

## Register Now for this Week's ALPR Webinar - AAMVA's The Week In Review For September 10, 2012

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Join us this Wednesday, September 12, 2012 from 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EST) for the Webinar, **Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Working Group Recommendations**. This Webinar will present the findings and recommendations found in the Best Practice document produced by the Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Working Group. The document, titled "Improving Automated License Plate Reader Effectiveness through Uniform License Plate Design and Manufacture" was published on August 20, 2012. The webinar will be hosted by Brian Ursino, AAMVA Director of Law Enforcement, and will feature speakers:

- Lieutenant Colonel Tom Fresenius, NYS
- Mr. Andrew Conway, California DMV
- Sheila Prior, Director, Member Support, Regions III & IV, AAMVA

For more information, visit <http://www.aamva.org/Webinar-Series/> and to register, visit <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/836560761>.

### FMCSA Releases Response to Petitions for Reconsideration on the Commercial Driver's License Testing and Commercial Learner's Permit Standards Final Rule

On May 9, 2011, The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) published a final rule titled "Commercial Driver's License Testing and Commercial Learner's Permit Standards". After publication of the final rule many States, organizations and individuals submitted petitions for reconsideration. FMCSA has completed its review of the petitions for reconsideration and has issued its response to the petitions. Since FMCSA's responses to the petitions has the potential to affect all States' Commercial Learner's permit (CLP) and Commercial Driver's License (CDL) programs and many of the petitioners requested reconsideration of more than one aspect of the May 2011 rule, FMCSA issued 2 collective responses; one to the state agencies that submitted a petition for reconsideration and a second collective response to the organizations and individuals that submitted a petition for reconsideration.

FMCSA has granted, either in whole or in part, several of the submitted petitions and denied the remainder. FMCSA will initiate rulemaking for those issues where the petition was granted, either in whole or in part. FMCSA will issue a new final rule addressing the following issues raised in the petitions for reconsideration:

1. Requiring two Employees to Verify Documents
2. Prohibiting Training Schools from Administering Skills Tests
3. Skills Test Reciprocity
4. Prohibiting States from Using a Photo on a CLP
5. State Procedures
6. Bonding Requirements
7. Requiring Annual Background Checks for Skills Test Examiners

The links below will take you to the FMCSA decision papers which identify the petitions for reconsideration that were granted in whole, in part, or were denied and explain in greater detail the rationale for FMCSA's decisions.

[FMCSA Decision Paper on State Agencies Petitions for Reconsideration](#)

[FMCSA Decision Paper on Organizations and Individuals Petitions for Reconsideration](#)

### NMVTIS Advisory Board Meets This Week

The Department of Justice (DOJ) will be hosting a meeting of its NMVTIS Advisory Board (NAB) on September 11, 2012 at the offices of the Bureau of Justice Assistance, in Washington, D.C. Participants will include AAMVA's new

Chair of the Board, Stacey Stanton, along with CEO, Neil Schuster, jurisdictional representatives from Pennsylvania and Mississippi, and other system stakeholders. The NAB is chaired by Joseph Farrow, Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol. Further information about the Board can be found on the [NMVTIS website](#).

### Next CIO Outreach Conference Call September 17, 2012

The next AAMVA CIO Outreach conference call is scheduled for Monday, September 17, 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.

A copy of the agendas and minutes from previous meetings can be found on the 'Meeting Minutes' tab at <http://www.aamva.org/CIO-Outreach/>.

Please send requests for future agenda topics to Greg Sensiba at [gsensiba@aamva.org](mailto:gsensiba@aamva.org); (703) 908-2822.

### Grant Opportunity

The following DOT/FMCSA grant opportunity is now available:

DOT

Department of Transportation

DOT/Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

FY 2013 SaDIP Notice of Funding Availability

Grant <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&opId=197413>

### AAMVA's e-ID Working Group Needs Your Input

AAMVA's e-ID working group would like to collect some general information regarding e-ID. Please respond to this survey. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after the survey.

[e-ID Working Group Survey](#) (Ends 09/28/2012) Responses received from AK, IN, MD, MO, MT, ND.

The e-ID Working Group appreciates your input. If you need a Web password, please send an e-mail to [webportalsupport@aamva.org](mailto:webportalsupport@aamva.org) or call Janice Dluzynski at 703-908-5842.

### 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. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after each survey.

- [UNI Survey for Fiscal Year 2012 - CICS Platforms](#) (Ends 09/24/2012) Responses received from FL, HI, IL, MO, MT, NM, SC, SD.
- [UNI Support Survey for Fiscal Year 2012](#) (Ends 09/24/2012) Responses received from CO, FL, HI, IA, IL, MO, MT, NM, SC.

Thank you for taking the time to respond to these surveys. If you need a Web password, please send an e-mail to [webportalsupport@aamva.org](mailto:webportalsupport@aamva.org) or call Janice Dluzynski at 703-908-5842.

### GHSA Broadens Distracted Driving and Drugged Driving Policies

During its recent Annual Meeting, the membership of the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) strengthened its policy positions in two emerging areas of highway safety: distracted driving and drugged driving.

#### Distracted Driving

GHSA's new policy broadens its support of distracted driving legislation to include a call for handheld bans for all drivers. Previously, the Association supported text messaging bans for all drivers, as well as a total ban on electronic devices for novice and school bus drivers.

### **Drugged Driving**

For the second straight year, the association broadened its drugged driving policy. GHSA now supports drugged driving per se laws, also known as zero tolerance laws. A driver can be charged with impaired driving solely for having a drug in his/her system. Seventeen states currently have enacted these laws.

Find all state drug-impaired driving laws at: [www.ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/laws/drug\\_perse\\_laws.html](http://www.ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/laws/drug_perse_laws.html). Distracted driving laws are at: [www.ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/laws/cellphone\\_laws.html](http://www.ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/laws/cellphone_laws.html).

### **New Skip the Trip Driver's License and ID Mail Renewal Service Unveiled in NJ**

Continuing efforts to bring greater convenience to New Jersey residents, the Christie Administration today announced that the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) is poised to begin processing driver's license and non-driver ID renewals by mail. Beginning with documents that expire in November 2012, customers born on or before December 1, 1964 will be able to Skip the Trip to an agency and renew through the mail. Eligible customers will begin receiving Skip the Trip notices this month.

For more information about Skip the Trip, please visit [www.njmvc.gov](http://www.njmvc.gov)

### **OK Starts Pilot Testing on New Digital Driver License System**

Oklahoma Department of Public Safety officials announced the start of pilot testing for the redesigned driver license, and new driver licensing issuance system. The Pilot testing of the new license and upgrades began Thursday, September 6, in Edmond, with statewide deployment scheduled to start about two weeks later. While the security elements of the license remain the same, the appearance of the card is changing, such as repositioning the photograph of the card holder's face in certain documents. These changes will enable Oklahoma to reach the national standard that many other states have adopted, and will be a significant step in achieving the goal of "one person, one identity," to address the problem of identity fraud. For more information, visit <http://www.dps.state.ok.us/>.