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2016 Annual International Conference: Chair's Welcome Reception - Colonial Games & Silent Auction

Get the AIC started with this fun and entertaining event at the Rockefeller Building in downtown Williamsburg. This year’s welcome reception will include historical, interactive, and fun games for attendees, along with a colonial photo booth. Enjoy the first night of the conference with fellow attendees all while giving back to a great cause. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, the operator of the world's largest living history museum. Learn more about the silent auction and welcome reception, Register now!

Region I Conference Wraps Up

AAMVA’s Region I Annual Conference took place July 17-20, in Burlington, Vermont. Attendees participated in plenty of peer to peer discussion relevant to driver’s license administration, and motor vehicle and law enforcement issues. AAMVA is pleased to announce that the presentations from the event are now available on the AAMVA Web site. Visit the Region I Conference Downloads Center today!

Idaho to Join State-to-State Verification Service (S2S)

Idaho will begin using the State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) on Monday, August 22nd. Tasks related to on-boarding Idaho will be conducted during the weekend of August 20th. During this process (Saturday evening to Monday morning), there may be periods during which the CDLIS/S2S Central Site is in inquiry-only mode or is unavailable, over and above the regularly scheduled maintenance window of 2AM to 5AM on Sunday, August 21st.

Following Idaho, several states will be joining the S2S program throughout 2016. Please visit http://www.aamva.org/State-to-State/ for a full timeline and more information.

Virginia Governor McAuliffe Announces New Innovations Available at the Department of Motor Vehicles

Governor Terry McAuliffe announced that the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will become the first motor vehicle agency in the nation to offer Transportation Security Administration (TSA) PreCheck and Transportation Worker Identification Credentials (TWIC) at select DMV customer service centers. Governor McAuliffe also highlighted a variety of other innovative partnerships and initiatives being implemented this summer at DMV, including new online discounts, a simpler method to renew expired driver’s licenses, additional knowledge exam languages, and the expansion of a program that allows high school students to take the learner’s permit knowledge exam in the classroom. Legislation sponsored by Delegate Lamont Bagby of Richmond and signed by Governor McAuliffe, effective July 1, enabled DMV to partner with TSA contractor MorphoTrust to offer TSA PreCheck and TWIC in Virginia.

Ruling in Johnson v. Washington State DOL
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SEPTEMBER

14-15 | 2016 September NDR Working Group Meeting
New Orleans, LA
Working Group members only

21-22 | 2016 September System Modernization Working Group Meeting
Salt Lake City, UT
Working Group members only

OCTOBER

TSA Releases Information on REAL ID Enforcement and Requirements at Airport Security
The Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) has released public information regarding enforcement of the REAL ID Act and ID requirements at airport security checkpoints. Beginning January 22, 2018, driver’s licenses or state IDs issued by states that are not in compliance with the REAL ID Act and have not been granted an extension by DHS may not be used to fly within the U.S. Beginning October 1, 2020, every traveler will need a REAL ID-compliant license or state ID or another acceptable form of identification to fly within the U.S. A fact sheet with more information is available here. A FAQ is available here. The REAL ID brief page is available here. TSA is encouraging AAMVA members to use and distribute the fact sheet and FAQ as they see fit the further public awareness of the impending changes.

DHS Adopts Rulemaking Amendment or Repeal Process
The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has issued an interim final rule adopting a process under which interested persons may petition the Department to issue, amend, or repeal a rule. The Administrative Procedures Act (APA) requires that each agency give interested parties the right to petition the agency for the issuance, amendment, or repeal of a rule (5 USC 553(e)). DHS is adopting this rule to describe its procedures for receiving and responding to rulemaking petitions.

Department of Justice Files Petition for Rehearing in Immigration Case
According to the docket for United States, et al., v. Texas, et al. (Docket 15-674) the Department of Justice has filed a petition for rehearing before the United States Supreme Court. The Department of Justice is asking for a rehearing before nine justices after the prior decision over the expansion of President Obama’s executive actions on immigration resulted in a 4-4 split in absence of all nine serving justices.

FHWA Solicits Input on National Charging and Alternative Fuel Corridors
The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has published a solicitation of nominations from state and local officials in order to comply with Section 1413 of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. This section requires the Secretary of Transportation to designate national electric vehicle charging, hydrogen, propane, and natural gas fueling corridors. Comments and submissions must be received on or before August 22, 2016.

FHWA Publishes Funding Opportunity and Request for Tribal Grant Safety Applications
The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has published a notice announcing funding opportunity and requesting grant applications for its Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds (TTPSF). This notice also identifies selection criteria,
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JULY

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)

AUGUST

2 | CD04 State-to-State History Request (intermediate)
15 | SPEXS Overview (basic)
17 | SPEXS Transactions AMIE (intermediate)
18 | SPEXS Transactions NIEM (intermediate)
19 | SPEXS Batch Transactions (intermediate).
22 | SPECS Bulk Load (intermediate)
23 | CD01 Search Inquiry (basic)
24 | SPEXS Web UI and Reports (intermediate).
27 | SPEXS Batch Transactions (intermediate)
27 | CD01 Search Inquiry (basic)
29 | SPEXS Web UI and Reports (intermediate)
30 | CD07 Add New Driver (intermediate)
31 | CD09 Change Data (intermediate)

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

FMCSA Posts Final Rule to Satisfy Numerous FAST Act Provisions

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has implemented multiple provisions of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act by final rule. Most notably for AAMVA members, this final rule would implement section 31315(b) of the FAST Act — which allows an exemption to be granted for no longer than 5 years (from 2 years) and to be renewed, upon request, for subsequent periods of no longer than 5 years if the Secretary finds that the exemption would likely achieve an equivalent, or greater, level of safety. This final rule also amends existing code to provide an hours-of-service exception for motor carriers transporting a motor home or recreational vehicle trailer in a driveaway-towaway operation by using either a paper record of duty status form or an electronic logging device. The final rule clarifies which exemptions found in state laws relative to “covered farm vehicles” may not be taken into consideration during the federal grant management process. The final rule addresses the HOS requirements associated with “hi-rail” vehicles; exempts drivers of ready-mixed concrete delivery vehicles from keeping records of duty status under certain circumstances; changes the air-mile radius associated with transportation of construction materials as associated with HOS requirements; provides new exemptions for certain trucks used in the pipeline industry; and allows a state, at its discretion, to waive the requirement for a holder of a Class A CDL to obtain a hazardous materials endorsement to transport 1,000 gallons or less of diesel fuel.

FMCSA Amends Commercial Vehicle Inspection, Repair and Maintenance Regulations

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has amended its Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations regarding the parts and accessories necessary for safe operation as they pertain to inspection, repair and maintenance by final rule. Specifically, the amendments would add a definition of “major tread groove” and an illustration to indicate the location of tread wear indicators or wear bars on a tire signifying a major tread groove; revise the rear license plate lamp requirement to eliminate the requirement for an operable rear license plate lamp on vehicles when there is no rear license plate present; amend the regulations regarding tires to prohibit the operation of a vehicle with speed-restricted tires at speeds that exceed the rated limit of the tire; provide specific requirements regarding when violations or defect noted on an inspection report must be corrected; adds two appendices with respect to inspection of anti-lock braking systems and automatic brake adjusters, speed-restricted tires, and motorcoach passenger seat mounting anchorages; adds periodic inspection rules to eliminate the option for a motor carrier to satisfy the annual inspection requirement through a violation-free roadside inspection; and amends the inspector qualification requirements as a result of the amendments to the periodic inspection rules.

Appeals Court Rules on Texas Voter ID Law

The 5th Circuit Court of Appeals has ordered changes to Texas’ voter identification law, finding the state violated the Voting Rights Act of 1965 because the 2011 voter ID law has a discriminatory effect against minority voters. While the exact changes have yet to be determined, the 5th Circuit stopped short of striking down the whole law. Instead it ordered a lower court judge to implement the remedy for the discriminatory effect with as little disruption as possible while continuing to “respect the Legislature’s stated objective to safeguard the integrity of elections by requiring more secure forms of voter identification.” The problem from the majority may lie in how the law was written. The decision notes that the legislature carefully selected the IDs that someone must possess in order to vote – something the court suggests may be possessed by minorities in fewer numbers. The Texas Attorney General’s Office identified the seven acceptable forms of photo ID to application requirements, and technical assistance during the grant solicitation period for the TTPSF. Applications for the program must be submitted electronically no later than 11:59 p.m. on September 16, 2016. Historically, FHWA has awarded 183 tribes a total of $8.6 million in 2013; 82 tribes a total of $8.5 million in March of 2015; 36 tribes $449,500 in December of 2015; and 35 tribes a total of $8 million in 2016. This notice represents the fourth notice to announce an additional round of funding and requesting grant applications for Fiscal Year 2016.

Please respond to these surveys from Ontario, California, Indiana, Illinois, Oregon, Texas, Kansas and Georgia.

Beginner Driver Education (Ends 08/19/2016)

Combination DUI/DWI/OWI Legislation (Ends 08/22/2016)

Monitoring Transaction Accuracy (Ends 08/15/2016) Responses received from CA, VA, VT.

DUI & Boats/Snowmobiles (Ends 08/15/2016) Responses received from AZ, FL, IL, LA, MO, TX, VA.

Out of State Titles Received by Mail (Ends 08/12/2016) Responses received from AZ, CA, FL, IL, MA, NC, NY, UT, VT.

Remedial Education in Lieu of DL Suspension (Ends 08/10/2016) Responses received from AL, AR, CA, CT, IA, ID, IL, MO, MS, NE, NT, OR, PA, SD, SK, VA, VT.

Vehicle Safety Inspection Station Regulating (Ends 08/09/2016) Responses received from AL, AZ, CA, DE, ID, IL, K, KY, MD, MN, MO, NE, OH, OK, OR, PA, VA, VT, WY.

Return Title Policy (Ends 08/08/2016) Responses received from DC, FL, GA, ID, IL, IN, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, NC, NE, NH, NY, OR, RI, TX, UT, VA, VT.

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.

include a Texas driver’s license, a Texas free election identification certificate, a Texas personal ID card, a Texas license to carry a concealed handgun, a U.S. military ID card, a U.S. citizenship certificate and a U.S. passport. With little time to spare prior to the 2016 elections, it is expected that the ruling will be appealed to the Supreme Court quickly, which would make it the first major election law case the justices would consider prior to the November elections. Read the ruling here.

Autonomous Vehicles Safety Regulation World Congress
The program for the Autonomous Vehicles Safety Regulation World Congress is now available. This conference is to discuss and explore how to create a regulatory framework to enable further public testing of autonomous and driverless vehicles. It will also debate what regulatory and legal challenges must be addressed before autonomous vehicles can be purchased and used by consumers. Visit http://www.autonomousregulationscongress.com/index.php for more information.

Incorporating Driver Behaviors into Connected and Automated Vehicle Simulation
The Advancing Transportation Leadership and Safety (ATLAS) Center at the University of Michigan has released a report that proposes a framework for incorporating driver behaviors into a microscopic traffic simulation for automated vehicle/connected vehicle applications. Read more here.