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OUR EVENTS

JULY



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AUGUST

9-10 | [2016 August Commercial Vehicle Emerging Technology Working Group Meeting](#)
Arlington, VA
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Movemag.org Digital Exclusive: Board Profile – Whitney Brewster



Visit [Movemag.org](#) to take a look at our latest digital exclusive content! Read the second in our series of Board Profiles, and learn a little bit more about Whitney Brewster, Executive Director of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. Learn how she got involved in motor vehicle administration, how she came to AAMVA, and more. [Visit movemag.org for the full story!](#)

Next Week! 2016 Region I Conference

There's just one more week until the 2016 Region I Conference gets underway in Burlington, Vermont. There's still time to register if you haven't made plans yet. Visit <http://www.aamva.org/2016-Region-I-Conference-Home/> for more information, including the conference program, hotel information, and registration.

JURISDICTION NEWS

Virginia Governor McAuliffe Announces New Voter Registration Innovation

Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe announced an exciting new innovation from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and the Department of Elections enabling customers to apply electronically to register to vote at DMV's 74 customer service centers and five mobile offices throughout the Commonwealth. Virginians have been able to apply to register to vote at DMV since 1996, and a majority of Virginians who apply to register to vote or change their addresses do so through DMV transactions. Each year, DMV submits more than 500,000 paper voter registration applications to the Department of Elections. DMV's new electronic voter registration application process, which the agencies are launching this month, will make the voter registration process quicker and easier for the customer. It also will drastically reduce the amount of time DMV employees spend printing, sorting, auditing and mailing paper voter applications. This work can take two to four hours per day for the assigned DMV employee at each office, time better spent on direct customer service. [Read more here.](#)

Lawsuit Challenges Virginia's System of Suspending Driver's Licenses For Failure to Pay Fines

[A Federal lawsuit](#) is targeting a Virginia law that automatically suspends the driver's licenses of people who don't pay court fines and costs. The law, passed in 1994, is unconstitutional, according to a group of legal aid attorneys hoping to win class-action status for the hundreds of thousands of Virginians whose licenses have been suspended. Because these indefinite suspensions are put in place regardless of a person's ability to pay outstanding fines, they violate a number of constitutional principles, the suit argues. [The complaint](#), filed by the Legal Aid Justice Center, mentions AAMVA's work on the issue of driver's license suspensions for non-highway safety reasons and our 2013 [Best Practices Guide to Reducing Suspended Drivers](#). Virginia DMV [is surveying](#) other AAMVA member jurisdictions to see if they have received similar suits and the measures they have



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OUR WEBINARS

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- 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)
- 27 | [Overview of SPEXS Master Specification Format](#)
2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)

SYSTEMS TRAINING

JULY

- 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 \(intermediate\)](#)
- 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 \(basic\)](#)

OPEN RFPs

taken to respond to the problem.

Potential Postal Disruption in Manitoba

With the potential for a disruption in mail service by Canada Post, Manitoba Public Insurance has temporarily suspended outgoing mail service effective June 24th. This includes the mailing of driver license and vehicle registration/insurance renewal notices and driver license and identification cards that have already been renewed and sent for production. To ensure Manitoba Public Insurance customers are not negatively impacted by these actions, regulatory amendments have been enacted to extend to September 18, 2016, the validity of all driver licenses, identification cards and vehicle registrations that would otherwise expire between June 20, 2016 and August 30, 2016. [Read more here.](#)

Commercial Driving Now an Option for Ohioans with Hearing Impairment

For the first time, Ohioans who are deaf or hearing impaired will now have the opportunity to obtain their Commercial Driver's License (CDL), thanks to collaboration between state agencies. The Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) and Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) have partnered to develop procedures which allow individuals who qualify for a hearing exemption waiver to train and test for a CDL. The process to obtain a hearing exemption waiver was instituted by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and Ohio is leading the way as one of the first states to implement testing. BMV, OCJS and OOD took the proactive step of developing Ohio test procedures, which have been distributed to the hearing impaired community and the driver training schools. [Read more here.](#)

Nevada DPS Partners With Uber for Fatality-free 4th of July Weekend

Over the 2016 Fourth of July holiday weekend, there were no crash-related fatalities on Nevada's highways. It has been over ten years since Nevada has had this kind of zero fatalities success. From 2012 – 2014 during the Fourth of July Holiday, Nevada saw two fatal crashes each year. Last year there were five fatal crashes over Fourth of July Holiday weekend. The Nevada Department of Public Safety (Office of Traffic Safety) and the Nevada Highway Patrol partnered with Uber, an online based transportation network, and MADD in an effort to raise awareness of the dangers of driving under the influence and to offer solutions to drinking and driving. Uber announced that it would offer discounted ride promo cards to everyone throughout Nevada where Uber operates from last Thursday through Tuesday. [Read more here.](#)

FEDERAL NEWS

FMCSA Corrects Commercial Use of Seat Belts Final Rule

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has [corrected](#) an error in its June 7, 2016 final rule, "Driving of Commercial Motor Vehicles: Use of Seat Belts." The amendatory language in the final rule inadvertently limited the applicability of the requirement for drivers to use their seat belts to operators of property-carrying vehicles. The issued correction fixes the error such that drivers of passenger-carrying vehicles will continue to be required to wear their seat belts.

SAVE User Forum a Success!

USCIS's [SAVE](#) program hosted over 1,100 participants representing hundreds of SAVE user agencies nationwide during its 7th Annual User Forum. The event was held as a webinar on June 15th. The theme of this year's User Forum was "SAVE: Certifying Refugee and Aslyee Status." See USCIS Director León Rodríguez highlighting the SAVE Program's 30th anniversary in a new video on [YouTube](#). 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

Check out [AAMVA's Open RFPs here](#) for potential opportunities.

OUR SURVEYS

Please respond to these surveys from Virginia, Quebec, Kansas, Ontario, Oklahoma, Connecticut, Indiana, Maryland, and NHTSA.

[Suspensions for Failure to Pay Court Fines & Costs](#) (Ends 07/18/2016) Response received from Georgia.

[Motorcycle Road Tests](#) (Ends 08/03/2016) Responses received from NH, NY, WI.

[Return Title Policy](#) (Ends 08/08/2016) Responses received from NC, VT.

[Expedited Cards](#) (Ends 08/02/2016) Responses received from CA, ID, IN, LA, MO, NE, NJ, NY, QC, SD, VT, WA.

[Vehicle Registration and Titling](#) (Ends 08/02/2016) Responses received from AB, AL, BC, CA, DC, GA, IA, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OR, VT.

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

[CDL Skills Test](#) (Ends 07/22/2016) Responses received from AB, AR, AZ, CA, GA, IA, ID, IL, K, LA, MD, MN, MO, NE, NY, RI, SD, TN, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI.

[Customer Traffic Management Systems](#) (Ends 07/22/2016) Responses received from AB, AL, AZ, FL, GA, IA, IL, K, LA, MB, MO, MS, NE, NH, NT, NY, ON, TN, TX, UT, VT, WA.

[Vehicle Recall Process and Contacts](#) (Ends 07/15/2016) AB, AL, CA, FL, GA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MD, ME, MO, NE, NH, OH, OR, SC, 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](#).

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SAVE Website Redesign

USCIS's SAVE website has undergone a redesign. The updated [website](#) includes the following enhancements:

- A new look and feel with modernized and simplified content
- New graphics and navigation menu
- A [History and Milestones](#) webpage displaying accomplishments and enhancements through the years
- New [Resources](#) webpage with useful information about the status verification process
- Customized content for current SAVE benefit-granting agencies, prospective agencies, stakeholders, and benefit applicants

For more information, please visit www.uscis.gov/SAVE.

FMCSA Renews SPE Exemption to Virginia DMV

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has announced its decision to [renew](#) the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles exemption enabling drivers who are licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia and need a Skill Performance Evaluation (SPE) certificate from FMCSA to operate commercial motor vehicles in interstate commerce. This exemption enables interstate CMV drivers who are licensed in Virginia and are subject to the federal SPE requirements under 49 CFR 391.49 to continue to fulfill the federal requirements with a state-issued SPE and to operate CMVs in interstate commerce anywhere in the United States.

NHTSA: New Test Data on Particular Subset of Takata Air Bag Inflators Shows Substantially Higher Risk

New test data on a particular subset of defective Takata air bag inflators in certain model-year 2001-2003 Honda and Acura vehicles show a far higher risk of ruptures during air bag deployment, prompting an urgent call from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to ensure that unrepaired vehicles in this population are found and fixed before they cause further injuries or fatalities. "With as high as a 50 percent chance of a dangerous air bag inflator rupture in a crash, these vehicles are unsafe and need to be repaired immediately," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. "Folks should not drive these vehicles unless they are going straight to a dealer to have them repaired immediately, free of charge." The higher-risk inflators are in certain 2001-2003 Honda and Acura vehicles:

- 2001-2002 Honda Civic
- 2001-2002 Honda Accord
- 2002-2003 Acura TL
- 2002 Honda CR-V
- 2002 Honda Odyssey
- 2003 Acura CL
- 2003 Honda Pilot

[Read more at nhtsa.gov](#)

FMCSA Increases Driver Qualification Information Collection Burden Estimate

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has published a [notice](#) announcing an increase in their estimate of the total information collection burden associated with driver qualification regulations. While the regulations themselves have not changed, FMCSA first increased its estimate of the information collection burden to 9.8 million hours because both the population of commercial motor vehicle drivers and the frequency of their hiring had increased. Through this notice, FMCSA again increases the information collection burden to 1.21 million hours. Motor carriers are required to obtain and review the driver qualification file prior to hiring and permitting operation and must do so annually thereafter.



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