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AAMVA's 2012 Annual International Conference Wraps Up

Our Annual International Conference came to a close last week, bringing an end to three days of discussion, planning and member networking. All in all, 626 people including representation from 56 jurisdictions came together in Charlotte this year. Make sure you check some of the many photos from this year's conference on [AAMVA's Facebook page](#), and for a taste of what the opening session was like, [take a look at this video](#) on AAMVA's YouTube Channel!

Washington State Patrol Chief Receives Prestigious Achievement Award

At our 2012 Annual International Conference, AAMVA presented Washington State Patrol (WSP) Chief John R. Batiste with the Martha Irwin Lifetime Achievement Award for Highway Safety. This award is presented to a distinguished individual in recognition of his commitment to and accomplishments in highway safety over the course of his career. Chief Batiste's dedication to advancing public safety and highway safety initiatives in Washington has been the cornerstone of a distinguished career. Batiste embraced Washington State's Strategic Highway Safety Plan - Target Zero - which focused on gradually decreasing deaths and serious injuries until they are eliminated by 2030. He implemented plans to support this strategy, focusing on data-driven decisions and solutions to decrease highway fatalities and injuries. Batiste was also a key figure in passing a number of legislative initiatives related to highway safety, including promoting pedestrian and bicycle safety, enhancing the use of ignition locks, and requiring the collection of distracted driver collision data. Under Batiste's tenure as chief, the number of deaths related to highway accidents has decreased to the lowest rate Washington has seen in 60 years. Congratulations, Chief Batiste!

AIC Auction Proceeds Support SuperKids

This year's AIC attendees had the opportunity to support and participate in a silent auction on the last night of the conference. Auction proceeds benefitted the Extra Special Super Kids Scholarship Program. The Extra Special Super Kids program was established in 1989 as a way of motivating uncommitted children and in some cases may be the only way selected kids can afford college. Thanks to everyone who donated an item for the auction and to all who bid. The auction raised a total of \$3,827 for this very worthy cause.

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CDL Examiner Update Class Announcement

Two [Commercial Driver License \(CDL\) Examiner Update Classes](#) have been scheduled for the week of October 22, 2012, at the Pinellas Technical Education Center (PTEC) in St. Petersburg, Florida. The session is 16 hours in length and the Class size is limited to 14 persons. Nominees must have a thorough knowledge of the CDL program and current experience conducting the CDL Skills Tests. Jurisdictions who have not implemented the CDL Skills Tests as described in the 2005 CDL Testing System after July 1, 2011; or who not will be implementing the test system by July 31, 2013, are not eligible to nominate staff to attend this class. The class is designed to be a hands-on training class for experienced CDL Examiners or trainers. The classes will focus on changes to CDL & CLP issuance, CDL Classification/Endorsements & Restrictions, CDL Knowledge & Skills Testing; and Examiner Training Requirements, Background Record Checks and Certification. There is no tuition or registration fee for this training. All travel, room and board expenses will be paid by AAMVA.

Please submit the name of your nominee for the class [on this form](#) to AAMVA's Driver Services Department no later than Wednesday, September 12, 2012, as class sizes are limited. After the nominations are reviewed, detailed information will be sent to those persons selected to attend.

AAMVA Presents at SMSA Conference

AAMVA Director of Driver Licensing Karen Morton presented at the State Motorcycle Safety Administrators (SMSA) conference in Nashville, TN on "The New Motorcycle Operators Manual and Knowledge Test". She also discussed a list of new knowledge domains. AAMVA's Mike Calvin also presented at the conference, speaking on AAMVA's efforts in reducing motorcycle fatalities.

Capitol Hill Update

"With a little more than two months until the November general elections, the battleground state of Pennsylvania has become an arena for the latest voter ID showdown. Last Wednesday, a federal judge upheld the state's voter ID law requiring voters to show identification at polling places, which is set to go into effect Election Day of this year..."

Read the full post on [AAMVA's Blog](#)

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CDLIS Timeliness, Data Quality, and Capabilities Reports for Jurisdictions

At the direction and support of FMCSA, AAMVA produces monthly reports on the CDLIS Timeliness, Data Quality, and Capabilities of all jurisdictions. The reports for July are now ready for viewing. To view these reports, please go to FMCSA's ACRS reference library located on the web at: <http://www.fmcsa-acrs.us/>

Impact of First Offender Laws on BAIL 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!](#)

ICBC Seeks System Integrator

The Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) posted an Expression of Interest (EOI) on BC Bid on August 22, 2012 for a System Integrator (SI), Vehicle Registration and Licensing and International Registration Plan - IRP (prorate) solutions. Each SI will be asked to respond to the EOI with a complete end-to-end solution including, including VR&L and IRP, as well as a Policy Administration System vendor. The current system that ICBC and brokers use to sell insurance is outdated and becoming increasingly more difficult to maintain and make changes/improvements, therefore more challenging to meet customer needs. Upgrading to a new system will modernize and improve the tools brokers use, and in turn improve our customers' insurance purchase experience.

ICBC follows an open and transparent Procurement process, including posting the EOI on BC Bid which is a public web site. Please contact Chuck Curran at chuck.curran@icbc.com and 604-982-6262 or Warren Kim warren.kim@icbc.com and 604-982-6288 in ICBC's Supply Management department if you have any questions.

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U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood Announces Creation of Freight Policy Council

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announced the launch of the Freight Policy Council which will focus on improving the condition and performance of the national freight network to better ensure the ability of the United States to compete in today's global economy. The council will develop a national, intermodal plan for improving the efficiency of freight movement and will work with states to encourage development of a forward looking state freight strategy. Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) joined Secretary LaHood for the announcement at the PCC Logistics Duwamish Facility in Seattle, WA. The recent transportation bill, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century, or MAP-21, signed by President Obama last month, established a national freight policy and called for the creation of a National Freight Strategic Plan. DOT's Freight Policy Council will implement the key freight provisions of the legislation. A strong freight transportation system is essential for helping meet President Obama's goal of doubling U.S. exports by 2015. The Council will be chaired by Deputy Transportation Secretary John Porcari, and will include DOT leadership from highways, rail, ports and airports and economic and policy experts from across the Administration. The freight and logistics industries, consumers and other stakeholders will also play an advisory role, and states will be asked to offer proposals for improving the freight system in their region. For more information, visit <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/2012/dot9812.html>,

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Most Extensive Connected Vehicle Test Ever Launched in Michigan

The biggest road test of connected vehicles to ever take place launched last week in Michigan, using thousands of vehicles in an experiment to determine how the technology will work in real-life situations. The University of Michigan's Transportation Research Institute (UMTRI) is conducting a year-long road test of about 3,000 vehicles in Ann Arbor equipped with the connected vehicle technology. The test is the second phase of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Safety Pilot, the largest road test ever for connected vehicle crash avoidance technology. For more information, visit <http://www.aashtojournal.org/Pages/082412connected.aspx>.

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National Teen Driver Safety Week Coming Up

'Share, Not Scare' is the theme of this year's National Teen Driver Safety Week (NTDSW) - October 14-20, 2012. Research shows that although graphic reenactments of car crashes and other tactics may get teens' attention, they may not be the best way to change behavior over the long haul. That is why we encourage communicating the benefits of safe driving to teens through positive messaging during NTDSW and throughout the year. To help you discourage teens from exhibiting high-risk driving behaviors, such as texting while driving or speeding, we provide ways to reframe the message, as well as other tips and free downloadable tools and resources for your NTDSW campaign [here](#). We encourage you to share the messages with parents, educators, teens, and stakeholders or use them to create your own.

You may also want to learn about a safe teen driving initiative sponsored by State Farm called [Celebrate My Drive](#) that will take place across the country on September 15, 2012. Celebrate My Drive™ shares this year's NTDSW theme of changing behaviors with gain-based messaging. Now in its fifth year, NTDSW was designated by Congress [in 2007](#) as a time for communities, schools, and families to raise awareness and help find solutions for teen driver crashes. NTDSW events are held throughout the country. For ideas on what others are doing, visit [NTDSW In the News](#).

Redesigned Young and New Driver Resource Centre is Now Live

The Traffic Injury Research Foundation (TIRF) is pleased to announce the launch of the redesigned Young and New Driver Resource Centre (YNDRC). As a result of additional funding from a private contribution received in 2011, the Centre, initially created under funding from Toyota Canada Inc. (TCI), now offers new materials designed to help young drivers and their parents increase their knowledge of how young drivers are affected by a variety of road safety issues including fatigue, distraction, impairment, speeding, seatbelt use, as well as strategies to mitigate these risks. Set up in an easy to read question and answer format, The Issues section contains research and statistics about road safety issues specific to teens and illustrates why teens are the most at risk age group on the road. The site continues to host a detailed inventory of graduated driver licensing (GDL) and driver education programs from across in Canada. Thanks to stakeholder feedback the inventory pages are now printer-friendly. In addition to the Centre's online content, TIRF has developed print materials and in-class PowerPoint presentations for students and educators. New materials such as parent guides, fact sheets on new issues and short instructional videos will be made available through the website in the coming year. Interested parties can be notified of these additions by subscribing to the site's RSS feed, or to TIRF's Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Visit www.yndrc.tirf.ca to see all that the newly redesigned site has to offer.

Distracted Driving Grant Availability Praised - \$17.5 Million Dollars Available to States

The Governors Highway Safety Administration (GHSA) is praising the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has chosen to use an expedited process to quickly make up to \$17.5 million dollars of distracted driving incentive money available to state highway safety offices. Of the new money, \$5.6 million is available [to the thirty-five states](#) that are currently enforcing primary texting while driving bans, meaning that an officer can stop the driver solely for texting while driving. The remainder of the funds are available to states that have much stricter laws including a provision for increased fines for subsequent offenses. At this point, only a few states are likely to qualify for this funding. States may use fifty percent of the funding for any purpose eligible under the section 402 behavioral highway safety program. The remaining funds must be used: to educate the public about the dangers of texting and using a cell phone while driving; for the purchase of signage to notify the public about the state's distracted driving law; or for enforcement of the law. For more information, visit http://www.ghsa.org/html/media/pressreleases/2012/20120822_dd.html.

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