question sought to expand deferred deportation actions and allow more
Surrender License Plates (Ends 07/25/2016) Responses received from NH, UT.

Point of Sale System for Driver Licensing Document (Ends 06/30/2016) Responses received from AB, AR, FL, IL, KS, LA, MD, MI, MO, MS, NH, NY, OH, UT, WI.

Time to Process Driver Licensing Applicants (Ends 06/30/2016) Responses received from AR, FL, HI, IL, IN, KS, LA, ME, MI, MS, NH, OH, UT, VT, WA, WI.

Vehicle Recall Process and Contacts (Ends 07/15/2016) Responses received from AL, CA, FL, GA, ID, LA, MO, NE, NH, OH, OR, UT, VA, VT, WY.

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.

than 4 million undocumented immigrant parents of U.S. citizens and legal residents to stay in the country and allow them to get work authorization and other government benefits.

NHTSA Fourth of July Buzzed Driving Twitter Chat
Every year Americans head out on the nation’s highways to celebrate the Fourth of July at picnics, parties, parades and, of course, fireworks displays. Unfortunately, for many, the celebrating includes drinking alcohol, which too often leads to drunk driving on one of the most heavily traveled holidays of the year. In preparation for this holiday, NHTSA is hosting a Twitter chat on June 29 from 3-4 p.m. ET to remind everyone that Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving. Experts will be available to answer questions and encourage followers to plan ahead for a sober ride home. Please spread the word and encourage your followers to join in. NHTSA will provide stats and tips on buzzed driving prevention, as well as shareable content for them to reach out to their families and friends. They’ve also got plenty of other resources available for you to help spread this life-saving message far and wide.

NHTSA Publishes Agricultural Equipment Lighting and Visibility Final Rule
The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has added a new final regulation to the Code of Federal Regulations that sets forth requirements for lighting and marking on new agricultural equipment to improve daytime and nighttime visibility. The final rule standardizes lighting and marking requirements for agricultural equipment across the United States.

FMCSA Amends Civil Penalties for Inflation
The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has issued an interim final rule that amends the civil penalties listed in its regulations to ensure that the civil penalties assessed or enforced by the Agency reflect the statutorily mandated ranges as adjusted for inflation. This adjustment is pursuant to the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Improvements Act of 2015. FMCSA finds that good cause exists for immediate implementation of this interim final rule because prior notice and comment are unnecessary in accordance with the Act. The interim final rule is effective August 1, 2016.

Transportation Research Board (TRB) is sponsoring the First International Roadside Safety Conference: “Safer Roads, Saving Lives, Saving Money” on June 12-15, 2017 in San Francisco, California. The objective of the conference is to reduce deaths and injuries associated with run-off-road crashes by promoting the use of new or improved cost-effective safety treatments within existing roadside infrastructure. Submit an abstract by June 30, 2016. Information about registration will be forthcoming.