Former Virginia DMV Commissioner and Former AAMVA President Donald E. Williams Passes

We are saddened to announce the passing this week of former Virginia DMV Commissioner Donald E. Williams. Commissioner Williams had a distinguished 36-year career with the Virginia DMV that started in 1958. After working his way up through the ranks, Mr. Williams was appointed Commissioner in 1980 by then-Governor John Dalton and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1994.

Under his innovative leadership, he started the transformation of the DMV into a highly customer service focused agency. Among those innovations were the creation of the On-line Dealer Program and the use of mobile licensing units, both outstanding customer service programs that are still with the agency today. A more complete list of his accomplishments are listed in Senate Joint Resolution No. 1005 (1994 Special Session I) which can be accessed through the following link: https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?942+ful+SJ1005ER+pdf.

Commissioner Williams also served with distinction as AAMVA's Board of Directors' President in 1993 and Region 2 President that same year. Commissioner Williams added to our rich DMV history and we are all fortunate that he was part of our DMV family for so long. He will be deeply missed.

Region 2 Conference This Week!

The 2018 Region 2 Conference will get underway this week, June 18-21, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina! Register online today! The conference provides an opportunity for you and your peers to discuss relevant driver's license, motor vehicle and law enforcement related issues. As with every AAMVA conference, the ability to network is one of the most beneficial experiences, and this year's regional conference provides several networking opportunities as well as interactive learning opportunities. Jurisdiction attendees will learn about the successes and challenges of others, share ideas, build relationships, and discover the many products and services provided by our industry partners that can assist in your mission. Industry attendees will have the opportunity to meet with key players in the driver's license, motor vehicle and law enforcement arenas. Visit the 2018 Region 2 Conference Website for more information and to register!

AAMVA Participates in the Annual NOTFEA Conference

AAMVA participated in the National Odometer & Title Fraud Enforcement Association (NOTFEA) Conference held in Savannah, GA, last week. AAMVA's Law Enforcement Program Manager, Paul Steier, provided training on the use of the NMVTIS Law Enforcement Access Tool and the AAMVA Fraud Detection and Remediation Program (FDR). Paul was joined by Les Cravens with Auto Data...
CDLIS Working Group Volunteer Opportunity Available

The CDLIS Working Group provides guidance and direction on improvements, enhancements and changes related to the CDLIS application and processes, past, present and future. The Working Group is a dynamic and active group, consisting of one or two representatives from up to 12 states. The Working Group is seeking one jurisdiction to fill the current vacancy. After reviewing the CDLIS Working Group Charter and the required qualifications in the application, please complete the application and email it to Dianne Graham at committees@aamva.org. Applications must be received by June 30, 2018. If you have questions about the Working Group, please contact Mindy Stephens.

Notice to CDLIS and State-to-State Participants

AAMVA congratulates New Mexico on successfully implementing S2S during the weekend of June 17, 2018 and becoming the 18th participant using the new service. All migration activities have completed on schedule. CDLIS and S2S services are fully operational now. AAMVA would also like to thank volunteer states Georgia and Alaska who assisted with New Mexico’s migration.

New Mexico will henceforth be able to use SPEXS to perform its CDLIS and S2S functions. This means, among other things, that New Mexico can now also track pointer information related to its Base Driver Licenses, Permits for Base Driver Licenses, and Identification Cards. This supports the goal of limiting any person to only one driver’s license.

Mississippi is scheduled to begin using the State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) on August 13, 2018. Other Jurisdictions will also begin using the State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) in the upcoming months and AAMVA looks forward to support them during their onboarding process. Learn more details here.

This Week’s Webinars

NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site
Tuesday, June 19, 2018, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)

In the past, states contacted the AAMVA Help Desk directly if they needed to make a data correction. As part of the NMVTIS reengineering effort, a Help Desk feature was created to allow states to correct their title and brand data on the central site. When states perform their own data corrections the timeliness and accuracy of the data corrections improves substantially. This webinar is focused on explaining the capability of the Help Desk feature as included in the SWI. Data correction scenarios are explained and matched to the correct update operation within the SWI. A brief overview of the SWI application will also be provided.

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

GTSC Announces Training Workshop to Assist in Drug-Impaired Driving Detection

The Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) announced today that New York will host a 2-day workshop, bringing together traffic safety professionals, to better understand the benefits and limitations of oral fluid testing in drugged-driving cases. The workshop, being held June 14 to 15, will serve as a model for other states and support ongoing efforts to keep dangerous drivers off New York’s roadways, including New York’s leading Drug Recognition Expert training program to combat the growing trend of drug-impaired driving. Read the press release for more details.
Arizona Wrong-Way Vehicle Alert System Holds Promise
A loud horn sounds in the Arizona Department of Transportation’s Traffic Operations Center. That alarm signals a possible detection of a wrong-way vehicle by one of the thermal cameras watching the off-ramps and travel lanes along 15 miles of Interstate 17 in Phoenix, part of a detection-and-warning system that’s the first of its kind in the nation. As ADOT looks toward expanding use of the technology, the agency is studying results from the I-17 system that went into operation in January at off-ramps and at intervals along travel lanes between Interstate 10 and the Loop 101. To date, the system has detected more than 15 vehicles entering I-17 off-ramps and frontage roads in the wrong direction. None of these vehicles has entered the I-17 mainline lanes, with the majority of drivers turning around on exit ramps. Read more here.

Maryland, Virginia Police Departments Partner For Move Over Education, Enforcement Campaign
Maryland State Police is partnering with other law enforcement agencies in Virginia as part of a Move Over law education and enforcement campaign. The goal of the campaign, which is set for June 17-23, is to inform the public about the importance of the Move Over law while helping keep the roads safe for law enforcement officers and motorists alike. Read more here.

FMCSA Announces Extension of Compliance Dates for the Medical Examiner’s Certification Integration Final Rule
FMCSA has issued an interim final rule that delays several provisions of the Medical Examiner’s Certification Integration final rule (80 FR 22790, Apr. 23, 2015; 80 FR 35577, Jun. 22, 2015) from June 22, 2018 date to June 22, 2021. This action was taken to provide FMCSA additional time to complete certain information technology (IT) system development tasks for its National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners (National Registry) and provide the State Driver’s Licensing Agencies (SDLAs) sufficient time to make the necessary IT programming changes after upgrades to the National Registry. Read more on the FMCSA Web site.

U.S. DOT Launches Safety Data Challenge
The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) is launching the Solving for Safety Visualization Challenge to incentivize the use of safety data in the development of innovative analytical visualization tools that will reveal insights into serious crashes and improve understanding of transportation safety. The Challenge serves as a platform to capture the imaginations of transportation stakeholders to develop innovative new data visualization tools that can help improve road and rail user safety. Entrants will compete for cash prizes that will be awarded throughout the multi-stage challenge, with a prize purse of $350,000. The Challenge will begin on June 14, 2018. DOT will accept Stage I submissions up to July 31, 2018, with a panel of judges reviewing team submissions and announcing finalists in August 2018.

FHWA National Dialogue on Highway Automation: June 26-27th in Philadelphia
This series of 5 workshops will bring together diverse stakeholders to discuss the implications of automated vehicles for the roadway infrastructure and the many organizations that manage them. Input received during the Dialogues will help inform national research, policies, and programs, and will support the development of a national transportation community around highway automation. The next workshop is going to be held in Philadelphia, PA at the Science History Institute on June 26-27, 2018, where the discussion will have an emphasis on planning and policy issues related to automated vehicles. Read more here.
GHSA and Responsibility.org Provide Funding for Law Enforcement to Address Drug-Impaired Driving

For the third consecutive year, the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) and the Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility (Responsibility.org) are awarding grants to help states combat the growing challenge of drug-impaired driving. In 2018, five states — Idaho, Minnesota, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont — will receive nearly $100,000 to provide advanced training, information and skills to detect drivers under the influence of drugs. This year’s grants come on the heels of a new report from GHSA and Responsibility.org examining the impact of marijuana and opioids on traffic safety. The report finds that 44% of fatally-injured drivers with known test results were positive for drugs in 2016, up from 28% a decade prior. To combat these alarming statistics, the report recommends increased training for law enforcement and better tools to assess drug impairment. Read more here.

Van Pooling- Effects on Congestion Reduction (Ends 07/02/2018) Responses received from FL, ID, KY, ME, MN, NE, NH, NM, OR, SC, VA.

Capture Knowledge Management (Ends 07/16/2018) Responses received from FL, ID, MO, TX.

Fertilizer Equipment (Ends 07/16/2018)

Vehicle Safety Inspection Statistics (Ends 07/31/2018) Responses received from AR, FL, GA, ID, IL, KY, ME, MO, MT, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OR, PA, UT, WA, WY.

Vision Zero / Road to Zero Campaigns (Ends 07/07/2018) Responses received from AR, FL, IL, LA, MD, ME, MS, NH, NJ, NM, WI.

Electronic Renewal Notice - Registration & License (Ends 07/31/2018) Responses received from AB, AR, FL, ID, IL, IN, KY, MD, ME, MO, MS, NE, NH, NJ, NM, OR, PA, RI, SC, UT, WA, WY.

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.