Region 3 Conference Wraps Up

From October 22-24, AAMVA hosted the Region 3 Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. During the conference, members had the opportunity to network and attend sessions on hot topics, including Real ID, impaired driving, mDL, driver assistance technology, and more. View photos of the event by visiting our Flickr page. Presentations are available for download on the AAMVA website (only for AAMVA members). If you attended the conference, please don't forget to provide feedback via the survey on our mobile app. Thank you to our sponsors who made this event possible!

AAMVA Visits Jurisdictions in the Northeast

AAMVA visited several jurisdictions in the northeast recently including Vermont, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. Meetings, such as the one pictured here with the New Hampshire team, included AAMVA overviews and member engagement reviews, as well as training on the AAMVA website, CDLIS reports, and other related IT content.

2019 AAMVA Workshop and Law Institute Receives CLE Accreditation

The Virginia State Bar has accredited the 2019 AAMVA Workshop and Law Institute for 5 CLE hours of standard instruction and 2 CLE hours of ethics instruction. For those attending, attorneys needing a copy of the accreditation notice or certification of attendance for verification purposes, please contact Andrew Guevara at aguevara@aamva.org.

Join UL & AAMVA at mDL Café

There’s an app for almost everything these days, whether it’s shopping, tracking your exercise or finding your way. Now driver's licenses are making the transition from a card to a digital application on your mobile phone; a mobile driver license (mDL). Jointly hosted by AAMVA and UL – mDL Café is a 90 minute webinar discussing ISO standard and implementation guidelines, as well as use cases with mDL ecosystem stakeholders. This webinar is open to Issuers and industries involved in the mDL ecosystem and mDL technology providers. Read more at connect.ul.com.
AAMVA Leadership Academy Applications Now Being Accepted

The Leadership Academy provides professional development opportunities for future leaders in the AAMVA community. This program is designed for jurisdiction employees who have demonstrated leadership potential and the ability to succeed in positions of greater responsibility within their agencies. The program will take place May 4-7, 2020. Attendees must have the approval and support of the Chief Administrator of their agency to apply. All expenses will be paid by AAMVA. This week-long program will include modules on defining leadership, team work and collaboration, change management, and more. It is an intense training opportunity focused on the unique characteristics of leading and managing a motor vehicle or law enforcement agency. The draft course outline provides more information on what topics will be included. If you are interested, please fill out the application form and send it along with your resume to Janice Dluzynski. Class size will be limited to eighteen participants and we can accept only one application from each member agency. Applications are due by November 7, 2019. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact: Janice Dluzynski or 703-908-5842. See what prior participants had to say about the AAMVA Leadership Academy in this video.

This Week's Webinars

NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States (AMIE Version) – Part 2
Thursday, October 31, 2019, 1:00 - 2:00 pm (ET)
NMVTIS has two third party transactions that involve updates between the central site and multiple states. Because the transactions involve multiple states and the central site, it is possible for a transaction to break down before it completes. Further activity against this title record is greatly restricted until the problem is resolved. This webinar provides instruction as to how to identify and resume suspended transactions. The intended audience for this webinar are NMVTIS Help Desk Personnel, Business Process Analyst and IT System Integrators.
Note: This webinar is for AAMVA jurisdiction members only.

Meeting to Discuss Upcoming Motor Vehicle Legislative Change (Alabama)
The Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) will be hosting a meeting for all licensing officials, registration system vendors, and their staff to discuss upcoming motor vehicle legislative changes. The meeting will be held at the MVD office at 2545 Taylor Road Montgomery, AL 36117, on December 11, 2019. There will be a morning (10am-12pm) and afternoon (2pm – 4pm) session. Space for each session is limited. Please RSVP and indicate which session you or your staff would like to attend by contacting Stephanie Harris at (334) 242-9000, Option 5. Read more at revenue.alabama.gov.

GA Department of Driver Services (DDS) Delivers Donation to Bahamas Consulate General (Georgia)
Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) Commissioner Spencer R. Moore and members of his Team recently visited the Bahamas Consulate General in Atlanta and delivered essential supplies to support the relief effort that continues following Hurricane Dorian. Consul General Astra Armbrister-Rolle was pleased to accept the Agency's donation and will ensure that the collected items are delivered to those in need as the recovery process continues. Read more here.

Oregon Will No Longer Accept Washington Dismantler
Bill of Sale Instead of Vehicle Title
Oregon DMV will no longer accept a dismantler’s bill of sale from the state of Washington in place of a vehicle title when applying for a title in Oregon as of Oct. 21, 2019. Starting Oct. 21, if you wish to apply for an Oregon vehicle title for a vehicle from Washington, you must submit a Washington title. Oregon will reject any application with a Washington dismantler’s bill of sale in lieu of a title...Oregon DMV has been accepting the Washington dismantler’s bill of sale as an ownership document in lieu of a title or salvage title when the bill of sale states, “the title was surrendered to the Department of Licensing in accordance with RCW 46.12.70 (Washington law)” or similar language. However, dismantlers’ bills of sale are not state-issued and are not secure documents. Read more at content.govdelivery.com.

Ontario to Provide New York State with Driver Licence Plate Information for the Collection of Highway Toll Fees
The Province of Ontario has signed an agreement with New York State to provide them with formal access to individual licence plate information on vehicles registered in Ontario that use New York's tolled highways. An agreement with New York State was signed in late October 2019. Traditionally, tolls were collected at toll booths or gates. However, technological advances have eliminated the need for physical barriers, and electronic toll devices can capture vehicle licence plate images for the purpose of billing users after a trip. Read more at news.ontario.ca.

More Than 1,400 Tickets Issued to School Zone Speeders in September (Saskatchewan)
Breaking the speed limit in a school zone is like bombing an open-book test. There are big, reflective signs in every school zone that clearly state what the speed limit is and when it’s in effect. Unfortunately, even with that cheat sheet, a large number of drivers were given a failing grade last month by police in the form of a costly speeding ticket. During the September spotlight on school zones, police issued: 1,424 tickets to drivers for speeding in school zones, 13 tickets to drivers for failing to yield to a pedestrian, four tickets for either passing a school bus or failing to stop 5 m from a school bus when safety lights were in operation. Read more at sgi.sk.ca.

FMCSA Publishes Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse as New System of Records
In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has proposed a new system of records titled, “Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse.” The system of records allows FMCSA to collect and maintain records on commercial driver’s license (CDL) and commercial learner’s permit (CLP) holders who have received verified positive DOT drug or alcohol test results, refuse such testing, or otherwise violate FMCSA’s drug and alcohol use prohibitions. According to the notice, the Clearinghouse will collect and maintain records on the completion of substance abuse programs as part of the return-to-duty process and will collect and maintain drivers’ consent to the release of information. In addition, the Clearinghouse will collect and maintain records of queries of the system conducted by employers or service agents acting on their behalf, and State Driver Licensing Agencies (SDLAs). The information in this system will be used to enhance compliance with drug and alcohol use testing regulations by identifying CDL or CLP holders who have committed drug and alcohol violations that render them ineligible to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV). The notice states that the system will be effective as of November 21, 2019 and that routine uses will be effective at that time. Read more at govinfo.gov.
**GAO Report: Improved Reporting Could Clarify States’ Achievement of Fatality and Injury Targets**

Over 37,000 people were killed in traffic accidents on U.S. highways in 2017. The U.S. Department of Transportation provides about $3 billion a year to states to improve traffic safety. To determine whether the federal money is being spent effectively, states are supposed to set safety targets and report on whether their projects helped achieve them. States did not achieve most of their fatality reduction targets from 2014-2017. Nearly half did not provide their most recent required assessments of fatality targets. We recommended that Transportation clarify state reporting requirements and report to Congress whether states are meeting targets. [Read more at gao.gov](https://www.gao.gov).

**NHTSA Comments on Electronic Motor Vehicle Transactions Due October 28**

AAMVA reminds members that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has issued a request for comment regarding electronic motor vehicle transactions, and that those comments are due October 28th. AAMVA had previously notified its membership of the associated electronic odometer final rule through a legislative alert issued on September 20, 2019. This request for comment seeks feedback on NHTSA’s proposal to eliminate any federal odometer disclosure requirements that must be satisfied through paper, rather than electronic, means. NHTSA is requesting comment on the nature and scope of potential benefits for States, consumers, and other stakeholders such as dealers and insurance companies; any interest or plans among States in moving towards paperless systems; and what resources and guidance may be needed to assist States to transition to purely electronic systems. [Read more at govinfo.gov](https://www.govinfo.gov).

**U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao Announces Further Decreases in Roadway Fatalities**

The U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration...released highway crash fatality data for 2018, showing a 2.4 percent decline in overall fatalities, the second consecutive year of reduced crash fatalities. Under this Administration and Secretary Chao’s leadership, the USDOT has focused on safety as its top priority. “This is encouraging news, but still far too many perished or were injured, and nearly all crashes are preventable, so much more work remains to be done to make America’s roads safer for everyone,” U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao said. [Read more at nhtsa.gov](https://www.nhtsa.gov).

**Road Safety Annual Report 2019 (ITF)**

The IRTAD Road Safety Annual Report 2019 provides an overview of road safety performance for 41 countries. The report outlines the most recent road safety developments there and provides comparative data for the main road safety indicators. It also offers detailed analysis by road user, age group and types of road. It describes the crash data collection process in IRTAD countries, the road safety strategies and targets in place and information on recent trends in speeding, drink-driving and other aspects of road user behaviour. [Read more at itf-oecd.org](https://www.itf-oecd.org).

**Road to Zero Coalition Statement on Drop in Roadway Fatalities**

The latest crash data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) shows road fatalities have dropped for the second year in a row. The Road to Zero (RTZ) Coalition finds the new data trending in the right direction as the Coalition’s goal is to end all U.S. roadway deaths by 2050...While the RTZ Coalition recognizes that the new data illustrate a trend in the right direction, there...
is still much work to be done. Losing just one life in traffic crashes is one too many. In the Road to Zero report released last year, the RTZ Coalition identified three critical strategies to eliminating deaths: doubling down on what works through proven, evidence-based actions; advancing life-saving technology in vehicles and infrastructure; and prioritizing safety by adopting a Safe System approach, which is building a transportation system designed to be forgiving so that human error does not have to be fatal. Read more here.

GHSA Statement on National 2018 Traffic Fatalities: Traffic Deaths Down in 2018; Much More Work Remains

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s announcement that 36,560 were killed in traffic crashes in 2018 indicates progress in our shared goal of zero deaths. We are pleased to see a 2.4 percent drop in fatalities in 2018 and an estimated 3.4 percent dip in early 2019. A decline in 2019 would mark three straight years of fewer fatalities despite a strong economy, which typically correlates with increased traffic deaths. However, the only acceptable level of deaths is zero, and we will not rest until that is achieved. GHSA is glad to note progress in reducing alcohol-related, speeding-related and motorcyclist fatalities in 2018. Nevertheless, we are alarmed by the notable increase in pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities, up 3.4 and 6.3 percent, respectively. GHSA leveraged preliminary state data earlier this year to predict that 2018 would see a historical surge in pedestrian deaths. Read more at ghsa.org.

Drunk Driving Deaths Down in 2018, but Not Enough (MADD)

New data released this week by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration offer some hope to those of us in the fight to eliminate drunk driving. In 2018, drunk driving deaths fell for the second year in a row and accounted for slightly less than 29 percent of all traffic fatalities, the lowest level since NHTSA began tracking the data in 1982. Yet the declines in alcohol-impaired driving deaths follow two back-to-back years of steep increases — and have yet to fall to levels we saw in 2014, when drunk driving fatalities dropped below 10,000. The fact remains that drunk driving still kills more people on our nation’s roads than any other cause. Read more at madd.org.

GHSA, IIHS to Select Pilot Project to Prevent Speed-Related Crashes

With nearly 800 people killed on U.S. roads every month in speed-related crashes, the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) are launching a partnership to support a new kind of state program to reduce the toll. GHSA and IIHS are working with the National Road Safety Foundation (NRSF) to award one or more grants in 2020 to develop and implement a speed-management pilot program. State agencies will be eligible to compete for the grant by proposing an interdisciplinary, community-based program that combines proven and innovative countermeasures from the areas of engineering, high-visibility enforcement, communications, advocacy and policy. Read more at iihs.org.