

Check Out Career Opportunities in the AAMVA Community - AAMVA's The Week In Review For October 15, 2012

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

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"AAMVA Yeah We Do That" Now in Webinar Archives

Did you miss last week's Webinar "AAMVA, Yeah We Do That?" Don't worry - we have you covered. You can view a recording or download the powerpoint by heading over to [AAMVA's Webinar Archives](#). You can also find plenty of other webinars from this past year.

AAMVA Presents at ITE and AIFMVDTEOA Cooperative Workshop on Safety

On Friday, October 12th, Mike Calvin attended and presented at the 1st ITE (Institute of Transportation Engineers) & AIFMVDTEOA (All Indian Federation of Motor Vehicle Department Technical Executive Officers Association) Cooperative Workshop on Safety, held at ITE's headquarters in Washington, DC.

There were 18 representatives from AIFMVDTEOA in attendance from the country of India. Mike spoke about AAMVA and our efforts in the road safety arena both here in North America and throughout the world. There were a number of other speakers including Erin Kenley, FHWA Office of Safety; Joe Toole, past Associate Administrator for Safety at FHWA; and Dipan Bose, The World Bank, iRap.

The President of AIFMVDTEOA, Ashfaq Ahamed was in attendance and participated in the Workshop.

The purpose of the session was to share ideas as well as projects and initiatives in the road safety arena that we are currently involved in. India is in the process of trying to change the "Road Safety Culture/Environment" in their country. The Workshop was extremely successful and has the potential to open the lines of communication as well as create opportunities to establish relationships with road safety experts within the government sector in the country of India.

Grant Opportunities

The following grant opportunity is now available:

DOT
Department of Transportation
DOT/Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
FY 2013 CMVOST Notice of Funding Availability
Modification 2

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppld=203953>

Louisiana Implements the Commercial Skills Test Information Management System (CSTIMS)

As part of its continuing efforts to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving large trucks and buses, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is currently working with AAMVA to reduce fraud through the use of the Commercial Skills Test Information Management System (CSTIMS). This internet-based tool provides a consistent way to track the scheduling and entry of test results for commercial skills tests by jurisdiction and third party examiners. CSTIMS enforces jurisdiction-defined rules to manage commercial driver's license (CDL) skills testing and will alert various parties when circumstances are encountered that may require investigation to determine if fraud may have occurred. Additionally, CSTIMS produces reports that can be reviewed for patterns of potential fraud.

On October 10, 2012, Louisiana became the tenth jurisdiction using CSTIMS for day-to-day management of their commercial skills testing joining Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Wisconsin.

Jurisdictions with any questions about CSTIMS should contact Greg Sensiba [gsensiba@aamva.org ; (703) 908-2822] or Greg McNally [gmcnally@aamva.org; (703) 908-8296].

Open RFPs on AAMVA's Web Site

The following RFPs are open and accepting proposals:

- Wisconsin DMV, Automated Knowledge Testing System Software for the Division of Motor Vehicles
(close date: October 16, 2012, 2:00 PM Central)
- North Dakota Department of Transportation Driver's License Division, Digital Driver License System
(close date: November 7, 2012, 3:00 PM Central)
- Oregon DMV, Strategic Information System Plan (SISP) (close date: November 15, 2012)

More details are available on AAMVA's Web site at <http://www.aamva.org/Open-RFPs/>

AAMVA Attends IACP Conference and Associated Meetings

Brian Ursino, AAMVA's Director of Law Enforcement participated to the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Conference and associated meetings September 17th-October 2nd in San Diego, CA. Ursino currently chairs the IACP Division of State and Provincial Police (S&P) Alumni Section, and sits on the IACP S&P Executive Board which held its Annual meeting on Friday, September 28. Alumni Section members are predominantly retired state police/patrol colonels or lieutenant colonels who like Ursino, have moved into other professions that contribute to public and traffic safety. On September 28th, the S&P Executive Committee conducted its Annual Meeting and that evening John Batiste, Washington State Patrol (WSP) Chief and General Chair of the S&P hosted a reception in the auditorium of Petco Park, home of the San Diego Padres.

Read all about it on [AAMVA's Blog](#)

Operation Safe Driver Mobilization Week to Take Aim at Preventing Deadly Texting While Driving Epidemic

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), along with the New York State Police, FedEx and the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) officially launched the North American-wide Operation Safe Driver Week (October 14-20). Operation Safe Driver Week will focus on how motorists can drive safely around large trucks and the need for truck and bus operators, as well as passenger vehicle drivers, to follow the rules of the road, avoid aggressive and unsafe driving behaviors without distractions and while buckled up. During this week, jurisdictions across North America will engage in stepped-up traffic safety enforcement aimed at unsafe driving behaviors, particularly distracted driving. This program will also feature PSAs in regions where the most commercial motor vehicle crashes occur.

For more information, visit <http://www.cvsa.org/osd/>.

CSA, Hours-of-Service Rules Top List of Concerns in Annual Trucking Industry Survey

The American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI), the trucking industry's not-for-profit research organization, unveiled its list of the top ten critical issues facing the North American trucking industry. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA) tops the list for the first time in ATRI's annual survey of more than 4,000 trucking industry executives. The complete results were released at the 2012 Management Conference and Exhibition of the American Trucking Associations (ATA) meeting in Las Vegas, NV, the nation's largest gathering of motor carrier executives. A copy of the survey results is available from ATRI at www.atri-online.org.

CDLIS Access Change

As of midnight Tuesday, October 9th, access to the Commercial Driver's License Information System (CDLIS) via the FMCSA Gateway may be going down. Access to CDLIS from the state systems will continue to function as usual. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has contracted with a new company to develop and operate the Gateway using new technology presented in the response to a solicitation issued by FMCSA in May 2012. During the transition from the incumbent contractor, because of unforeseen transition problems, the Gateway may be down for up to ninety days. FMCSA apologizes for any inconvenience this will cause. As a result of this disruption, FMCSA Field offices, state motor carrier inspection agencies (MCSAP) and other Federal agencies authorized to have access to CDLIS will not be able to obtain CDL status and driver history from CDLIS through FMCSA's portal, Query Central, or other FMCSA programs.

There are only two options for law enforcement and authorized agents of FMCSA to gain access to commercial driver's license (CDL) driver status without going through FMCSA's Gateway to CDLIS. The first is by using the International Justice and Public Safety Network (Nlets). This is normal procedure for certified law enforcement and FMCSA will also use Nlets terminals to obtain CDL status during our compliance reviews and other activities. The second option is to make contact with the state Driver License Agency (SDLA) and request driver status and history

FMCSA is working closely with the AAMVA staff and the new contractor to bring the New Gateway system up as quickly as possible. If you have any questions regarding this transition process, please feel free to contact: Selden Fritschner, Chief of the CDL Division by phone - [202.366.0677](tel:202.366.0677) or by e-mail: selden.fritschner@dot.gov.

New Jersey MVC's Latest Tool Lets Parents Check Bus Safety Records

Reinforcing the importance of the state's stringent school bus inspection program, New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission Chairman and Chief Administrator Raymond P. Martinez announced the availability of a powerful tool that allows parents to check the safety records of their child's school bus from the

comfort of their own home. The newly-enhanced School Bus Report Card is available 24-hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week at www.njmvc.gov

Twice a year, the MVC inspects all New Jersey-registered school vehicles utilizing a stringent 180-point checklist that ensures that only the safest vehicles are permitted to transport students. The inspection results are then entered into the MVC's online report card for parents or guardians to view. In addition to improved search functions, the enhanced School Bus Report Card calculates and supplies the percentage of buses within a particular school yard or bus company that were either initially approved or put out of service.

For more information, visit <http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/PressReleases/archives/2012/101112.htm>.

New Publication Takes In-Depth Look at Improving Teen Driver Safety

What to do about teen driving? That's the question a new publication released today by the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) attempts to answer. Developed with a grant from State Farm®, [Curbing Teen Driver Crashes: An In-Depth Look at State Novice Driver Initiatives](#) comes on the heels of MAP-21, the newly enacted surface transportation funding law, which includes incentive programs that reward states for high performance in a number of areas, including - for the first time - teen driving.

The publication, a follow-up to GHSA's 2010 Protecting Teen Drivers: A Guidebook for State Highway Safety Offices, takes a detailed look at what states are doing to address teen driver safety in six key areas:

- Strengthening Graduated Driver License (GDL) laws to ensure state have essential elements that address crash risk and skill building
- Ensuring understanding and enforcement of GDL laws by police officials
- Engaging parents in understanding, supporting and enforcing GDL laws
- Strengthening driver education and training
- Engaging teens in understanding and addressing driving risks
- Garnering consistent media coverage of teen driving

While states have made significant progress in reducing teen driving deaths, a GHSA report with preliminary data issued in February 2012 found that through the first half of 2011, deaths involving 16- and 17-year-old drivers had increased 11 percent over the previous year. This is significant since deaths involving teen drivers have been steadily declining over the past 8 years at a rate higher than any other age group on the road.

The full report and more information is available at <http://www.ghsa.org/html/publications/sfteens12.html>.