Region 4 Conference Wraps Up

From July 15-17, AAMVA hosted the Region 4 Conference in Denver, Colorado. During the conference, members had the opportunity to network and attend sessions on hot topics, including industry trends and technology, vehicle sales and titling, impaired and at-risk drivers, workplace culture, 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!

Managing Data Privacy Working Group Surveys

AAMVA’s Managing Data Privacy Working Group needs your input to help jurisdictions implement best practices aimed at strengthening privacy, while addressing the operational data sharing responsibilities. To assist the Working Group, we request your agency’s input with two surveys. One survey focuses on agreement with other organizations that request data, data governance and personnel. The second survey focuses on data requests and audit & accounting procedures. Please respond to these surveys by July 31. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Knittle. Thank you for your assistance.

This Week’s Webinars

NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature

Tuesday, July 23, 2019, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)

Before a jurisdiction issues a title or other ownership document or record, the SWI can provide information to help the jurisdiction determine whether the ownership documentation presented with the application are valid. The information supports jurisdictions’ titling processes for both new and used vehicles. The Anti-Car Theft Act requires each jurisdiction to perform an instant title verification check before issuing a title to an applicant claiming to have purchased the vehicle from an individual or entity in another jurisdiction. The SWI VIN search feature can be used to satisfy this legal requirement. In addition, the NMVTIS best practice is that jurisdictions perform an inquiry before issuing a title or other ownership document or record, whether or not the applicant claims to have purchased the vehicle in another jurisdiction.

Note: This webinar is for AAMVA jurisdiction and federal members only.
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NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States (Web Service Version) – Part 2
Wednesday, July 24, 2019, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)
NMVTIS has two third party transactions that involve updates between the central site and multiple states. Because the transactions involve multiple states and the central site, it is possible for a transaction to break down before it completes. Further activity against this title record is greatly restricted until the problem is resolved. This webinar provides instruction as to how to identify and resume suspended transactions. The intended audience for this webinar are NMVTIS Help Desk Personnel, Business Process Analyst and IT System Integrators.

Note: This webinar is for AAMVA jurisdiction members only.

AAMVA Secure File Transfer Protocol Infrastructure Migration
Thursday, July 25, 2019, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Each Jurisdiction/ Third Party Service Provider that participate in batch processing with the NMVTIS and SPEXS programs rely on AAMVA’s Secure File Transfer Protocol (FTP) infrastructure. AAMVA has made changes to its infrastructure in support of AAMVA’s journey to the cloud. To finalize this infrastructure migration, all AAMVA batch service users are required to change their FTP connection to the new AAMVA Secure FTP infrastructure by the end of October 2019. This webinar will discuss what configuration changes are required to connect to the new AAMVA Secure FTP infrastructure and how to coordinate these changes with AAMVA.

This webinar is open to the public.

JURISDICTION NEWS

Safety Top Priority at DMV's Biennial CDL Training Seminar in Westminster (Colorado)
Safe roads and drivers were center stage at the Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles’ biennial Commercial Driver License (CDL) Training seminar May 7-8 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Westminster. About 60 third-party CDL testers from throughout Colorado attended the two-day event, which was hosted by the Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles Driver Testing and Education CDL Compliance Unit. The seminar focused on safety, providing third-party CDL testers updates on federal and state standards and yet-to-be-implemented changes that affect the licensing process. The updates included topics such as transitioning from paper score forms to tablet testing while administering CDL skills exams. Read more at colorado.gov.

TxDMV Recognizes Seven Texas Counties for Outstanding Performance
Seven Texas counties earned Performance Quality Recognition Program awards from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV). The awards recognize exemplary customer service and going above and beyond in providing vehicle title and registration services. ‘Texans expect and deserve exceptional and efficient customer service,’ said TxDMV Executive Director Whitney Brewster. ‘This well-earned achievement is something counties and their residents should be proud of.’ The program recognizes tax assessor-collectors at three levels – gold, silver and bronze – for outstanding performance and efficiency in processing title and registration transactions. Read more here.

BMV Issues $27,000 in Refunds (Indiana)
The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles...announced a refund of overcharges claimed in the last two years totaling approximately $27,000. The refund was a result of underpayment to claims filed between July 1, 2017 and May 31, 2019 for overcharges that occurred from 2002-2006. The underpayment was less than 1 percent of the $30.3M total funds available to claim...’The BMV is committed to authenticity in its daily processes. Internal audit is a key part of our process to
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**FEDERAL NEWS**

**FMCSA Extends Comment Period for Under-21 Commercial Driver Pilot Program**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has extended the comment period for its May 15, 2019 notice concerning a possible pilot program to allow non-military drivers aged 18, 19, and 20 to operate commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. FMCSA received a request for an extension to the comment period from the American Trucking Associations (ATA). The Agency believes it is appropriate to extend the comment period to provide interested parties additional time to submit their responses to the notice. Therefore, the Agency extends the deadline for the submission of comments from July 15, 2019, to August 14, 2019. Read more at govinfo.gov.

**FMCSA Extends Compliance Date for Two Provisions of Entry-Level Driver Training Rule**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has extended two provisions from its December 8, 2016, final rule, “Minimum Training Requirements for Entry-Level Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators” (ELDT final rule). The extensions apply only to the date for training providers to upload entry-level driver training (ELDT) certification information into the Training Provider Registry (TPR) and for State Driver Licensing Agencies (SDLAs) to receive driver-specific ELDT information from the TPR. Both provisions would be extended from February 7, 2020, to February 7, 2022. The notice cites that this will provide FMCSA additional time to complete development of the electronic interface that will receive and store ELDT certification information from training providers and transmit that information to the SDLAs. The proposed extension would also provide SDLAs with sufficient proactively identify issues, hold ourselves accountable, and improve when necessary,’ stated BMV Commissioner Peter Lacy. ‘We will continue to be diligent in providing service to Hoosiers in an accurate, timely, and secure manner.’ Read more at in.gov.

**6-State Trooper Project to Focus on Move Over (Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio)**

The Ohio State Highway Patrol and other members of the 6-State Trooper Project are collaborating to focus on education and enforcement of the Move Over law. This initiative will begin on Sunday, July 21 at 12:01 a.m. and end on Saturday, July 27 at 11:59 p.m. The high-visibility enforcement will include the Indiana State Police, Kentucky State Police, Michigan State Police, Pennsylvania State Police, West Virginia State Police, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol...‘Moving over and slowing down helps protect the lives of everyone who works on or uses Ohio’s roadways,’ said Colonel Richard S. Fambro, Patrol superintendent. ‘When you see flashing lights, move over and slow down. It’s the law and the right thing to do.’ Read more at content.govdelivery.com.

**UVA National Champions License Plate Now Available (Virginia)**

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is teaming up with the University of Virginia (UVA) to share the excitement of the men’s basketball team’s success by offering a limited edition license plate featuring the 2019 national champions logo. The plate is now available for purchase at any DMV customer service center, mobile office or online at dmvNOW.com...‘License plates are traveling billboards so this is a great way for fans to show their school spirit while supporting student scholarships,’ said DMV Commissioner Richard D. Holcomb. ‘The limited edition plates won’t be available forever, so fans are encouraged to get theirs soon.’ Read more at dmv.virginia.gov.

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**OPEN RFPs**

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**OUR SURVEYS**
Please respond to these surveys from Washington, Iowa, Delaware, Connecticut, Ohio, Alberta, Virginia, South Carolina, Texas, and AAMVA.

**Drive Test and Drive Test Scoring** *(Ends 08/23/2019)*

**Rear Plate Inquiry** *(Ends 08/22/2019)* Response received from WA.

**Case Management System - Compliance/Investigation** *(Ends 08/23/2019)* Response received from NJ.

**Online Wizard** *(Ends 08/19/2019)* Response received from NJ.

**Trucking Company Safety Fitness Reviews** *(Ends 08/21/2019)* Response received from FL.

**Use of Junk, Salvage, & Insurance Information** *(Ends 08/12/2019)* Responses received from AL, CT, FL, KY, UT.

**Licence Plate Refresh** *(Ends 08/12/2019)* Responses received from AL, CT, FL, GA, ID, IL, KY, ME, MI, MN, ND, NY, OH, OR, TX, UT, VA, WA.

**CDL Skills Testing** *(Ends 08/09/2019)* Responses received from AL, AR, CA, CT, DE, FL, IL, IN, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, NE, NJ, NV, NY, OH, OR, PA, SC, SD, WA, WI.

**Electronic Check Payments/Dishonored Checks** *(Ends 08/01/2019)* Responses received from CA, CT, DC, FL, HI IL, MI, MN, MS, MT, ND, NJ, NL, NY, RI, SD, UT, VA, WA.

**Out-of-State abandoned vehicles** *(Ends 08/01/2019)* Responses received from AL, CA, CT, FL, ID, KS, KY, LA, ME, MO, MS, ND, NJ, NL, NY, OR, PA, SC, TX, UT.

**Kiosk Information** *(Ends 07/26/2019)* Responses received from CA, CT, DC, DE, FL, ID, IL, LA, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NJ, NL, PA, RI, SC, SK, TX, VA, WA, WI.

time to modify their information technology systems and procedures, as necessary, to accommodate their receipt of driver-specific ELDT data from the TPR. Comments on this notice must be received on or before **August 19, 2019**. Any agency wishing to submit comments are encouraged to copy governmentaffairs@aamva.org so that the association may reflect those comments in its own. Read more at govinfo.gov.

**FMCSA Issues Final Rule on Lifetime Ban for Human Trafficking**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has announced its final rule revising the list of offenses permanently disqualifying individuals from operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) for which a commercial driver’s license (CDL) or commercial learner’s permit (CLP) is required. The final rule reflects a change made by Congress in the “No Human Trafficking on Our Roads Act” which prohibits an individual from operating a CMV for life if that individual uses a CMV in committing a felony involving a severe form of human trafficking, adding to the list of other disqualifying offenses identified in statute. A list of these disqualifying offenses already exists in the FMCSRs; this final rule is necessary to update that list to include the new disqualifying offense established by the Act. This final rule also sets a deadline of three years from the effective date of the rule for States to come into substantial compliance with the Act as required by 49 USC 31311(a)(15) which reads, “The State shall disqualify an individual from operating a commercial motor vehicle for the same reasons and time periods for which the Secretary shall disqualify the individual under subsection (b) – (e), (i)(1)(A) and (i) (2) of section 31310.” Read more at fmcsa.dot.gov.

**NHTSA to Study Prevalence of Alcohol and Other Drug Use Among Crash Victims**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has issued an information collection request regarding the “Prevalence of Alcohol and Other Drug Use Among Motor Vehicle Crash Victims Admitted to Select Trauma Centers.” Through this notice, NHTSA seeks to examine the prevalence of legal and illegal drugs in the systems of seriously and fatally-injured drivers and other crash-involved road users presenting directly to the selected trauma centers or morgues. The participating trauma centers and medical examiners will provide the study with de-identified blood samples that are already collected during their routing clinical treatment activities. The study will then conduct independent drug toxicology testing to determine the prevalence of alcohol and other drugs in the systems of the participants. The trauma centers and medical examiners will also provide the study with other de-identified participant classification information such as patient demographics, cause of injury, and injury severity. Comments on the collection are due by **August 15, 2019**. Read more at govinfo.gov.

**PARTNER NEWS**

**Motorcyclists Reluctant to Wear High-Visibility Gear (GHSA)**

As part of the National Cooperative Research and Evaluation Program (NCREP), the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has released a report examining why motorcycle riders choose to wear – or not wear – high-visibility gear and what can be done to encourage greater use rates. Motorcyclists are far overrepresented in traffic fatalities, with more than 5,000 riders dying in crashes each year. Many of these tragedies are attributed to a motor vehicle driver not seeing the motorcyclists, making rider visibility paramount to safety. Motorcyclists’ Attitudes on Using High-Visibility Gear to Improve Conspicuity: Findings From a Focus Group Study reports most participants did not regularly wear such gear. Those who did wear the ideal safety gear explained their decision was based on having been in a crash with a motor vehicle or personally knowing another rider
Managing Data Privacy Working Group - Survey 1 (Ends 07/31/2019) Responses received from AB, AL, CO, FL, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KY, MS, OH, OR, SD, VA, WA.

Managing Data Privacy Working Group - Survey 2 (Ends 07/31/2019) Responses received from AB, AL, FL, IA, ID, IL, IN, MS, OH, OR, SD, VA, WA.

Salvage and Non-repairable Titles (Ends 08/21/2019) Responses received from AL, CT, FL, KY, MI, MN, NV, NY, OR, TX, UT.

Limousines and inspections (Ends 07/22/2019) Responses received from AL, AR, CA, CT, DC, DE, FL, ID, IN, KY, LA, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NL, OH, OR, PA, SC, UT, VA, WA, WY.

You can view all open surveys and responses to all surveys by visiting the survey tool. Please contact Janice Dluzynski if you have any questions about using the survey tool.

TRB Contest Highlights Transportation Communication Best Practices
The Transportation Research Board’s Committee on Public Involvement in Transportation is sponsoring a contest to highlight the ‘best practices’ in how to communicate complex transportation finance and related policy solutions to industry stakeholders and the general public. Top entries, as judged by an independent panel of transportation and communication professionals, will be showcased in a poster session at the TRB 99th Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. – January 12-16, 2020 – and will be featured in a 2020 edition of Transportation Research News...’For transportation solutions and funding plans to advance, they need to be accessible and fully understood...As such solutions may require public support in the form of a referendum or behavioral change. Thus, how funding and policy solutions are communicated to the public becomes critical. This call is seeking innovative practices in communicating the need for transportation funding.’ Read more at aashtojournal.org.

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