

A Message to the AAMVA Community: Sandy's Aftermath – AAMVA's The Week In Review For November 19, 2012

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As a result of the flooding associated with Hurricane Sandy, it is estimated that thousands of vehicles sustained severe water damage. Based on past experiences with flood-damaged vehicles associated with Hurricane Katrina, it is very likely that many states will soon begin to see flood-damaged vehicles enter their used vehicle markets for sale, titling or registration. The National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) is designed to protect prospective purchasers of used vehicles from concealed vehicle histories. While the NMVTIS Junk, Salvage and Insurance Total Loss (JSL) program is now in place and insurance companies are required, by federal law, to report to NMVTIS any vehicle that they deemed to be a total loss. However, with the requirement to report to NMVTIS on a 30-day cycle, it is possible that flood-damaged vehicles may appear for titling or registration, and a NMVTIS check may not show a report by an insurer if they had not yet reported it to NMVTIS. To protect consumers, states can encourage prospective purchasers of used vehicles to conduct a vehicle history check to determine the vehicle's prior history, if it was from one of the flood affected states, and conduct an independent inspection of the vehicle. States can also take extra precautions to identify and brand flood-damaged vehicles to query NMVTIS before issuing a title.

AAMVA is also working with the [National Insurance Crime Bureau \(NICB\)](#) to gain access to information that they are gathering from their members of vehicles that have been affected by the flood. We are currently working out the logistics of how we can provide access to this information to our members. Stay tuned for more details.

Here are some additional links that can provide information that maybe informative;
https://www.bja.gov/Programs/FloodDamagedVehicles_NMVTIS.pdf ; www.nicb.org; and www.nsvrp.org

Suspended and Revoked Working Group Webinar Now in Archive

Did you miss last week's webinar on the Suspended & Revoked Working Group Recommendations? No need to panic, we've got you covered. Simply visit [AAMVA's Webinar Archives](#) homepage to catch up on all the information you missed yesterday. While you're visiting the Webinar Archives, take some time to browse through previous webinars as well.

Blog: Registration and Insurance Card Standardization Working Group Meets

The Registration and Insurance Card Standardization Working Group (WG) met in San Francisco November 15 & 16, 2012. This Working Group is supported by Cathie Curtis, AAMVA Director of Vehicle Programs, Tom Manuel, AAMVA Program Manager, and Brian Ursino, AAMVA Director of Law Enforcement. In addition to AAMVA staff and IICMVA representatives, the WG includes AAMVA MVA and law enforcement jurisdiction members and a representative of the AAMVA Industry Advisory Board. The meeting was also attended by AAMVA President & CEO Neil Schuster, who had been in California earlier in the week for another meeting. All the WG members were engaged and provided valuable editorial feedback and the result of the meeting was substantial progress toward a final draft of a new publication tentatively titled "Motor Vehicle Registration and Insurance Identification Best Practices for Paper and Electronic Credentials."

For more information, see the full blog post at blog.aamva.org

CDLIS Timeliness, Data Quality, and Capabilities Reports for Jurisdictions

At the direction and support of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), AAMVA produces monthly reports on the Commercial Driver's License Information System (CDLIS) Timeliness, Data Quality, and Capabilities of all jurisdictions. The reports for October are now ready for your review.

If your State would like to receive these reports, please send a request to helpdesk@aamva.org.

Next CIO Outreach Conference Call November 26, 2012

The next AAMVA CIO Outreach conference call is scheduled for Monday, November 26, 2012, from 4:00 - 5:00 pm EST. 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 [gsensiba@aamva.org; (703) 908-2822].

Blog: Don't Become Another Statistic, BE SAFE on the Roadways!

"In the U.S., we are about to enjoy our traditional Thanksgiving Day (Canada celebrates Thanksgiving Day in October), a great time to relax with family and friends and take a break from work. Thanksgiving weekend is the most traveled holiday period of the year, with as much as 90% of travel by car. That's more than 43 million travelers going more than 50 miles during the holiday (the average Thanksgiving trip is 588 miles). Unfortunately, this makes the holiday weekend one of the most dangerous on the road. Heavy traffic and a potential combination of heavy meals (the traditional turkey contains Tryptophan, a natural sleep aid) and alcohol all make for a significant number of drowsy drivers on often-congested roads. The burden falls largely to law enforcement agencies to keep us safe once the holiday weekend begins..." Read the rest of the blog post by AAMVA President and CEO, Neil Schuster at: <http://blog.aamva.org>.

FBI Releases 2011 Statistics on Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted

According to the FBI, 72 law enforcement officers were feloniously killed in the line of duty in 2011. Another 53 officers died in accidents while performing their duties, and 54,774 officers were assaulted in the line of duty. Comprehensive tabular data about these incidents and brief narratives describing the fatal attacks are included in the 2011 edition of Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, released today. For full information, visit http://www.fbi.gov/news/pressrel/press-releases/fbi-releases-2011-statistics-on-law-enforcement-officers-killed-and-assaulted?utm_campaign=email-Immediate&utm_medium=email&utm_source=national-press-releases&utm_content=154840

GAO Releases Report on Motorcycle Safety

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) released a report titled, Motorcycle Safety: Increasing Federal Funding Flexibility and Identifying Research Priorities Would Help Support States' Safety Efforts. GAO estimated that the total direct measurable costs of motorcycle crashes-- costs that directly result from a crash and that can and have been measured-- were approximately \$16 billion in 2010. However, the full costs of motorcycle crashes are likely higher because some difficult-to-measure costs--such as longer-term medical costs--are not included. Victims and their families, as well as society--including employers, private insurers, healthcare providers, government, and others--bear these costs. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimated that society bears about three-quarters of the measurable costs of all motor vehicle crashes. Society's share of the costs of motorcycle crashes may be similar or higher, in part because injuries from these crashes are generally more severe than those from other motor vehicle crashes. For more information, and to see the full report, visit <http://gao.gov/products/GAO-13-42>.

New NHTSA Report Shows Seat Belt Use at Record High

An overwhelming majority of the millions of families traveling our nation's highways this Thanksgiving weekend, one of the busiest travel times of the year, will be buckling up, according to new survey results released today by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). New NHTSA research shows that nationwide seat belt use reached an all-time high of 86 percent in 2012. According to NHTSA's annual National Occupant Protection Use Survey, seat belt use has steadily increased since 1994, with the record high of 86 percent in 2012 representing a two percent increase over the previous year. Among the most dramatic increases in seat belt use were in the southern region of the country, rising to 85 percent in 2012 - up from 80 percent in 2011. Seat belt use continues to be higher in states that have primary belt laws, which permit law enforcement officers to issue citations to

motorists solely for not using a seat belt rather than requiring additional traffic violations. For more information, visit <http://www.nhtsa.gov/About+NHTSA/Press+Releases/New+NHTSA+Report+Shows+Seat+Belt+Use+at+Record+High>

NV DMV Warns Against Phone Solicitations

The Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles is warning Nevadans about a telephone sales pitch circulating in Northern Nevada. Callers sometimes say that DMV records indicate the motorist is overpaying on insurance. At other times, callers have identified themselves as DMV employees. The callers offer discounted auto insurance and ask for information about the motorist's vehicles. Often, the caller will leave a message with a return phone number, (775) 473-1342. Other numbers have been reported. The DMV advises motorists to be aware that these calls are not endorsed by the department in any way. Motorists should not give their personal information over the telephone unless they are sure they are dealing with a legitimate company. The Nevada Division of Insurance encourages consumers to verify whether an insurance agent or company is legitimate. The Nevada License Inquiry Service is available at (888) 872-3234 or on the Division's website at doi.nv.gov

Governor Corbett Signs Legislation to Benefit Pennsylvania's Veterans

Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett ceremonially signed seven pieces of legislation that will benefit both military veterans and the National Guard. The Governor's legislative package will, among other things, create a "V" designation on Pennsylvania Driver Licenses, which will allow veterans to qualify for discounts or other benefits and establish special license plates for World War II veterans of the U.S. Merchant Marine and for all veterans of U.S. Military Airborne Units.