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We're keeping things fresh on MOVEmag.org with our new Web Exclusive features. Keep up with the latest news and information regarding motor vehicle and law enforcement with timely articles available only on MOVEmag.org.

To kick off this new feature, MOVE Magazine is highlighting the very timely issue of Voter ID. Check out this new post from AAMVA’s expert government relations department as they discuss the direct effects Voter ID will have on AAMVA members.

Webinar Coming Up on Suspended and Revoked Working Group Recommendations
Register now for our webinar on Suspended and Revoked Working Group Recommendations, coming up on Wednesday, November 14, 2012, 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EST). The webinar, hosted by Brian Ursino, AAMVA Director of Law Enforcement, will feature speakers Robert Mikell, Commissioner, Georgia DDS and Sheila Prior, Director, Member Support, Regions III & IV, AAMVA. The webinar will present the findings and recommendations in the Best Practice document produced by the Suspended and Revoked Working Group (SRWG) and will highlight how driver’s license and law enforcement administrators can partner together and address this issue with their state legislature to reduce the number of suspended drivers by up to 39%. Sample legislation is also provided to serve as a foundation for jurisdictions to draft their own legislative proposals to eliminate suspensions for non-highway safety reasons. Based on data in the SRWG research, state licensing authorities, law enforcement, the courts and prosecutors within state’s that are successful in passing such legislation will realize significant reductions in caseload as well as direct and indirect administrative costs. Register today!

Also, take a look at a blog from Brian Ursino at http://blog.aamva.org.

2013 Law Institute Call for Topics
Does your jurisdiction have pressing legal concerns, legislative interests, compliance issues, law enforcement practices, or looming federal mandates that are impossible to address? Of course you do, and so do your colleagues. AAMVA is in the development stages of putting together its 2013 Spring Workshop and Law Institute agenda and would love to hear the issues you think would be of interest for discussion across agency lines. AAMVA has repeatedly heard that the ability to network with colleagues across jurisdictional lines has proven effective in developing working solutions to problems - this holds especially true from a legal perspective. If you’ve had any legal, legislative, or enforcement issues you’d like posed to your colleagues in other jurisdictions, please provide AAMVA with a brief description of the issue, a contact number for follow up, and (where possible) the impact the issue has on other jurisdictions and we’ll work to make it a part of the discussion at the 2013 Law Institute. Please send your responses to AAMVA’s Senior Manager of Government Affairs, Cian Cashin, at ccashin@aamva.org.

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.

**CARS Issues Warning on Flood Damaged Cars**

In the wake of Hurricane Sandy, Consumers for Auto Reliability and Safety (CARS) warns that tens of thousands of flood cars that have been submerged in salt water, and contaminated by bacteria and various toxins, will soon start to appear all over the country, even in states far from the center of the storm. Flood cars are inherently unsafe, and pose a serious risk to anyone who drives them, rides in them, or even just comes into contact with them. Flood cars are basically rotting from the inside out. The electronic/computer systems, which control everything including the brakes, engine, air bags, and other major safety systems, are hopelessly compromised and will inevitably corrode and fail, over time. Bacteria, mold, and other contaminants can cause serious or fatal health problems, particularly among children and adults with asthma and people with allergies or compromised immune systems. For consumer tips, visit [http://www.carconsumers.org/](http://www.carconsumers.org/) and to see congressional testimony from CARS President Rosemary Shahan on flood cars, visit [http://commerce.senate.gov/pdf/shahan111605.pdf](http://commerce.senate.gov/pdf/shahan111605.pdf).

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**Two New Teen Driver Safety Resources Available**

The Governors Highway Safety Administration (GHSA) recently put out a report that details what states are doing to address teen driver safety. The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety (AAA Foundation) also published a study that reinforces the need for strong passenger restrictions. Both were released just prior to National Teen Driver Safety Week, which ran October 14 - 20.

**Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) Receives Grant for Teen Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program**

The Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) announced today receipt of a grant award totaling $34,400 from the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) purposed for continued support of the State of Georgia Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program (ADAP). Jointly administered by the DDS and Georgia Department of Education, ADAP is a course designed to raise awareness among teens of the adverse effects of drugs and alcohol and to educate teens on the consequences of operating a motor vehicle while impaired.

The grant award will be used to fund one staff member who will be tasked with processing student workbook orders received through the online ADAP bookstore, shipping workbooks to schools, providing direct support to the over 2,000 ADAP instructors throughout the state, assisting teens with obtaining replacement certificates, and responding to customer email inquiries submitted through the “Ask ADAP” feature on the DDS website.

For more information on teen driving requirements visit [www.dds.ga.gov](http://www.dds.ga.gov) or for driving safety information visit the GOHS website at [www.gahighwaysafety.org](http://www.gahighwaysafety.org)
OK Department of Public Safety Releases Veteran Logo

The Oklahoma Department of Public Safety is pleased to announce the unveiling of the new "Veteran" logo that will officially be placed on the front of qualified veteran's Oklahoma driver license or state identification cards. "Oklahomans have a profound respect and admiration for the men and women who have bravely served our nation. The new veteran designation on state drivers' licenses is a small way in which we can honor their sacrifice and say "thank you" for their service to our state and our nation," said Governor Mary Fallin.

The new addition to the state identification cards and driver licenses took effect November 1, 2012. For more information, visit http://www.dps.state.ok.us/.

Expiration Dates Extended for Driver License, Motor Vehicle Products

Because of the damaging effects of Hurricane Sandy, PennDOT Secretary Barry J. Schoch announced that effective October 31, 2012, PennDOT has authorized an extension of the expiration dates for Pennsylvania driver licenses, identification cards and vehicle inspections/registrations.

The expiration date for vehicle registrations and safety and emissions inspections scheduled to expire on October 31, 2012, has been extended until November 15, 2012. The expiration date for driver licenses and identification cards scheduled to expire between October 26, 2012, and November 15, 2012, has been extended until November 15, 2012.

These extensions apply for customers statewide.

For more information on driver licensing or motor vehicle products visit www.dmv.state.pa.us