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### New AAMVA Web Site Coming Soon!

We're in the final stretch of the AAMVA Web redesign project! Soon you'll be seeing a brand-new AAMVA.org featuring:

- Better Navigation
- Streamlined Content and Design
- Portfolio Pages that groups together all content, services, and resources related to a specific subject area

Once the site launches, we'll be continually improving the site based on YOUR feedback. We thank all who helped with the usability testing and provided feedback.

### DHS Updates Real ID Secure Driver's License FAQs

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has posted an updated FAQ regarding secure driver's licenses in relation to REAL ID on their Web site. With many states long awaiting further guidance from DHS on the topic of REAL ID, this resource may prove helpful. The information included was originally part of the draft "guidance" document currently being reviewed at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), but DHS leadership decided to publish these items on the DHS Web site in the form of FAQs. DHS has communicated that almost of all of the information that is included in the FAQ has already been communicated individually to the states they have been working with, but wanted to make them publically available to all interested parties. You can find the new FAQ document at <http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/secure-drivers-licenses.shtm>.

### NMVTIS Will Be Unavailable on The Weekend of June 30 and July 1

The NMVTIS central site and NMVTIS sub-applications (State Web Inquiry and State Batch Inquiry) will be unavailable to all jurisdictions starting on Saturday, June 30th at noon time EDT until Monday July 2nd at 2am EDT. During this period, the pseudo batch transactions and the batch files from jurisdictions will not be processed. They will be scheduled for processing after the system is made available to the states on Monday 7/2. The reason for the extended outage is to ensure a smooth rollout of California AB 1215. For those unfamiliar with AB 1215, starting on July 1, 2012, California used car and truck dealers are required to query NMVTIS before selling any used vehicle. If the NMVTIS report shows a previous salvage or other state title brand or reported event, such as Insurance Total Loss, then this information must be disclosed to consumers in advance of a sale. A very high volume of traffic to NMVTIS is anticipated during this period as used car and truck dealerships query NMVTIS for all vehicles on their lots in order to comply with this California law. The AAMVA team remains dedicated to providing quality services that meet the critical business needs of our customers, including providing advance notice of all planned outages. Should additional questions exist, please contact Tom Kubala, AAMVA's Director of Operations at 703-908-8269, or email [tkubala@aamva.org](mailto:tkubala@aamva.org).

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### Looking for a Tool to Assist in Compliance with the 'Final Permit Rule'?

Learn how AAMVA's Commercial Skills Test Information Management System (CSTIMS) can help with oversight of your commercial driver's license (CDL) program and help satisfy some provisions of the 'Final Permit Rule'.

AAMVA provided an overview of CSTIMS with emphasis on the provisions of the 'Final Permit Rule' (Commercial Driver's License Testing and Commercial Learner's Permit Standards; issued May 9, 2011; effective July 8, 2011; compliance required by July 8, 2014) on June 14, 2012. This presentation discusses:

- what CSTIMS is

- the advantages CSTIMS provides to jurisdictions
- a brief overview of CSTIMS functionality
- first steps for jurisdictions who wish to implement
- training options

Click [here](#) to download the presentation.

### June 25 Cut-Off Date For Region I Conference Hotel Reservations

If you are planning to attend the 2012 Region I Annual Conference at the MGM Grand at Foxwoods in Ledyard/Mashantucket, CT, you need to make your hotel reservations no later than 5:00 PM, EDT on June 25 in order to get the greatly reduced conference room rate. To make your reservation go to: [MGM Grand at Foxwoods](#). This link will allow you to make your reservation in the AAMVA Region I room block at the special group rate of \$139 per night, plus tax.

### AAMVA Presents at Lifesavers Conference

AAMVA's Tom Manuel travelled to Orlando, FL, to the National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities Lifesavers Conference to give a presentation on Foreign Credentials at the Roadside. Lifesavers is the premier national highway safety meeting in the United States dedicated to reducing the tragic toll of deaths and injuries on our nation's roadways. Drawing nearly 2,000 participants in 2011, Lifesavers continues to be the essential conference since its start in the early 1980s. Each year, the Lifesavers Conference provides a forum that delivers relevant and timely common-sense solutions to today's critical highway safety problems. The conference addresses a wide range of safety topics, from child passenger safety and occupant protection to roadway and vehicle safety and technology. It offers the latest information on advances in highway safety, highlights successful programs and draws attention to emerging safety issues.

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### CDLIS Modernization Update

Florida is the most recent jurisdiction to implement CDLIS Modernization in production this past weekend, bringing the total number of sites in production to 29 (including 28 jurisdictions and the Federal Convictions and Withdrawals Database, the 'MX' node). In addition, several other states are actively testing with AAMVA. For details please refer to <http://www.aamva.org/CDLIS-Mod-Updates/>.

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### Transportation Groups Call for Swift Passage of a New Highway and Transit Bill

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials joined with 16 other national transportation advocacy and trade organizations in urging Congress to pass an adequately funded transportation bill by the end of this month. In the letter addressed to the 47 member House and Senate Conference Committee attempting to draft a surface transportation bill, the group states, "It is critical that this legislation be enacted by June 30, the date on which the programs will expire without further Congressional action. A six-month extension is not the way to go. This approach could further exacerbate the Highway Trust Fund's financial crisis and cause states to cut back on transportation investments during what should be the peak construction season." Read the letter at: <http://aash.to/OAqzVL>.

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### **NHTSA Warns Motorcyclists Against Wearing Defective Helmets**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is urging motorcyclists not to wear the 5X5 brand, SA-08 model motorcycle helmet because it fails to meet federal head protection requirements. Officials said as many as 14,000 of the helmets were imported and sold by Tank Sports Inc. of California, which declared bankruptcy without completing a government-requested recall. The safety administration said that under federal testing, the helmets failed to meet penetration protection requirements. Both the outer shell and the inner liner in three out of four helmets were penetrated in NHTSA safety tests. The agency isn't aware of any deaths or injuries involving the helmets. However, the agency advises motorcyclists to discard the helmets immediately and not to use them while riding.

### **CDC Study Finds Universal Motorcycle Helmet Laws Increase Helmet Use, Save Money**

Annual cost savings in states with universal motorcycle helmet laws were nearly four times greater (per registered motorcycle) than in states without these comprehensive laws, according to a Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report study released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Universal helmet laws require that motorcycle riders and passengers wear a helmet every time they ride. Universal helmet laws result in cost savings by increasing helmet use among riders and passengers, which reduces crash-related injuries and deaths. According to a CDC analysis of fatal crash data from 2008 to 2010, 12 percent of motorcyclists in states with universal helmet laws were not wearing helmets. In comparison, 64 percent of riders were not wearing helmets in states with partial helmet laws, and 79 percent of riders were not wearing helmets in states with no helmet laws. Universal helmet laws are the most effective strategy for increasing helmet use and protecting motorcycle riders and their passengers. As of May 2012, 19 states and the District of Columbia had universal helmet laws, 28 states had partial helmet laws, and three states had no helmet law. CDC's Injury Center works to protect the safety of everyone on the roads, every day. For more information about motorcycle and overall motor vehicle safety, please visit [www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety](http://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety).

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### **FMCSA 2010 Large Truck and Bus Crash Data Overview Webinar Scheduled for June 21**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Office of Analysis, Research and Technology announced an annual webinar which will provide participants with data on trucks and buses involved in crashes in 2010 and trends over the past five years. This overview will cover the types of trucks and buses involved in crashes, types of crashes, and truck drivers. In addition, the webinar will feature the 2010 macro data, recent trends, crash rates, the economy and crashes, and crash description and factors. The webinar will be presented by the Analysis Division's Ralph Craft. Please note this webinar will be hosted twice on Thursday, June 21, 2012, the first at 11:00 a.m. and the second at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time. You only need to participate in one session since the second webinar will be a repeat of the first webinar.

Thursday, June 21, 11:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Eastern Time: [Register Here](#)

Thursday, June 21, 2:00 p.m. -3:30 p.m. Eastern Time: [Register Here](#)

For any general questions on these webinars, contact Erika Beasley ([Erika.beasley\\_ctr@dot.gov](mailto:Erika.beasley_ctr@dot.gov)) or 202-493-0546.

### **USDOT Issues Blueprint for Ending Distracted Driving**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has released a "Blueprint for Ending Distracted Driving" that offers a comprehensive strategy to address the growing and dangerous practice of using handheld cell phones behind the wheel. The plan outlines concrete steps stakeholders around the country - from lawmakers and safety organizations to families and younger drivers - can take to reduce the risk posed by distracted driving. While unveiling the plan, Secretary LaHood also announced \$2.4 million in federal support for California and Delaware that will expand the Department's "Phone in One Hand, Ticket in the Other" pilot enforcement campaign to reduce distracted driving. The "Blueprint for Ending Distracted Driving" outlines a plan that builds on the national momentum that Secretary LaHood and USDOT have spearheaded for the last three years. For more information on the plan, visit <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/2012/dot6412.html>.

## Headlines

- [AAMVA Visits DADSS Labs](#)
- [Risky Use of Technology Behind the Wheel on the Rise Among Youths, Says CDC Survey](#)

## Member News

- [Minnesota Sees Fewer Traffic Deaths in 2011](#)

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