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### Deadline For Early Bird AIC Registration Is Almost Here!

August will be here before you know it, and with it, AAMVA's 2012 Annual International Conference (AIC). Time is running out to enjoy our Early Bird discounted registration rate for AIC in Charlotte, NC, August 20-22. You can register by visiting <http://www.aamva.org/Registration-Information/>.

And make sure you take full advantage of AAMVA's travel assistance program! For more information, see <http://www.aamva.org/2012-AIC-Jurisdictional-Travel-Assistance/>

### Congress Passes Surface Transportation Reauthorization Measure

After a series of procedural hurdles and frantic negotiations carried out behind closed doors, the United States Congress is expected to pass a "two-year" surface transportation measure (HR 4348) and present it to the President for signature next week. Late Friday the Senate passed a one-week surface transportation extension by unanimous consent, affording it the time needed for the measure to clear all channels appropriately. The legislation includes some key provisions that could potentially impact AAMVA member operations. To read a full analysis, visit [AAMVA's blog](#), and for a section-by-section analysis of the bill, visit <http://www.aamva.org/uploadedFiles/MainSite/Content/GovernmentAffairs/Alerts/02-03-12-SurfaceTransportationReauthMeasure.pdf>

### TxDMV Selects New Executive Director

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) Board announced the selection of Whitney Brewster as the agency's new executive director. Brewster currently serves as the director of Alaska's Division of Motor Vehicles and has led the agency for the past five years. Previously she directed Alaska's Division of Elections, was deputy chief of staff for the lieutenant governor and worked for the Alaska State Legislature. Brewster's first day at the TxDMV will be Monday, Aug. 6, 2012. She will oversee an agency with 763 employees, a biennial budget of approximately \$300 million and more than \$1 billion in annual revenue collections. Brewster becomes the second executive director to lead the TxDMV since its creation in 2009.

### Draft Best Practices for Unconventional Vehicle Titling and Registration Released

The Unconventional Vehicles Working Group has developed a draft best practices for title and registration of rebuilt and specially constructed vehicles. You can view the document [here](#). Questions and comments should be sent to Cathie Curtis by July 20th at [ccurtis@aamva.org](mailto:ccurtis@aamva.org). The report will be finalized and published in September. This is part 1 of a 2 part series of best practices for non-compliant vehicles. Part 2 will include best practices for title and registration of reconstructed and rebodied vehicles and is scheduled for completion in 2013.

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### Next CIO Outreach Conference Call July 9, 2012

The next AAMVA CIO Outreach conference call is scheduled for Monday, July 9, 2012, from 4:00 - 5:00 pm EDT. These meetings address IT issues which are relevant to the CIOs of the DMVs (in both the US and Canada) and concerns which are relevant to their day-to-day jobs. Please send requests for future agenda topics to Greg Sensiba [[gsensiba@aamva.org](mailto:gsensiba@aamva.org); (703) 908-2822].

### NMVTIS Junk, Salvage and Insurance (Total Loss) Reporting Entity Webinar

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce a NMVTIS Junk, Salvage and Insurance (Total Loss) Reporting Entity Webinar that will include presentations on the purpose of NMVTIS, the reporting requirements, methods of reporting, NMVTIS enforcement efforts, and penalties for non-reporting. The webinar will be

held **Wednesday, July 11, 2012, 3:00-4:00 PM (ET)**. Registrants have the opportunity to submit a question in advance for BJA to address during the webinar. **States are strongly encouraged to advise their scrap/salvage yards, metal processors, dismantlers, dealers etc, all entities that handle junk and salvage vehicles to register and participate.**

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### **Symposium on Aging Drivers Urges Science-Driven Approach to Policy**

Last week, researchers from Canada, the U.S and as far away as the Netherlands and Australia met with policy makers in Calgary, Alberta at a research symposium that focused on [Global Perspectives on Assessing Older Drivers: Science Informing Public Policy](#). Older drivers are the fastest growing population in numbers and miles driven. Researchers at the symposium provided the latest information concerning this population and expressed the need to begin implementing sound policy that is based upon function capacity and supported by evidence based studies. For the program and to download materials from the symposium, click [here](#).

### **New GHSA Guideline Helps States Better Collect Crash Data**

The Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) announced that the 4th Edition of the [Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria \(MMUCC\) Guideline](#) has been posted online at [www.mmucc.us](http://www.mmucc.us). MMUCC is a voluntary Guideline that helps states determine what data to collect at the scene of a motor vehicle crash. The Guideline will, among other things, help states better capture data for emerging issues such as distracted driving, secondary crashes and incidents on private property as well as determine the level of serious injury from motor vehicle crashes.

### **More Knowledge of Modern Vehicle Safety Features Can Benefit Canadians: Poll**

Results from a new public opinion poll by the Traffic Injury Research Foundation (TIRF) show that a majority of Canadian drivers can benefit from more knowledge about the many vehicle safety features rapidly becoming standard on new vehicles across the automotive industry. The poll, conducted over the course of November 2011 to January 2012, explored a range of issues including familiarity with different safety features, perceptions about their use, and the effects of these features on driving. For more information on the survey's findings, visit [http://tirf.ca/publications/publications\\_show.php?pub\\_id=278](http://tirf.ca/publications/publications_show.php?pub_id=278).

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### **FMCSA Releases Law Enforcement CMV Awareness Training**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has released a new commercial motor vehicle awareness course aimed at helping law enforcement to conduct traffic stops on CMV operators who drive unsafely. The course informs students how to pull CMV's over in a safe location, approach the vehicle, ask for CDL, registration, inform driver reason for stop, issue citation if appropriate and get the CMV back out into traffic safely. This course is self-guided and lasts approximately 30 minutes. For more information, visit <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rules-regulations/cmvideo.aspx>

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### **Update From Capitol Hill**

"With the erratic fate of the surface transportation reauthorization bill only days away, another transportation funding measure has sauntered onto the House floor. The chamber began consideration of the FY 2013

Department of Transportation (DOT) and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) spending bill (HR 5972) Tuesday and is expected to maintain talks about funding levels for its various programs through Thursday. The House has passed five FY13 spending bills to date. North of the Capitol grounds, Senate leaders are determining which spending bills to consider during the remainder of their tight legislative season. On Monday, aides close to the action verbalized that plans are to bring some FY13 spending bills to the floor next month. The Senate Appropriations Committee has approved nine annual spending bills so far this year..."

Read the full report from Andrew Guevara, AAMVA Government Affairs Coordinator on [AAMVA's blog](#).

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