CDL Examiner Update Class

AAMVA will be conducting two Commercial Driver License (CDL) Examiner Update Classes the week of September 23rd at Pinellas Technical College (PTC) in St. Petersburg, Florida. The class size is limited to 12 people, and will be held as follows:

Class 1: Monday, September 23rd through Wednesday, September 25th
Class 2: Thursday, September 26th through Saturday, September 28th

The class is designed to be a hands-on training class for experienced CDL Examiners or trainers. The class will focus on recent guidance provided by FMCSA and TMS related to CDL Skills Test administration and scoring, revisions to the CDL Test System, Advanced Driver Assistance Systems, and regulatory updates. There is no tuition or registration fee for this training. All travel, room and board expenses will be paid by AAMVA. Nominees must have a thorough knowledge of the CDL program and current experience conducting CDL Skill Tests.

Please submit completed nomination forms to Karen Morton no later than Friday, August 16, 2019. After the nominations are reviewed, detailed class and travel information will be sent to those persons selected to attend.

AAMVA’s Annual International Conference: Program Highlights

AAMVA’s 2019 Annual International Conference is just a few weeks away! We have planned a program packed with informative sessions and exciting events including:

AAMVA will be hosting a Drive for a Better Life tricycle race to raise funds for Clinic with a Heart (CWH). CWH is a not-for-profit organization connecting the uninsured and underinsured with professionals who provide pro bono medical, dental, vision, hearing, physical therapy, chiropractic, and mental health care. The race involves three-person teams: one to drive (a trike), one for repairs (relaying tools to the tool box), and one for the hydration station (chugging a bottle of water).

On Tuesday, August 20, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, join us for Community Policing in a State Police/Highway Patrol Agency, where attendees can hear how community policing tenets can be effectively applied to state and provincial police/highway...
patrol agencies, as opposed to the traditional application in local law enforcement agencies. Learn more about these and other sessions by viewing the 2019 AIC Program!

Click here for more information and to register.

This Week's Webinars
Vehicle Identification Number Locations and Inspections
Wednesday, August 7, 2019, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (EDT)
Vehicle identification numbers (VINs) are placed on vehicles in a variety of locations to assist in proper identification. VINs are both in public view and in confidential locations which may require the use of tools to locate and see. All VINs have a specific purpose and knowing how to locate them and examine them is important for anyone responsible for investigating vehicle crimes and identifying vehicles. Criminals understand the value of VINs and will work hard to clone, counterfeit, or remove them to mislead anyone examining the vehicle to determine its true identity.

Note: This webinar is for AAMVA jurisdiction and federal members only.

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ICBC Kicks off Recruitment for Techpilot Project for Less Experienced Drivers (British Columbia)
ICBC is taking the next step into telematics research with a one-year pilot project —this time recruiting as many as 7,000 drivers to see if technology can improve their driving and make B.C. roads safer...Participants will use a small smart tag that communicates with an app installed on their smartphone. For each trip, the app records driving behaviours like speeding, braking patterns and level of distracted driving and provides an overall score. As an incentive participants will receive rewards in the form of gift cards to popular retailers and restaurants. Read more at icbc.com.

New Law Simplifies Driver Licensing Process for Foster Children in Colorado
Foster children seeking their first Colorado driver license will have a smoother road to becoming fully credentialed starting Aug. 2. The Foster Children Driver License Act (House Bill 19-1023), signed into law by Gov. Jared Polis on May 20, 2019, streamlines the process foster children go through when obtaining a driver license...Prior to the Foster Children Driver License Act, the licensing process was set up for young adults with a more traditional family support system. These changes allow foster children, who often faced difficulties meeting Colorado’s Graduated Driver Laws requirements, to reach an important milestone despite often not having a traditional support network. Read more at colorado.gov.

Minnesota Is Now Hands-Free
To help reduce fatalities and injuries on Minnesota roads, drivers in Minnesota can no longer hold a phone in their hand while behind the wheel. The hands-free cell phone bill, which was signed into law in April by Gov. Walz, takes effect today. 'The hands-free law is a powerful example of Minnesotans turning personal tragedy into lifesaving advocacy,' said Governor Walz. 'I am proud of the bipartisan effort that went into making this law. Distracted driving has impacted too many families in our state, and this commonsense law means more drivers will put down the phone, keep their eyes on the road, and ensure more Minnesotans make it home to their loved ones.' Read more at dps.mn.gov.

DMV Headed to Trial in Ashland Woman's Death (Oregon)
A jury is weeks away from deciding the state of Oregon’s culpability for issuing a...
driver's license to a man with five prior drunken-driving convictions who killed a local 911 dispatcher in a wrong-way crash on Interstate 5 in 2014. Despite efforts earlier this month by the state of Oregon, a judge ruled the state will remain a defendant in William Greenstein’s wrongful death lawsuit against Richard Webster Scott Jr., the driver who killed his wife, Karen Greenstein, and the agency that issued his wife’s killer a driver’s license. Read more at mailtribune.com.

Pennsylvania Automated Vehicle Summit: Advancing the Future of Transportation
As highly automated vehicles grow in public awareness, automated vehicle technology offers the promise of a mobility revolution. Please join in a public discussion on critical issues facing community and regional infrastructure planning and workforce development as we explore the future of automated vehicles at Pennsylvania’s 3rd Automated Vehicle Summit! The 2019 summit is being held Sept. 4-6 at the Kalahari Convention Center in Pocono Manor, Pa. Four featured speakers have been confirmed for the 2019 PA AV Summit, including Robin Chase (Zipcar), Dr. Erica Groshen (Cornell University), Edward Mortimer (U.S. Chamber of Commerce), and Mark Rosekind (Zoox). Read more and register at paavsummit.org.

Progress Report: Fewer Road Injuries and Fatalities in 2018 Compared to 10-Year Average (Saskatchewan)
The number of people hurt or killed in traffic collisions on Saskatchewan roads continues to trend downwards, with substantially lower numbers in 2018 than the previous 10-year average. Preliminary data for 2018 from SGI indicates there were 4,220 people injured and 129 people killed due to vehicle collisions on public roads in Saskatchewan. This represents a 34 per cent drop in injuries and a nine per cent drop in deaths, compared to the yearly averages from 2008-2017 (injuries: 6,353; deaths: 142). Another positive sign: there were fewer total casualties in 2018 across each of the 'Big Four' categories...Read more at sgi.sk.ca.

Washington Takes Next Step to Acknowledge More Than Two Genders on ID Cards
The latest step in the state’s efforts for inclusion rights is that residents will be able to choose from three gender options when getting a driver’s license: Male, Female and X...The Department of Licensing proposed the rule change earlier this year. The change would also impact instruction permits or ID cards and would create more consistency with Washington birth certificates that now list an X...When Teresa Berntsen was named director of the Washington State Department of Licensing a year ago, people asked her about the issue...Berntsen asked her staff to look into it and they found out DOL has the authority to propose a rule change. Read more at medium.com.

DOT Agencies Revise Civil Penalty Amounts
The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) have revised their civil penalty amounts. In accordance with the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015, final rules published by each agency provides the 2019 inflation adjustment to civil penalty amounts that may be imposed for violations of certain DOT regulations. The changes are effective July 31, 2019. Read more at govinfo.gov.
**Disqualification for Human Trafficking Final Rule**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has corrected the compliance dates for its “Lifetime Disqualification for Human Trafficking” final rule that appeared in the Federal Register on July 23, 2019. The document included an incorrect compliance date for States to come into substantial compliance with the provisions in the final rule. As corrected, a State must come into substantial compliance with the requirements of part 383 of this chapter in effect as of September 23, 2019, or as soon as practicable, but not later than September 23, 2022. Read more at govinfo.gov.

**FMCSA Extends Comment Period for Automated Driving Systems Proposed Rule**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) extends the comment period for its May 28, 2019, advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) and its May 31, 2019 correction notice concerning Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations that may need to be amended, revised, or eliminated to facilitate the safe introduction of automated driving systems equipped commercial motor vehicles onto our Nation’s roadways. The Agency believes it is appropriate to extend the comment period to provide interested parties additional time to submit their responses to the ANPRM. The comment period for the ANPRM published May 28, 2019, at 84 FR 24449, and corrected on May 31, 2019, at 84 FR 25229, is extended by 30 days and must be received on or before August 28, 2019. Read more at govinfo.gov.

**FMCSA Proposes Permanent Crash Preventability Determination Program**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has proposed a permanent crash preventability determination program to gain additional data to recognize possible safety risks on our nation’s roads. The crash preventability program examines the feasibility, costs, and benefits of determining and displaying the preventability of certain crash types. Starting in August 2017, FMCSA reviewed more than 5,600 crashes submitted by truck and bus companies to determine if a crash could have been prevented by the motor carrier. Approximately 94% have been found to not be preventable by the motor carrier or commercial driver. FMCSA proposes a transition to a long-term crash preventability determination program for FMCSA. In addition, the Agency is proposing the removal of not preventable crashes from the Safety Measurement System Crash Indicator Behavior Analysis Safety Improvement Category (BASIC), expanding the types of crashes that can be evaluated from eight to 15. Read more at fmcsa.dot.gov.

**2019 Best Looking Cruiser Contest Results (AAST)**

Congratulations to the Nebraska State Patrol for being voted the ‘2019 America’s Best-Looking Cruiser.’ This is the first year the Nebraska State Patrol has received the honor and will be the cruiser featured on the cover of the ‘2020 America’s Best Looking Cruiser Calendar.’ The contest received a total of 394,572 votes. The 2019 top 13 finalists are...Nebraska State Patrol, Michigan State Police, New Hampshire State Police, Kentucky State Police, West Virginia State Police, Ohio State Highway Patrol, North Carolina State Highway Patrol, Tennessee Highway Patrol, Florida Highway Patrol, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Mississippi Highway Patrol, California Highway Patrol, Minnesota State Patrol. Read more
Learn How to Prevent Pediatric Vehicular Heatstroke Deaths (NSC, NHTSA)

In recognition of National Heatstroke Prevention Day on July 31, the National Safety Council and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration are urging Americans to understand how to prevent pediatric vehicular heatstroke. Already this year, according to press reports, the United States has lost more than 20 children because they were either left unattended or became trapped inside a hot vehicle. Owners should keep their vehicles locked at all times when parked to prevent a child climbing in and becoming trapped, and parents should teach children that vehicles are not a place to play. Never leave a child in a vehicle when running errands, not even for a minute. Rolling down a window does little to keep a vehicle cool, and heatstroke deaths have occurred even in vehicles parked in shaded areas. Read more at nsc.org.