

Combined Standing Committees Meet at AAMVA HQ – AAMVA's The Week In Review For October 22, 2012

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The Driver, Enforcement, and Vehicle committees all gathered at AAMVA headquarters last week for the Combined Standing Committees Meeting. Over several productive days, the committees discussed goals and made plans for best practice guides and model legislation to work on in the coming year. Almost all of the 49 committee members were in attendance - a larger number of participants resulting from our committee restructuring this year. Check out [AAMVA's Facebook page](#) to look at pictures from the meeting, and hear directly from some of our committee members about the meeting in [this video](#)!

2012 IDEC Examiner of the Year Nomination

AAMVA and the International Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC) Board are calling on active participants of the IDEC program to recognize an outstanding driver examiner from their jurisdiction by nominating them for the [IDEC Examiner of the Year Award](#). The Examiner of the Year honor is awarded to a driver examiner who consistently performs the duties and responsibilities of a certified examiner and diligently upholds the Examiner Professional Code of Ethics.

Examiner nominations should be based on the exemplary professionalism the examiner's bring to their jobs. After all nominations have been submitted, the AAMVA IDEC Board will select one examiner for the 2012 Outstanding Examiner of the Year Award.

Please send a nomination letter and photo of your examiner to [Denise Hanchulak](#) by **November 30, 2012**.

Check Out Career Opportunities in the AAMVA Community

The [Career Center](#) on AAMVA's website is packed with opportunities. You can also find information on how to apply for our latest vacancy:

- [Regional Director for Member Support, Regions I & II](#)

There are plenty of ways to put your experience, knowledge, and talents to work in the AAMVA community. Check out the [Career Center](#) today!

AAMVA Blog: Senate Republicans Urge Restraint on Cybersecurity

"Recently, Senators Susan Collins (R-ME), Olympia Snowe (R-ME), and Richard Lugar (R-IN) sent a letter to the White House urging President Obama not to issue an executive order on the subject of cybersecurity. They requested that he take into consideration the importance of passing a bill through the legislative process rather than forming policy through executive action. The senators reasoned, 'The ramifications of a national cybersecurity policy for the public and private sectors are significant and deserve the transparency and legitimacy that can be achieved only through the legislative process.'"

Read the entire blog post at <http://blog.aamva.org>

CDLIS Modernization Update

Rhode Island is the most recent CDLIS Site to implement CDLIS Modernization (Release 5.2) in production this past weekend, bringing the total number of sites in production to 34 (including 32 jurisdictions, the Federal Convictions and Withdrawals Database (the 'MX' node) , and the FMCSA Site (the 'FH' node)). In addition, several other states are actively testing with AAMVA. For details please refer to <http://www.aamva.org/CDLIS-Mod-Updates/>.

White House Statement on CDL Military - Commercial Drivers License Act

On Friday, October 19, 2012, the President signed into law:

S. 3624, the "Military Commercial Driver's License Act of 2012," which permits a State to issue commercial driver's licenses to members of the Armed Forces not domiciled in the State but whose duty station is located in the State, without triggering withholding of Federal funds to that State for certain Federal highway programs.

For more information, visit:

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d112:s.3624>:

More Information from FMCSA in Regards to Sending Convictions on MX Drivers

This announcement from FMCSA is to provide additional information and an update to the previous guidance and information provided regarding the Gateway Portal shut down on midnight Tuesday, Oct. 9th.

For your awareness: A State's ability to access CDLIS information on US and Canadian drivers continue without any interruption. The shutdown of the Gateway has no effect on State CDLIS transactions involving US and Canadian drivers.

A. For States that are sending convictions via CDLIS on MX drivers the CDL Division provides the following guidance:

Please re-send your convictions when the MX node is back up again. FMCSA will notify you when the MX node is back up. For more information about how to use UNI to re-drive your convictions automatically, please see the CDLIS System Specifications 5.2 document, page 10, Section 3.6 Message Retry.

B. For states that are sending convictions via paper on MX drivers:

Please send the paper convictions to the following new mailing address that has been provided by the new service provider:

OBXtek - FCWD
8300 Boone Blvd, Ste 550
Vienna, VA 22182-2681

You may also contact the following phone number and email address for any questions about paper convictions on MX drivers:

Helpdesk email address: fmcsasupport@obxtek.com

Helpdesk Telephone: 1(855) 537-7517



Teens Driving Teens Still Remains A Deadly Mix, Says AAA Study

A new analysis of crash data by AAA Mid-Atlantic highlights the dangers of teen drivers carrying teen passengers in their cars. In fact, a new study reveals that the prevalence of risky behaviors generally grew for 16- and 17-year-old drivers as the number of teen passengers increased. The new research was conducted by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. The findings were released as part of Teen Driver Safety Week (October 14-20). For more information, visit:

https://apps.midatlantic.aaa.com/siteapps/files/apps/safety/cms_release_content.asp?id=8063.

NDDOT Helps Launch Parents LEAD Website to Combat Underage Drinking

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT), along with the North Dakota Department of Human Services, the North Dakota University System, and the NDSU Extension Service have recently launched a new Parents LEAD program. The program is designed to provide valuable resources to parents on how to create and

maintain open lines of communications surrounding underage drinking, with toddlers all the way up to college/young adults, so families of all ages can prepare for educated, targeted conversations on the topic of underage drinking. The key component to Parents LEAD (Listen, Educate, Ask, Discuss) is a website, www.parentslead.org, listing a variety of assets intended to assist parents in broaching this difficult topic.

In addition to tips and tools, communications strategies and scenario-driven approaches to discussing underage drinking, www.parentslead.org, will provide the opportunity for parents to sign up for email communications containing content based on their child's (or children's) specific age and/or grade. An interactive blog, written by Dr. Sharon Query, 4-H Youth Development Specialist with the NDSU Center for 4-H Youth Development, will also be included on the website, and will allow parents to ask specific questions and get answers surrounding the topic of underage drinking.

"The North Dakota Department of Transportation is proud to be a key stakeholder in this program," stated Linda Butts, Deputy Director for Driver and Vehicle Services, NDDOT. "With our commitment to keeping North Dakota's roads and highways safe, stopping any threat of underage drinking in our communities is a vital component to our mission."

For more information on the Parents LEAD project, please visit www.parentslead.org.