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**Now Available: Foreign Driver License Reciprocity Best Practices**

The [Foreign Driver License Reciprocity Best Practices](#) was developed as a resource document to assist AAMVA member jurisdictions in making informed decisions when negotiating driver license reciprocity memorandums of understanding (MOUs) with foreign jurisdictions. These examples provide a foundation on which jurisdictions can build when drafting driver's license reciprocity agreements with foreign jurisdictions. The 2021 Foreign Driver License Reciprocity Best Practices also contains survey results (Appendix A), including specific questions and responses, detailed in multiple tables to provide information on the various jurisdictional practices and requirements within the U.S. and Canada. These results are available for download on the AAMVA website. For more standards, best practices, guidelines, whitepapers, and interim reports, please visit our [website](#).



**AAMVA Mourns the Passing of John Grim**

Longtime friend of AAMVA, [John Frederick Grim](#) passed away over the weekend. John was born November 19, 1956 and grew up in Ellicott City, Maryland. He moved frequently and traveled widely during his successful career in sales, with business trips taking him around the world. He made Mechanicsville, Virginia, his home when he married his wife, Karen (retired Assistant Commissioner of the Virginia DMV) in 2003. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Virginia Home for Boys and Girls and Bon Secours Hospice House. Visitation was Monday, August 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Nelsen Funeral Home (Ashland chapel). A funeral Mass will be held Tuesday, August 10, at 10 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Ashland. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [NelsenAshland.com](http://NelsenAshland.com) for the Grim family. [Read more here](#).



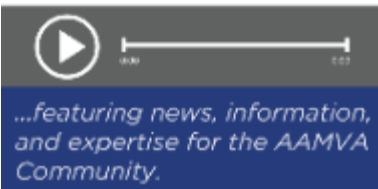
**Survey: AAMVA's Contact Center Optimization Working**



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### SYSTEMS TRAINING

#### SEPTEMBER - S2S

1 | [S2S Overview](#)

2 | [S2S Transactions AMIE](#)

## Group Needs Your Input

The [Contact Center Optimization Working Group](#) is planning to develop a best practices guide on ideal operations for jurisdiction agency contact centers (all disciplines). As a part of determining what will be included, the group is conducting two surveys to obtain information on [remote working policies, challenges, and solutions](#); as well as the [trends in technology and services for future planning in contact centers](#). Please complete the surveys by **September 9** to assist the group with their assessment. For questions, please contact Patrice Aasmo at [paasmo@aamva.org](mailto:paasmo@aamva.org) or Julie Knittle at [jknittle@aamva.org](mailto:jknittle@aamva.org).

[Click here](#) to take the remote working survey and [here](#) to take the technology trends survey.

## Survey: AAMVA's Automated Vehicle Subcommittee Needs Your Input

The [Automated Vehicle Subcommittee](#) is updating AAMVA's [Safe Testing and Deployment of Vehicles Equipped with Automated Driving Systems Guidelines, Edition 2](#), and is conducting research to obtain current information about vehicles operating on the roadway that are equipped with Automated Driving Systems (ADS). This information will be used as a baseline for material development of Edition 3 of these guidelines. Please complete the survey by **August 31** to assist the group with their assessment. For questions, please contact Paul Steier, AAMVA's Director of Vehicle Programs, at [psteier@aamva.org](mailto:psteier@aamva.org).

[Click here](#) to take the survey.

## New AAMVAcast Episode

In this episode, we speak with Kristina Boardman, Administrator for the Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles, AAMVA Secretary & Region 3 Board Member; and Loffie Jordaan, Business Solutions Architect for AAMVA, about the Driver History Record component of the State-to-State Verification System, what it is, and why it's exciting from the jurisdiction perspective.



You can find AAMVAcast [on its own website](#), as well as on Apple podcasts, Google podcasts, Stitcher, and Spotify. We'll be releasing new episodes every Monday, featuring conversations with Ian Grossman and members of the AAMVA Community. Subscribe today!

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## This Week's Webinars

[AAMVA's Solutions to Entry Level Driver Training \(ELDT\)](#)  
**August 10, 2021; 2:00-3:00 pm ET**

- 3 | [S2S Transactions NIEM](#)
- 7 | [S2S Batch Transactions](#)
- 8 | [S2S Bulk Load](#)
- 9 | [S2S Procedures Manual](#)

## SEPTEMBER - PDPS

- 14 | [PDPS State-to-State and NDR-Generated Transactions](#)
- 15 | [PDPS Clean File Processing](#)
- 17 | [PDPS Identity Correction](#)

**AAMVA also offers systems trainings on-demand for members through our new Learning Management System (LMS). [VIEW ALL COURSES](#)**

## OUR WEBINARS

## AUGUST

- 10 | [AAMVA's Solutions to Entry Level Driver Training \(ELDT\)](#)
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Overview of the CSTIMS/ROOSTR ELDT Solution:

- ROOSTR ELDT Solution Overview and Demo of Completed Feature
- CSTIMS ELDT Solution Overview and Demo of Completed Features
- Q & A

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

## FEATURED NEWS

### Jurisdiction Response to COVID-19

[Click here](#) to view consolidated information and see how motor vehicle administrations are handling driver licensing and vehicle registration. This document will be updated with the most current information on our [homepage](#).

### Motor Vehicle Industry Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

Below is a selection of news releases and announcements regarding the effects of coronavirus on the motor vehicle community.

#### COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Lamont Administration Reaches Revised Telework Agreement With State Employee Unions \(Connecticut\)](#)
- [Governor Lamont Issues Executive Order Allowing Municipalities To Implement Universal Mask Requirements \(Connecticut\)](#)
- [State of Emergency Renewed \(Nova Scotia\)](#)
- [Ontario Opening Temporary Road Test Centres](#)
- [DMV Keys to Convenience \(Vermont\)](#)

#### COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Vehicle Registration Renewal, Insurance Verification Services Available on MyTN \(Tennessee\)](#)
- [Virginia DMV Continues To Migrate Services Online](#)
- [Motorcycle Instruction Permit Testing Now Available Online \(West Virginia\)](#)

#### COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Jesse White Announces Employees Must Show Vaccination Status or Submit to COVID-19 Testing \(Illinois\)](#)

#### COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- [DMV Appointment Online Check-in Aims To Do Away With Physical Lines, Gives Coloradans Greater Flexibility \(Colorado\)](#)
- [Speeding Violations for Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators Rose Dramatically in 2020 \(Colorado\)](#)
- [Driver's License and State ID Expirations Moved to October \(Hawaii\)](#)
- [Governor Ige Signs Emergency Proclamation Establishing Vaccination and Testing Policy for State and County Employees \(Hawaii\)](#)
- [Public Health Emergency Extended Through August 17 \(Northwest Territories\)](#)
- [Nunavut Extends Public Health Emergency](#)
- [Face Masks Required in DMV Offices Due to Summer COVID-19 Surge \(Oregon\)](#)
- [Self-Isolation and Mandatory Masking Will Be Lifted as of August 4, 2021 \(Yukon\)](#)

[\(SWI\) – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site](#)

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#### OUR SURVEYS

Please respond to these surveys from British Columbia, Florida, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Kentucky, Kansas, Washington, Colorado, and AAMVA.

[Specialty License Plates](#) (Ends 09/08/2021)

[State to State \(S2S\)](#) (Ends 08/31/2021)

[Certification of Habitual Offenders](#) (Ends 08/27/2021)

[Name & Sex/Gender Changes](#) (Ends 08/26/2021)

[Type of security system at DMV offices](#) (Ends 08/26/2021)

[Military Personnel Vehicle Tax Exemptions](#) (Ends 08/17/2021)

[Casual Vehicle Sales Online](#) (Ends 08/23/2021)

[Restricted Driver's License](#) (Ends 08/20/2021)

[Customer Service Training](#) (Ends 08/16/2021)

[Number of DMV Staff](#) (Ends 08/31/2021)

[Emergency Resiliency and Response](#) (Ends 08/12/2021)

[Automated Driving Systems](#)

## JURISDICTION NEWS

### Alabama Registration Updates

Legislative Act 2021-134 (effective June 1, 2021) exempts electric bicycles (defined in 32-6-1.1 as a vehicle less than 750 watts, with a seat, and can't travel over 25mph) from titling, insurance, and registration requirements. Beginning October 1, 2021, license plates will no longer include stacked characters. [Read more at revenue.alabama.gov.](#)

### ADOT Smooths Process for School Bus Drivers To Report Stop Sign Violators (Arizona)

With school buses prowling through neighborhoods again as school resumes, drivers should expect to wait when the bus's stop sign arm is extended while children are boarding and exiting the bus. However, about 13,000 motorists each year are reported by Arizona school bus drivers for not stopping as required. [Read more at azdot.gov.](#)

### DUI Training Helps ADOT Nab Impaired Drivers at Ports of Entry (Arizona)

After wandering across both directions of Interstate 40 on foot and into the eastbound facility of the Topock Port of Entry this past spring, an impaired commercial driver was taken into custody after an ADOT Enforcement and Compliance officer recognized the signs and symptoms of impairment thanks to DUI training. [Read more at azdot.gov.](#)

### Crashes 3x More Common in School Zones During Drop-off and Pick-up Hours (Colorado)

School is in session and that means added traffic volume in neighborhoods and around schools as buses and parents commute their students. The Colorado State Patrol is sending a message to motorists to reduce speeds and stay alert for pedestrians and other vehicles around and near schools this year. [Read more at csp.colorado.gov.](#)

### 12th Annual Statewide Pedestrian Safety Month Launches To Raise Awareness of Safety Practices (Hawaii)

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) and its federal, state, city and community partners kicked off the 12th annual statewide Pedestrian Safety Month this August with a sign waving at the State Capitol Monday, Aug. 2. [Read more at hidot.hawaii.gov.](#)

### Governor's Traffic Safety Committee and NASCAR Driver Ross Chastain Promote Seat Belt Use During Racing at Watkins Glen International (New York)

As racing gets underway this week at Watkins Glen International, NASCAR driver Ross Chastain and Niece Motorsports join the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) to promote the importance of seat belt use through the "Protect Your Melon" campaign. [Read more at dm.vt.gov.](#)

### MVD Releases New Practice Driving Test (New Mexico)

The New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division has released a new practice driving exam for cell phones and other mobile devices...The new practice exam is a great



[\(ADS\)](#) (Ends 08/31/2021)

[Gender X on DL/ID](#) (Ends 08/17/2021)

[Contact Center Optimization - Remote Working](#) (Ends 09/09/2021)

[Contact Center Optimization - Technology Trends](#) (Ends 09/09/2021)

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.

resource for people preparing for the knowledge test that new drivers must pass to obtain a learner's permit. [Read more at mvd.newmexico.gov](#).

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## State Highway Patrol Names New Lieutenant Colonel (North Carolina)

The State Highway Patrol is extremely proud to announce the promotion of Maj. Daryl B. Conley to the rank of lieutenant colonel effective Aug. 9. Lt. Col. Conley will be assuming this role soon to be vacated by Lt. Col. Donna Carter who has announced her retirement effective Sept. 1. [Read more at ncdps.gov](#).

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## Here's the Nitty-Gritty on Rural Road Safety (Saskatchewan)

If you live in Saskatchewan, at some point you will need to drive on a rural road to get where you're going. A network of unpaved and gravel grid roads connect us to main highways, but these roads can be a challenge to navigate for some drivers, especially those who don't drive them every day. [Read more at sgi.sk.ca](#).

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## New Law Requires Drivers To Move Right Unless They Are Using Left Lane To Pass (South Carolina)

The SC Department of Public Safety informs motorists of a new South Carolina law that will require drivers to "move right" except when passing. Starting August 15, 2021, the new law, Section 56-5-1885, will require drivers to only use the far left-hand lane on controlled access highways while they are passing or overtaking another vehicle. [Read more at scdps.sc.gov](#).

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## Vermont Announces Examiner of the Year

Annually, the International Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC) Board and American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) recognize outstanding examiners through the IDEC Examiner of the Year award...It is with great pleasure I announce this year's recipient Pamela Scully (Saint Albans, Saint Johnsbury & WRJ). [Read more at dmV.vermont.gov](#).

### FEDERAL NEWS

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## United States Senate Unveils Infrastructure Package

The United States Senate has introduced its long anticipated bipartisan infrastructure legislation. The lengthy legislation has been offered as an amendment to the legislative vehicle [HR 3684](#). The roughly 3,000-page bill provides approximately \$1 trillion in spending, with \$567 billion in spending for transportation. The breakdown by mode is approximately \$110 billion for highways, roads and bridges, \$39 billion for public transit, \$66 billion for rail projects, and \$55 billion for water infrastructure. Included in the legislation is a full five-year surface transportation reauthorization.

AAMVA has developed a detailed [legislative analysis](#) for its members that call out sections of particular importance. AAMVA will provide additional information as the bill progresses through the legislative process.

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## FMCSA Requests Medical Examiners Submit Examination Results From Outage

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) requests that medical examiners (MEs) submit results of physical qualification examinations conducted

during the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners (National Registry) outage from December 1, 2017, through August 13, 2018. During the outage, FMCSA encouraged MEs to continue conducting physical qualification examinations and instructed MEs to submit examination results to the National Registry when upload functionality was restored. The upload functionality was fully restored on August 13, 2018, but a significant number of healthcare professionals have not uploaded the results from examinations conducted during the National Registry outage. FMCSA requests that the examiners in question upload the information. Medical examiners should submit the results from examinations conducted between December 1, 2017, and August 13, 2018, to the agency by **September 30, 2021**. [Read more at govinfo.gov](#).

## PARTNER NEWS

### **GHSA Releases Independent Recommendations to Advance Equity in Traffic Safety Programs**

The Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA)...released a new set of recommended actions that State Highway Safety Offices (SHSOs), GHSA, their partners and the traffic safety community can take to support more equitable outcomes for Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC). The ten recommendations were developed by consulting firm Kimley-Horn to help broaden the reach of the nation's highway safety programs by eliminating racial disparities in traffic safety engagement and enforcement. [Read more at ghsa.org](#).



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