

AAMVA Community Tackles Sandy's Aftermath – AAMVA's The Week In Review For October 31, 2012

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Many in the AAMVA community are still reeling from the powerful hurricane which struck much of the East Coast over the past few days, affecting many in Regions I and II. AAMVA will be communicating with administrators in the affected regions as they assess damage and take remedial actions to bring their operations back online. We stand ready to assist our members in communicating their efforts to assist those who may have lost important DMV-related documents in the wake of the natural disaster.

We at AAMVA send our sincerest thoughts and prayers to all who have suffered in the wake of Sandy.

U.S. Transportation Secretary LaHood Announces \$13 million in Quick Release Emergency Relief Funds for Hurricane Sandy Damage in New York and Rhode Island

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announced he is making \$13 million in quick release emergency relief funds immediately available to New York and Rhode Island to help begin repairing the damage caused by Hurricane Sandy, while assessments continue throughout the Northeast to determine the full extent of the damage. LaHood's announcement follows President Obama's call for federal agencies to act quickly and bring all available resources to bear as quickly as possible. It also builds on the disaster assistance for these states approved by President Obama in the last several days, including the major disaster declaration approved for New York early Oct. 31st, which makes federal assistance - like these emergency relief funds - available to supplement state and local response and recovery efforts. The \$13 million represents 100 percent of the state-requested funds - \$10 million from New York and \$3 million from Rhode Island. These two requests are just the first to arrive at the Department of Transportation and represent the first installment of federal-aid highway funds to help repair roads, bridges and tunnels in these two states. DOT is expecting other states impacted by Hurricane Sandy to apply for additional emergency relief funding in the coming days. For more information, visit <http://www.dot.gov/briefing-room/us-transportation-secretary-lahood-announces-13-million-quick-release-emergency-relief>

Post Hurricane Sandy Virginia Extensions

Due to severe weather impacts from Hurricane Sandy, Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell issued an Executive Order directing the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to extend the validity period of credentials including Virginia driver's licenses, identification cards, CDLs and hazmat endorsements, and disabled parking placards that expire during the period from October 29 through November 8, 2012 until November 9, 2012. Not included in the extension is driver's licenses or ID cards valid for a limited duration less than eight years.

In addition, vehicle registrations that expire on October 31, 2012, including registrations under the International Registration Plan (IRP), are extended to November 9, 2012.

This information is for immediate dissemination to preclude inadvertent ticketing or detention. DMV thanks to all law enforcement for the no enforcement action for any DMV-issued credential that expires between October 29 and November 8, 2012.

If there are questions please contact DMV Law Enforcement Information Services at [\(804\) 367-6867](tel:8043676867).

FMCSA Regional Emergency Declaration

FMCSA has issued an Regional Emergency Declaration in support of relief efforts for Commercial Motor Vehicles responding to impacts of Hurricane Sandy. Visit <http://www.aamva.org/uploadedFiles/MainSite/Content/NewsPublications/TheWeekInReview/doc20121028233450.pdf> for the full declaration.

Region III Information Exchange A Success

The Region III Information Exchange held last week in St. Louis, Missouri, was a success according to attendees. Attendees heard from jurisdictions who have deployed new and innovative programs during Tuesday's jurisdictional showcase. Updates on REAL ID, DACA, State-to-State, e Titling, Fraud, License Plate Recommendation / RICS, Facial Recognition and Data Sharing and much more were discussed. QuickConnect provided the opportunity for jurisdictions and industry representatives to share and learn about projects and solutions. IX presentations will be posted to the Region III Information Exchange website at www.aamva.org/2012-Region-III-Information-Exchange/.

TWIR Podcast

Get TWIR in Your Ear and listen to our Week in Review podcast! You can stream it at <http://pod.aamva.org/> and to download it to a mobile device, right click on "Download," choose save as, and then place the mp3 in your music library.

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**.

AAMVA At the IACP Annual Meeting

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) held its annual meeting October 1 - 3, 2012, in San Diego, California. During the meeting Resolutions were voted on, and a Resolution proposed by the IACP Highway Safety Committee titled "Validating the Public Safety and Homeland Security Needs for Retro-Reflective Front and Rear License Plates" was passed.

This Resolution closes by supporting "the use of the Best Practice Guide for Improving Automated License Plate Reader Effectiveness through Uniform License Plate Design and Manufacture published by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators". Brian Ursino, AAMVA Director of Law Enforcement sits on the IACP Highway Safety Committee and assisted with the drafting of this Resolution.

The complete Resolution can be found at <http://www.theiacp.org/About/WhatsNew/tabid/459/Default.aspx?id=1894&v=>

Blog: "Next Stop: The Future"

"The future of travel is closer to the Jetsons rather than the Flintstones, said Washington, D.C., City Council member Jack Evans on Tuesday. And it very well may be. D.C.'s city council heard testimony on legislation (Bill 19-931) that would legalize driverless vehicles, or autonomic vehicles, on city streets within the District for testing purposes. If D.C. were to pass the bill, it would join California, Nevada, and Florida in the ranks of governments that have approved legislation allowing for testing on city streets and the issuance of driver's license endorsements for driverless cars." Read the entire blog post online at <http://blog.aamva.org>.

NHTSA Graduated Driver Licensing Incentive Grant Program

On October 5, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) regarding a state Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) Incentive Grant Program [Docket Number NHTSA-2012-0137]. While the notice seeks public comment on the minimum qualification criteria for the State GDL grant program authorized under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21); AAMVA urges its member jurisdictions to begin discussions on how this incentive grant program can be leveraged to improve state GDL programs.

For full information,

visit <http://www.aamva.org/uploadedFiles/MainSite/Content/NewsPublications/TheWeekInReview/10-23-12%20Notice%20on%20GDL%20Grant%20Availability.doc>

Rescission of 10-Day Agency Discretionary Period in Assigning Unsatisfactory Safety Ratings

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) amends the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations to remove the provision indicating that the agency will consider a 10-day extension of the 45-day period after which passenger and hazardous materials carriers must cease operation after receiving a proposed unsatisfactory safety rating. The agency previously discontinued this practice as a matter of policy and now amends the regulation to be consistent with the policy and the statutory language concerning this matter. Although FMCSA will continue to review requests for upgrades of proposed unsatisfactory safety rating for such carriers, the agency will no longer grant extensions to the 45-day period. This is effective November 23, 2012. For full information, visit <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-10-23/html/2012-26044.htm>.

DMV Cracking Down on Unlicensed Dealers

The Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will be sending its entire force of Compliance Enforcement investigators into the field on Thursday, November 1, to take action against unlicensed vehicle dealers. The DMV's first "Impact Day" will help protect the public by helping businesses comply with the rules.

Dealers who sell off-highway vehicles (OHVs), in particular, have been slow to comply with Nevada's new laws on OHV sales. Any business that sells OHVs, including big box stores, auto parts outlets and other retailers, must be licensed for this activity by the DMV.

Many repair garages and vehicle dealers simply let their DMV license lapse. Off-highway vehicle dealers may not even be aware of Nevada's new licensing and registration requirements, which went into effect July 1st. In either case, selling a motor vehicle without a proper business license is illegal. DMV investigators will order offenders to cease and desist all sales during Impact Day. Fines and criminal penalties could follow.

Motorists can verify DMV business licenses on the department's website at www.dmvnv.com. Complete details on OHV registration are available at www.nvohv.com, the website for the Nevada Commission on Off-Highway Vehicles.

Deal appoints Dozier to Corrections, Mikell to Driver Services

Gov. Nathan Deal announced the appointment of Robert G. Mikell to commissioner of the Georgia Department of Driver Services. Mikell will fill the vacancy left by outgoing Commissioner Greg Dozier, who is being named assistant commissioner, chief of staff of the Georgia Department of Corrections.

Gregory C. Dozier

Dozier has served as commissioner of the Georgia Department of Driver Services since his appointment in May 2005. Prior to this role, Dozier was the director of accounting for the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, the policy coordinator for the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, and the division director of the General Government and Public Safety Division. Dozier currently serves as chairman of the Georgia Driver Education Commission, Region II Vice President of the American Association of Motor Vehicles and as a member of the AAMVA International Board of Directors. Dozier received his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and master's degree in Finance from Georgia State University. He is also a graduate of the Regional Police Academy's Basic Law Enforcement Training Course. Dozier and his wife, Stephanie, have two daughters. They reside in

Covington.

Robert G. Mikell, Esq.

Mikell has served as deputy commissioner of the Department of Driver Services since March 2007. Prior to this role, Mikell was the deputy director of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, deputy chief assistant solicitor-general for DeKalb County and assistant district attorney for Rockdale County. After earning his law degree from Washington & Lee University School of Law, Mikell practiced at Fain, Major, & Wiley, P.C. in Atlanta for two years. He received his bachelor's degree in English from The Citadel and his master's degree in Public Administration from Columbus State University. Mikell currently serves as chairman of AAMVA International's Suspended and Revoked Drivers Work group, secretary of Georgia Piedmont Technical College's Law Enforcement Academy Advisory Board and is a member of the State Bar of Georgia. He is a member of First United Methodist Church of Lawrenceville's Board of Trustees. Mikell, a native of Thomaston, and his wife Sherrie have three children. They reside in Snellville.

Information on Ohio Collateral Sanctions Act

The Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles would like to inform AAMVA members of the Collateral Sanctions Act, also known as Senate Bill 337, which became effective on September 28, 2012. Please see this [online brochure](#) for more information.

DE DMV Gets into the Halloween Spirit

To take everyone's minds off Hurricane Sandy, Jennifer Cohan, Director of the Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles, greeted employees and customers and Sandy the Witch today and magically waived late fees! Spooktacular!