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DMV Investigators Integration Working Group Meets

The DMV Investigators Integration Working Group (DIIWG) met June 28 – 29, 2016 in St. Louis, MO. The working group made significant progress toward their two planned deliverables:

1) A list of actionable strategies to more fully integrate DMV investigators into the AAMVA Law Enforcement discipline specifically, and the AAMVA community as a whole, and;

2) A resource document to assist existing DMV Investigative Units in improving their practices and start-up guidance for DMVs creating new or expanding existing units. For more information on the DIIWG, including the roster of members, go to http://www.aamva.org/DMV-Investigators-Integration-Working-Group/. Questions should be directed to Brian Ursino, AAMVA Director of Law Enforcement.

E-Odometer Task Force Meets in Seattle

The E-Odometer Task Force met in Seattle, WA on June 28 and 29, 2016. The task force had a full agenda that included a detailed review of a recent survey conducted by the task force and all of the comments submitted to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) regarding odometer disclosure requirements (RIN 2127-AL39). In addition, the task force discussed the details of a guidance document to assist jurisdictions in making considerations to convert from a paper odometer disclosure to an electronic odometer disclosure. It was a very productive and successful meeting. The task force, led by Chair Julie Larsen, Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, will continue to make progress with their work via conference calls. The next face-to-face meeting of the E-Odometer Task Force is slated to take place in November 2016.

AAMVA’s MOVE Magazine Wins National Awards

AAMVA’s communications team has won two national awards this year for MOVE Magazine. The first is a Gold Excel Award given by Association Media & Publishing for the feature article “Traffic Alert” from the Fall 2015 issue. The article covered the issue of human trafficking and how our members can play a role in helping to mitigate this growing problem.

The second award is an APEX Award for Publication Excellence for the Spring 2015 issue – the award-winning cover can be seen at left. Congratulations to the communications team and thank you to all the staff who contribute to MOVE Magazine!

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9-10 | 2016 August Commercial Vehicle Emerging Technology Working Group Meeting
Arlington, VA
Working Group members only

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7, 27 | Overview of SPEXS Master Specification Format
2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)

12 | NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – Understanding the Administrative Features
2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)

19 | NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature
2:00 - 3:00 pm ET

26 | NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site
2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)

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6 | PDPS Update Transactions (intermediate)
7 | PDPS State to State and NDR Generated Trans (intermediate)

18 | SPEXS Overview (basic)
20 | SPEXS Transactions AMIE (intermediate)
20 | SSOLV and HAVV (basic)
21 | SPEXS Transactions NIEM (intermediate)
21 | CDLIS Convictions and Withdrawals (basic)
22 | SPEXS Batch Transactions (intermediate)
25 | SPEXS Bulk Load (intermediate)

Remembering Former AAMVA President & CEO John Strandquist

AAMVA remembers former AAMVA President & CEO John Strandquist, who passed away on Father’s Day at Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis, MD. He was just 10 days short of his 87th birthday. Under John’s leadership, AAMVA enjoyed many years of growth and increasing influence. He left the association in excellent shape when he retired from his professional life in 1998. He and his wife moved to Tucson, AZ, where they lived until 2008, before moving to Annapolis to be close to their children and grandchildren. John is survived by his wife of 63 ½ years, Mary Gabrielle, along with their 8 children, 25 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Andrew by the Bay Catholic Church, 701 College Parkway, Annapolis, MD on Monday, July 11, at 10 a.m. Friends may also call at Taylor Funeral Home, 147 Duke of Gloucester Street, Annapolis, on Sunday, July 10 from 3 to 7 p.m. John will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery with Full Military Honors at a future date to be determined.

AAMVA Joins IIHS for Highway Safety Partner Day

AAMVA's Director of Government Affairs, Cian Cashin, joined the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) at the Highway Loss Data Institute (HLDI) in Ruckersville, Virginia for its “Highway Safety Partner Day.” Attendees were provided with a tour of their state-of-the-art facility where vehicle research into engineering safety components are tested for effectiveness and incorporated into their Top Safety Pick data. The tour included a live viewing of a 25 percent overlap crash of a late model Hyundai – the results of which will be made publicly available once the full review of the crash has been completed by IIHS. AAMVA was also given a tour of their exterior domed facility where research into automated vehicle components like automated braking systems are being conducted. IIHS and AAMVA have been long-standing safety partners through national groups such as the Highway Safety Coalition and the Highway Safety Partners Venture. More information on IIHS and its testing programs are available through www.iihs.org and www.iihs-hldi.org.

S2S Training is Now Available to ALL States

State-to-State training is now available to all states. Previously this training was available only for participating jurisdictions. The State-to-State (S2S) Verification Service is a means for states to electronically check with all other participating states to determine if the applicant currently holds a driver license or identification card in another state. State participation in S2S is voluntary. To enroll in S2S training, please visit http://www.aamva.org/systems-training/

“Rolling Reissue” Will Replace Faded Nevada License Plates

Older Nevada license plates which may be faded or worn will be replaced over the next several years as the Department of Motor Vehicles implements a “rolling
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26 | CDLIS A Overview (basic)
27 | SPEXS Web UI and Reports (intermediate)
27 | CDLIS B Inquiry Transactions (basic)
28 | SPEXS State Procedures Manual (intermediate)
28 | CDLIS C Update Transactions (basic)

Check out AAMVA's Open RFPs here for potential opportunities.

Please respond to these surveys from Indiana, Connecticut, Maryland, Idaho, Virginia, and NHTSA.

CDL Skills Test (Ends 07/22/2016) Responses received from AR, CA, IL, LA, MD, MO, NY, VA, VT, WA.

Employee and Customer Service Training (Ends 07/22/2016) Responses received from AL, IL, KS, LA, MD, ME, M, NH, NT, TN, TX.

Customer Traffic Management Systems (Ends 07/22/2016) Responses received from AL, FL, IA, IL, K, LA, MO, M, NE, NH, NT, NY, TN, TX, UT, VT, WA.

Residence and Bordering Jurisdictions (Ends 07/22/2016) Responses received from AB, CA, FL, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MD, ME, MO, MS, NH, NT, NY, OR, TX, VA, VT, WA, WI.

Salvage Vehicles (Ends 07/22/2016) Responses received from AL, CA, GA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MD, ME, MI, NC, NH, NV, OK, PA, TX, UT, VT, WA, WY.

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

reissue” approved by the 2015 Nevada Legislature. In the future, nearly all plates will be replaced every eight years to help keep Nevada license plates in a readable condition. Replacement plates with the same number and style will be manufactured and mailed to affected motorists after their annual renewal. Nearly all new plates will feature raised, stamped lettering even if the motorist currently has a flat plate. Details about the reissue available on the DMV website at http://www.dmvnv.com/platesreissue.htm.

RFP: Indiana Credential Issuance Solution
Indiana has released an RFP to select a vendor that can satisfy the State’s need for a Credential Issuance Solution. It is the intent of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles to contract with a vendor that provides a comprehensive, state of the art Credential Issuance Solution to the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) for processing credentials. As part of this process, Indiana BMV decided not to host live tours of their facilities to demonstrate the current issuance process, but to do so in a video as a “virtual tour.” For more information, visit http://www.aamva.org/Open-RFPs/

AAMVA Attends Luncheon with NTSB Chairman Christopher Hart
AAMVA was represented at the National Press Club’s Luncheon with National Transportation Safety Board Chairman Christopher Hart on June 30th. Chairman Hart discussed the role of automation in preventing transportation accidents and how these lessons learned could apply to the development of autonomous vehicles. You can watch a video of the Chairman’s comments here.

Volkswagen to Pay $14.7 Billion in Emissions Cheating Settlement
Volkswagen has agreed to pay $14.7 billion in order to settle federal and California regulators’ charges that it had installed emissions cheating software into its vehicles, allowing them to pass emissions tests. The agreement would provide $10 billion to buy back or repair cars with 2-liter diesel engines equipped with the software, the remaining $4.7 billion would be dedicated to mitigating environmental damage caused by the emissions and to develop “green vehicle technology.” Volkswagen vehicles equipped with the cheat software have been estimated to release up to 40 times the legal limit of nitrogen oxide while circumventing detection during emissions testing. As a result of the incident, the Environmental Protection Agency has started using more flexible and unpredictable testing methods but has not yet reported on whether the testing changes have led to evidence of more prevalent issues.

SAVE Program Celebrates its 30th Anniversary
USCIS’s SAVE program is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. SAVE currently has 1,138 registered agencies with over 75,000 users that have completed 13.5 million verification cases to date in fiscal year 2016. SAVE’s legacy of service and achievement is being celebrated with stakeholders to highlight the program’s history, current initiatives and future directions with events and system enhancements.

Watch Director León Rodríguez speak about SAVE’s history, milestones and 30th anniversary on YouTube. SAVE’s redesigned website includes enhanced graphics, an improved user menu and updated search features. The SAVE program uses a system that links to multiple U.S. government databases to verify the legal status of immigrants and non-immigrants seeking public benefits. In addition to benefit-granting agencies using SAVE, many driver’s licensing agencies and departments of motor vehicles rely on SAVE to verify an applicant’s immigration status to help determine if the applicant is eligible to receive a license. See the USCIS Web Alert and visit SAVE’s website to learn more.

Sign up and stay informed about SAVE
NHTSA Seeks Comments on Nationally Uniform 911 Data System

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is seeking comments and recommendations on the idea of establishing a nationally uniform data system to document all 911 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and the data related to the operation of 911 systems at all levels of government within the 911 community. A nationally uniform 911 data system was identified as a need by the Federal Communication Commission’s Task Force on Optimal PSAP Architecture in its final report, released January 29, 2016. Models for a nationally uniform data system exist in other disciplines and NHTSA feels these models could be adopted or adapted for use by the 911 community in developing an analogous data system. Comments are due by September 28, 2016.

NHTSA Requests ICR on Community Support for Impaired Driving and Seat Belt Enforcement

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has issued a new information collection request seeking authorization to conduct a public information collection to help evaluate the effectiveness of two traffic safety programs called Building Community Support for Impaired Driving Enforcement and Building Community Support for Seat Belt Enforcement. These programs will use community-oriented enforcement programs to increase community involvement in and support for alcohol-impaired driving and seat belt enforcement. The programs are designed to create stronger community norms around the value of traffic enforcement and the importance of driving sober and being buckled. NHTSA envisions potential respondents being licensed drivers 18 years and older visiting locations such as Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) offices in the program and control (comparison) areas. The program and control areas for these programs have not been selected at the time of request but will target communities with a population between 75,000 and 200,000 people, a local government and law enforcement agency interested in participation, with alcohol-impaired-driving crashes and fatalities above the national average, seat belt use below the national average, and lower levels of seat belt enforcement.

FMCSA Grants Missouri DOR Limited Exemption From CDL Regulations

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration announces its decision to grant the Missouri Department of Revenue and all other State driver licensing agencies (SDLAs) a limited exemption from the Agency's commercial driver's license (CDL) regulations. These regulations allow a State to waive the CDL skills test for applicants regularly employed or previously employed within the last 90 days in a military position requiring operation of a commercial motor vehicle (CMV). The exemption extends the 90-day timeline to one year following the driver's separation from military service.

GAO Issues Report on Issues Related to Registering Voters and Administering Elections

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) has released a report regarding “Issues Related to Registering Voters and Administering Elections.” Through this report GAO visited and conducted interviews with state and local jurisdiction election officials from five state – Colorado, Delaware, Illinois, Oregon, and Rhode Island. GAO specifically selected these states based on statewide implementation of the registration and turnout policies in the scope of review, prioritizing states that had more policies in place than those that did not. Specifically, GAO targeting states that had implemented online voter registration, data-sharing efforts between the state election office and the state motor vehicle agency or through interstate data-sharing efforts. The report details numerous DMV-election office data exchange programs and provides motor vehicle agency perspectives on corroboration of data between the two state agencies. A summary of the findings is available here.

USDOT Fastlane Blog: Kicking Off "The Future of Transportation"

"Transportation connects people—and connections provide economic opportunity
and social mobility. That’s the message that U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx brought to the Volpe Center for his keynote address kicking off The Future of Transportation: Safety, Opportunity, and Innovation speaker series on June 27. Because, for all the visions and visionary figures working on the next big thing in transportation—self-driving cars, commercial space flight, the Hyperloop—the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) is working toward a transportation future that offers safety, efficiency, and opportunity to all Americans.” Read the full blog at transportation.gov

GHSA: State Highway Safety Officials Concerned by Projected 7.7% Increase in Motor Vehicle Fatalities

The estimated 35,200 individuals killed in motor vehicle fatalities on U.S. roads in 2015 is alarming to the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) and their State Highway Safety Office members. This represents the largest year-over-year percentage increase (7.7 percent) since national record-keeping began. While national data suggest an overall 7.7 percent increase in traffic 2015 fatalities, recent GHSA reports project even higher percentage increases for pedestrians and motorcyclists (10 percent each). As improving vehicle safety has increased the likelihood for passenger vehicle occupants to survive a crash, pedestrians and motorcyclists lack these same benefits and remain just as susceptible to serious injury or death in the event of a collision. Read more at ghsa.org

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