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AAMVA Publishes Best Practices Guide for Improving ALPR Effectiveness

Since their inception more than a century ago, license plates have primarily been used to display information for fast and accurate identification of a motor vehicle and to demonstrate compliance with motor vehicle registration laws. Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs) provide law enforcement with the ability to check license plates against various databases. Inconsistent business rules utilized by the entities who issue license plates result in "misreads", diminishing law enforcement's ability to identify and apprehend suspected criminals or terrorists, recover stolen vehicles, or assist people in need of assistance. In addition, these inconsistencies hamper Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) ability to correctly identify vehicles crossing international borders. As a result, in April 2011 AAMVA created the ALPR Working Group. The Working Group is now pleased to publish the ***Best Practices Guide for Improving Automated License Plate Reader Effectiveness through Uniform License Plate Design and Manufacture***.

 The purpose of this guide is to identify best practices in license plate design, manufacture and issuance to aid jurisdictions in creating and issuing license plates best suited to vehicle identification. License plates serve a common purpose across jurisdictions, so they should also share common characteristics that allow readability, usability, and connections to vehicle registration records.

Download the ALPR Best Practice Guide.

AAMVA Kicks off 2012 Annual International Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina

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Partnership Brings ID Document Databases to AAMVA Jurisdiction Members' Fingertips

AAMVA has partnered with Keesing Technologies and ID Scientific to provide our jurisdiction members with another valued resource that can be used in conjunction with AAMVA's Fraudulent Document Recognition (FDR) training program for detecting fraudulent documents. **ID Scientific** is providing our jurisdiction members free access to its Electronic Genuine Document Reference (GDR) database containing images of U.S. and Canadian licenses and other identification documents. **Keesing Technologies** is providing our jurisdiction members free access to its Documentchecker database containing images of ID documents from over 200 countries.

AAMVA is pleased with this new partnership and are happy to be able to bring more valuable resources to our jurisdiction members. Learn more at http://www.aamva.org/MainLanding.aspx?pageid=492

Attention UNI Software Subscribers

AAMVA Systems Support is conducting two customer service surveys pertaining to the Unified Network Interface Software. In an effort to improve customer satisfaction, and to solicit requests for improvements, please take a moment to complete the following two surveys:

- UNI Survey for Fiscal Year 2012 - CICS Platforms (Ends 09/24/2012)
- UNI Support Survey for Fiscal Year 2012 (Ends 09/24/2012)

If you need a Web password, please send an e-mail towebportalsupport@aamva.org or call Janice Dluzynski at 703-908-5842.

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Presentations from AAMVA's Region I Annual Conference Are Now Available for Download

Presentations are from the 2012 Region I Conference in Mashantuck, CT, July 16-20, are now available on AAMVA's Web site. Check out the Presentations from Past Events section of AAMVA's Web site, or go to
http://www.aamva.org/2012-Region-I-Annual-Conference-Presentations/

Impact of First Offender Laws on BAII Programs
Wednesday, August 29, 2012, 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EST)
As more and more states adopt First Offender Laws requiring the installation of interlocks, jurisdictions will have to administrate and monitor an increasing number of drivers. David Kelly, the Executive Director of the Coalition of Ignition Interlock Manufacturers, will provide the vendors' insight on how jurisdictions may manage the rise in interlock usage while maintaining an effective program. Register here!

Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Working Group Recommendations
Wednesday, September 12, 2012, 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EST)
This Webinar will present the findings and recommendations in the Best Practice document produced by AAMVA's Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Working Group. The establishment of uniform guidelines in support of motor vehicle license plate design and manufacture will provide the consistency needed to take full advantage of available and developing technology. In this webinar, you will hear overviews of:
- How critical solving this problem is to law enforcement and tolling authorities;
- The new AAMVA License Plate policy;
- AAMVA's Best Practices Guide for Improving Automated License Plate Reader Effectiveness through Uniform License Plate Design and Manufacture.

Register here!

Webinars Coming Up on CSTIMS and the Final Permit Rule

The 'Final Permit Rule' (Commercial Driver's License Testing and Commercial Learner's Permit Standards), issued May 9, 2011, includes many requirements that can best be satisfied by an automated system. AAMVA is offering a Webinar on Commercial Skills Test Information Management System (CSTIMS) (a web-based system which helps SDLA monitor CDL skills test and identify potential incidences of fraud) with emphasis on how CSTIMS can assist jurisdictions in satisfying some of the provisions from 'Final Permit Rule'. The Webinar will also highlight CSTIMS' flexibility to incorporate jurisdictions defined business rules. This will be a great opportunity to learn benefits of using CSTIMS and how it can assist jurisdictions in moving towards the compliance date of July 8, 2014 with the rule. Both sessions will be identical (and the same as presented in June and July) - it is not necessary to sign up for both sessions. The webinar will be offered on following date and times (Eastern):

Tuesday, August 14, 2012

- 10:00AM - 11:00AM - Register Here
- 2:00PM - 3:00PM - Register Here

The webinar will be offered by Greg Sensiba, Sr. Systems Analyst, AAMVA.

DOT Kicks Off Nationwide Crackdown on Drunk Driving, Warns Public to 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over'

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)last week joined with local law enforcement officers, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) and the National Center for DWI Courts to mark the official start of its annual anti-drunk driving campaign: "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over." The nationwide crackdown comes as startling new agency statistics show 70 percent of deaths in drunk driving crashes in 2010 involved drivers with blood alcohol levels that were nearly twice the .08 legal limit. More than 10,000 police departments and law enforcement agencies across the country will support the campaign beginning August 17 and continuing through the Labor Day holiday weekend. As part of its overall program to address drunk driving, NHTSA has also worked with the National Center for DWI Courts to help develop new ignition interlock guidelines, which were released last month. Alcohol ignition interlock systems require drivers to blow into a breathalyzer-like device - usually installed on a vehicle's dashboard - to ensure the individual is sober before allowing the vehicle to start. The new guidelines help familiarize courts that adjudicate "driving while intoxicated" cases with ignition interlock systems and applicable state laws. Coinciding with enforcement efforts in communities nationwide, NHTSA will air advertisements in major media markets across the country featuring "invisible" law enforcement officers observing alcohol-impaired individuals unseen before apprehending them when they attempt to drive their vehicles. The ads convey the message that law enforcement officers are both omnipresent and vigilant in deterring drunk drivers. The ad theme and slogan will comprise the agency's core drunk driving message for 2011-2016.

- View the new statistics from NHTSA.
- View the National Center for DWI Courts ignition interlock guidelines.
- View NHTSA's ads

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NHTSA Denies Petition to Delay Event Data Recorder Rulemaking

On February 17, 2009, the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers petitioned for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to initiate rulemaking to delay by one year the effective date of regulations establishing requirements related to event data recorders (EDRs) voluntarily installed on light vehicles. The petitioner suggested that the delay would enable vehicle manufacturers to retain current EDR functionality across all vehicle models and avoid disabling legacy EDR systems for a limited number of vehicle models. The agency is denying the petition since the implementation of the August 2006 final rule has already been delayed by two years and NHTSA has recently published a final rule responding to the remaining petitions for reconsideration. NHTSA believes these latest amendments alleviate the most significant areas of concern expressed by the Alliance and will not necessitate further delays in implementation. Read more in the Aug. 14, 2012, Federal Register.

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Roadcheck 2012 Find Driver and Vehicle Out-of-Service Rates Near Historic Lows

In June, the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) member jurisdictions conducted a record 74,072 truck and bus inspections during the 25th Annual Roadcheck, a commercial vehicle safety enforcement and outreach event. Of those inspections, 48,815 were North American Standard Level 1 inspections - the most comprehensive roadside inspection, of which 22.4 percent of vehicles and 3.9 percent of drivers were placed out of service (OOS). These vehicle and driver OOS rates for Level 1 inspections represent the second lowest achieved in 25 years, continuing its successful historic trend downward. Roadcheck 2012 took place June 5th through 7th, with an average of more than 1,000 trucks or buses inspected every hour during the 72-hour campaign. The United States, Canada and Mexico participated with the inspections that included an examination of driver license and credentials, proper and complete records of duty status, safety belt use, driving behaviors and other driver safety conditions. Vehicles were examined for proper brake system maintenance, tire condition, function of lighting systems, properly secured loads, and other vehicle condition related violations. CVSA sponsors Roadcheck each

year with the support of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA), Transport Canada, and the Secretariat of Communications and Transportation (Mexico).

For more on CVSA, visit www.cvsa.org.

Motor Vehicle Network (MVN) provides customized information and entertainment to DMV customers waiting for service. Viewed in hi definition on flat screen TVs, MVN is used as a communications tool between DMV headquarters and their staff/customers. With 20+ years working exclusively with DMVs MVN is the industry leader in digital signage. Visit www.mvnetwork.com

NHTSA Announces Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announces the publication of the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory, DOT HS 811 644, which provides guidance to states on the collection, management, and analysis of data used to inform highway and traffic safety decision-making. States need timely, accurate, complete, and uniform traffic records to identify and prioritize traffic safety issues and to choose appropriate countermeasures and evaluate their effectiveness. The publication provides information on the contents, capabilities, and data quality attributes of an effective traffic records system, and includes assessment questions that qualified independent assessors can use to evaluate the capabilities of a State's traffic records system. Written comments may be submitted to NHTSA and must be received no later than October 16, 2012. Learn more in the Aug. 17, 2012, Federal Register

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Texting and Driving...It Can Wait: Take the Pledge to Never Text and Drive

AT&T is urging all Americans to pledge to never text and drive, and join with others on Sept. 19 to make a lifelong personal commitment to help prevent injuries and deaths caused by texting and driving. Take the pledge and spread the simple yet vital message: when it comes to texting and driving, it can wait. Go to http://www.itcanwait.org/Common/about_us/itcanwait/index.html

Applications are now being accepted for the 2012/2013 NOYS Teen Distracted Driving Prevention Team!

In December 2012, National Organizations for Youth Safety® (NOYS) will host the third annual Teen Distracted Driving Summit in Washington, DC. Through funding from AT&T and Operation Lifesaver, twelve youth teams, consisting of two youth per team, will be selected through an application process to receive sponsored travel to attend the 2012 Teen Texting While Driving Prevention Summit. These youth teams will develop, implement, and support texting while driving prevention efforts in their local communities. Youth teams will be required to attend the December 2012 summit and commit to organizing and hosting a texting while driving prevention campaign in their home state. Youth teams interested in applying for this leadership opportunity should complete the application and submit by **October 1, 2012.**

Applications should be sent by fax, or email to:

National Organizations for Youth Safety
info@noys.org
Or by fax 866-559-9398

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