Region 2 Conference Wraps Up

From June 24-26, AAMVA hosted the Region 2 Conference in Houston, Texas. During the conference, members had the opportunity to network and attend sessions on hot topics, including industry trends and technology, jurisdiction updates, successful collaboration, and more. View photos of the event by visiting our Flickr page. Presentations are available for download on the AAMVA website (only for AAMVA members). If you attended the conference, please don't forget to provide feedback via the survey on our mobile app. Thank you to our sponsors and exhibitors who made this event possible!

AAMVA President & CEO, Anne Ferro, Wins Prestigious Ontario Road Safety Achievement Award

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation celebrates the efforts of public and private partners and individuals who help achieve very positive road safety results in their jurisdiction every year in categories of personal and corporate leadership, volunteer efforts, highly impactful safety initiatives and media excellence. For more than twenty years, these awards have recognized the outstanding contributions of individuals, groups and organizations who have excelled in supporting their collective safety mandate. This year, they unveiled a new award in honor of Rob Fleming as a small way of recognizing his commitment to road safety and the work he championed through AAMVA and CCMTA in creating meaningful, authentic and incredibly powerful partnerships across North America...Anne Ferro is the inaugural recipient of this Award. Read more here.

Looking for Members to Lend Their Expertise!

AAMVA is looking for additional jurisdiction members to lend their expertise. Serving on a committee is an ideal way to influence policy, develop best practices, and network with your peers. Listed below are the specific positions we are seeking jurisdiction members to fill on our three standing committees. We attempt to maintain jurisdictional and regional balance on all committees and working groups.

We have the following four vacancies:

- IT Representative (from any region) - Vehicle Standing Committee
- PACE Representatives (from any region; 3 vacancies) - Driver Committee, Law Enforcement Committee, and Vehicle Committee

If you would like to serve on one of our committees, please complete the
**Autonomous Vehicles Working Group Seeking New Members**

AAMVA is seeking to fill five vacancies on the Autonomous Vehicle Working Group with jurisdiction members with automated vehicle experience relative to vehicle and driver programs, law enforcement, policy and legal expertise. The purpose of the Working Group is to work with AAMVA members, federal agencies and other stakeholders to gather, organize, and share information with the AAMVA community related to the development, design, testing, use, and regulation of autonomous vehicles and other emerging vehicle technologies. Based on the group’s research, guidance to assist member jurisdictions in regulating autonomous vehicles will be developed and published.

Working Group members are expected to attend in-person meetings and participate in conference calls as needed. In addition, members conduct research and draft portions of the guidance documents in small groups and independently. Members may also be asked to travel to speak publicly and give presentations at meetings and conferences about working group efforts and/or to provide assistance to jurisdictions. If you are interested in applying for the Autonomous Vehicles Working Group, please download and complete the application form and email to Dianne Graham at committees@aamva.org by July 12, 2019. For more information on the Working Group, please contact Cathie Curtis.

**Imported Vehicles Working Group Seeking New Members**

The Imported Vehicles Working Group has a vacancy for a title and registration subject matter expert, vehicle fraud investigator, information technology (IT) programmer specialized in title and registration systems, or a policy and legal representative. The purpose of the Working Group is to develop guidance for jurisdictions on vehicles that have been imported and are being presented for title and/or registration. The working group is developing a guidance for jurisdictions that includes an explanation of federal laws for importing vehicles, the federal importation process and guidance for state responsibilities when titling and registering imported vehicles. This working group will reference the federal requirements and forms, and consider what implications the states will face as U.S. Custom and Border Protection moves to an electronic format.

Working Group members are expected to attend in-person meetings and participate in conference calls as needed. In addition, members conduct research and draft portions of the guidance documents in small groups and independently. If you are interested in applying for the Imported Vehicles Working Group, please download and complete the application form and email to Dianne Graham at committees@aamva.org by July 12, 2019. For more information on the Working Group, please contact Casey Garber.

**Government, ICBC & Police Team up for Impaired Driving Campaign (British Columbia)**

With the Canada Day long weekend approaching, police are stepping up their enforcement of impaired drivers at CounterAttack roadchecks across the province. Too many drivers still aren’t getting the message – last year, police issued 9,100 90-day immediate roadside prohibitions and 520 criminal code convictions to impaired drivers in B.C. And every year, on average, 68 people are still killed as a result of impaired driving, with 40 per cent of those deaths happening in the summer.* That’s why ICBC, police and government are urging drivers to plan

*Register for the following training sessions [HERE](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?message_id=17128942&user_id=AAMVA&frames=no).
Please respond to these surveys from Texas, Washington, Utah, ahead for a safe ride home whenever their summer activities involve alcohol. Read more at icbc.com.

DMV Answers REAL ID Questions During ABC7 Prime Time Newscasts (California)
The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is teaming up with KGO-TV (ABC7) to inform Bay Area residents about the REAL ID driver license and identification card program on June 26. Representatives will discuss the REAL ID program with 7 On Your Side consumer reporter Michael Finney while DMV employees answer general REAL ID questions from viewers who can call in during newscasts at 4, 5, and 6 p.m. Viewers can also submit questions on ABC7’s social media site and watch streaming on Facebook Live. NOTE: DMV employees will not have access to records during the call-in session and therefore, will not be able to address specific customer issues. The DMV and ABC7 want residents to be prepared for upcoming changes to federal identification requirements to board flights within the United States and access secure federal facilities and military bases that begin October 1, 2020. Read more at dmv.ca.gov.

Jesse White Alerts Motorists of Vehicle Title Fee Changes Effective July 1st Due to Action by Illinois General Assembly
Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is alerting the public of motor vehicle title fee changes, effective July 1, 2019, due to action by the Illinois General Assembly. These fee changes were a part of a capital bill that was recently signed into law and will fund statewide transportation and road improvement projects. The Secretary of State’s Office collects the fees set by the legislature...Additional changes impacting vehicle registration fees will take effect January 1, 2020. Read more at cyberdriveillinois.com.

Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles Offers Language Accommodations for Licensing
Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap is reminding Maine citizens that the Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles makes every effort to provide accommodations for driver license applicants to ensure fair and equitable access to licensure, in accordance with Maine and federal law. For those seeking to obtain a driver’s license, the Class C Maine Motorist Handbook and Study Guide and the knowledge exam for the driving permit are offered in multiple languages. The driving test manuals are also available at the State of Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles website, www.maine.gov/sos/bmv in both text and audio format. Applicants for a Class C license are also welcome to have a translator for both the written test and the pre-road test instructions. For applicants who are deaf or hard of hearing, the services of an American Sign Language interpreter can be employed during the written test and to convey pre-test instructions and post-test follow-up. Driver license examiners are also trained on using basic ASL to convey instructions during the road test. Read more at maine.gov.

Michigan Trooper Identifies Texas Fugitive With Fingerprint Device At Traffic Stop
Michigan State Police used a mobile fingerprinting device to identify and arrest a fugitive out of Texas on Tuesday afternoon. A Mexican citizen fleeing an active sexual assault warrant out of Texas was taken into custody by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials. A trooper stopped the man around 4 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25 for an equipment violation on U.S. 131 freeway near Cadillac, according to police. The man said he was from Texas but had lost his wallet, according to police, and he verbally identified himself to the trooper. However, the name provided by the man did not match any Texas driver’s licenses or records, according to police. The trooper then used a mobile fingerprint scanner to identify the male driver, police said in a press release. The scanner uses
Mechanic’s and Storage

Liens/Abandoned Vehicle (Ends 07/08/2019) Responses received from AR, CT, DC, FL, ID, IL, IN, LA, MI, NE, NH, NJ, PA, SC, TN, TX, WA.

Vision Screening Equipment (Ends 07/16/2019) Responses received from AB, AK, CT, DC, DE, FL, ID, IL, IN, KY, LA, MD, MN, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NV, OR, PA, TX, UT, WA.

Online Plate Renewal - Fulfillment & Validation (Ends 07/18/2019) Responses received from AB, AL, BC, CT, DC, FL, GA, HI, ID, KY, MN, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, ON, OR, PA, TX, UT, VA, WA, WY.

Surrender of previously issued CLP (Ends 07/16/2019) Responses received from CA, CO, CT, DE, HI, IL, IN, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, NE, NH, NJ, NM, OH, OK, SD, TX, VA, WI, WV.

PDPS Inquiry for Airline Pilots (Ends 07/09/2019) Responses received from CO, DC, DE, FL, IL, IN, LA, NE, NH, NJ, OR, PA, SC, SD, VA, WA, WI.

Definition and Inspection of Limousines (Ends 07/22/2019)

fingerprints to accurately identify individuals through bluetooth technology. If the individual is wanted, the trooper receives information with the subject’s photograph and identifying features. Read more at mlive.com.

Gender X on Driver's Licences and Identification Cards (Nova Scotia)

In July 2019, the Nova Scotia Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) will introduce additional options in the Sex/Sexe field of both Driver's Licences and Nova Scotia Identification Cards. These changes are occurring to keep Nova Scotia in line with modern identification standards as well as to ensure inclusiveness of all Nova Scotians. Up until now, the only options for sex/sexe were 'M' – Male and 'F' – Female. Moving forward an additional non-binary option of 'X' - Gender Unspecified will be available. All individuals will have one of these three options identified in the RMV database. Individuals will be permitted to self-disclose as 'X' – Gender Unspecified, however proof of gender must be submitted to update to sex/sexe value between 'M' – Male and 'F' – Female. All individuals will also have the option to have the sex/sexe field appear blank on their Driver's Licence or Identification Card. Read the article here.

Ontario Freezing Some Driver and Vehicle Fees

The Government of Ontario is protecting what matters most by implementing a five-year plan that will bring stability to driver, vehicle and commercial fee increases over the next five years. Key driver, vehicle and commercial fees will not increase until July 1, 2020. This is the third round of driver and vehicle fee increases that have been cancelled by the government. A modest two per cent increase to remaining fees will take effect on July 12, 2019. Read more at ontario.ca.

Revised DMV Inspection Manual Takes Effect July 1st (Vermont)

The revised Vermont Periodic Inspection Manual (PIM) has been adopted under the Administrative Procedures Act process and will go into effect on July 1st. As part of ongoing modernization efforts to improve motorist convenience, DMV collaborated with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Vermont Automotive Dealer Association (VADA), independent dealers and inspection stations, and other relevant partners to review and update Vermont’s three Periodic Inspection Manuals. 'This is the latest effort at DMV to provide the public with clear information pertaining to the safe and lawful operation of motor vehicles,' said DMV Commissioner Wanda Minoli. 'By collaborating with our key partners, we have been able to produce a single manual that aims to serve the traveling public more effectively.' Read more at dmv.vermont.gov.

FEDERAL NEWS

GAO Issues Report on Federal Voter Registration Enforcement and State and Local List Management

The United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) has issued a report entitled, “Information on Federal Enforcement Efforts and State and Local List Management.” GAO was asked to examine issues related to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA) voter registration and voter registration list maintenance requirements, as well as issues related to election fraud. The report addresses (1) The Department of Justice’s (DOJ) efforts to ensure states and localities comply with NVRA requirements to offer registration opportunities and administer voter registration list maintenance programs, and address potential instances of election fraud; and (2) how selected data sources are used at the state and local level to help maintain voter registration lists, and perspectives on how these data sources help ensure list accuracy and address potential voter
FMCSA Announces Proposed Rule Permitting Third Party Skills Trainers to Test Their Applicants

While yet to be made official through publication in the Federal Register, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has announced a proposed rule that would permit a third party skills test examiner to administer the Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) skills test to applicants to whom the examiner has also provided skills training. Under this proposal, states would have the option to permit a practice that had previously been prohibited under 49 CFR 383.75(a) (7). FMCSA believes that allowing States to permit this practice could alleviate CDL skill testing delays and reduce inconvenience and cost for third party testers and CDL applicants without negatively impacting safety. FMCSA cites that if adopted as a final rule would be considered a deregulatory action as defined by Executive Order (E.O.) 13771, “Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs.” AAMVA wanted to ensure members were aware of the proposal and will cite its official publication and comment response date once that has been made available. Read more at fmcsa.dot.gov.

The U.S. Supreme Court Vacates And Remands Drunk Driver Blood Withdrawal Ruling

The U.S. Supreme Court vacated and remanded in a 5-4 ruling a Wisconsin Supreme Court decision which upheld that a suspected drunk driver’s blood can be tested for diagnostic purposes when the driver is unconscious. The decision leaves unanswered whether Wisconsin’s implied consent law alone justifies a warrantless blood draw on unconscious individuals. The U.S. Supreme Court did not decide whether police officers can rely upon Wisconsin’s informed consent law solely. The Court reviewed the case under the Fourth Amendment’s exigent circumstances exception which allows police to obtain a warrantless blood withdrawal in emergency situations. The case will be remanded to Wisconsin courts now. Read more at supremecourt.gov.

U.S. DOT Publishes Semiannual Regulatory Agenda

The United States Department of Transportation (DOT) has published its semiannual regulatory agenda. The Regulatory and Deregulatory Agenda is a semiannual summary of all current and projected rulemakings, reviews of existing regulations, and completed actions of the Department. The intent of the Agenda is to provide the public with information about the Department of Transportation’s regulatory activity planned for the next 12 months. Any member wishing to comment on the regulatory agenda are encouraged to copy governmentaffairs@aamva.org so that AAMVA may reflect those comments in its own. Read more at govinfo.gov.

PARTNER NEWS

J.J. Keller Develops Training Program to Fight Human Trafficking

J.J. Keller has developed a Human Trafficking Awareness training program for commercial truck drivers. Human Trafficking Awareness for Drivers will empower drivers to help fight human trafficking by educating them on what it is and what to look for. Commercial drivers are in a unique position that allows them to be present at common trafficking places such as truck stops, rest areas, and gas stations, the company said. The training will help drivers understand the importance and risk of human trafficking. It will teach them to respond accordingly when they suspect it’s taking place. Read more at truckinginfo.com.
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