

AAMVA Working Group Releases Best Practice Guide for Titling and Registration of Unconventional Vehicles - AAMVA's The Week In Review For November 26, 2012

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AAMVA's Unconventional Vehicles Working Group (UVWG) is pleased to announce the release of a new best practices guide, *Best Practices for Title and Registration of Rebuilt and Specially Constructed Vehicles*. [Download the Best Practice today](#) and [watch a video](#) featuring AAMVA Director of Vehicle Programs Cathie Curtis discussing the document.



AAMVA On: Rebuilt and Specially Constructed Vehicles

You can also register for the [AAMVA Webinar on Title and Registration Best Practices for Rebuilt and Specially Constructed Vehicle](#) coming up on Wednesday, December 5, 2012, 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EST) hosted by Cathie Curtis and featuring speakers:

- Mark Francis, Director, Provincial Vehicle Registration & Licensing, Insurance Corporation of British Columbia
- Douglas Hooper, Planning and Policy Department Specialist, Georgia Department of Revenue
- Paul Nilsen, Assistant General Counsel, Wisconsin Office of General Counsel

[Register today to join the Webinar!](#)

Grant Opportunity: Pilot Test of AAMVA's Noncommercial Driver's Manual and Knowledge Test Item Pool

AAMVA has been awarded funding to conduct a pilot test of the Noncommercial Driver's Manual and Knowledge Test in one jurisdiction. The purpose of the pilot is to evaluate the effectiveness of the Driver's Manual by entry level drivers; and to determine test question validity, reliability, knowledge domains, and test question level of difficulty.

Period of performance: 1 year (commencing immediately upon selection of the jurisdiction by AAMVA/NHTSA)

Available funding: \$94,500

In order to qualify for consideration, the jurisdiction must:

- Provide at least one staff member who will be responsible for the in-State Pilot Test oversight and program management
- Have the capability to print and distribute the model Driver Manual
- Identify which manual (NMDTS or current State manual) that each applicant read prior to taking the knowledge test

- Add the NMDTS Knowledge Test Questions to their Automated Testing System (ATS)
- Administer the NMDTS Knowledge Test to all entry-level driver applicants for at least six (6) months and retain test results
- Provide required data reports on a scheduled basis and in an automated format (TBD) defined by the AAMVA Project Manager

The first two months allow time for printing the new manuals, revising the knowledge test item pool in your automated testing system (ATS) and developing the required reports. The next three months are for distribution of the new manual. The next six to seven months would be administration of the new knowledge test, data collection and reporting. Specific data elements* for collection/reporting are:

- Number of manuals printed
- Number of manuals distributed
- Which manual the applicant studied prior to taking the knowledge test
- Number of times that each question in the item pool was asked
- Number of times that each question was answered correctly
- Number of times that each question was answered incorrectly
- Specific data elements listed above are not all inclusive and are subject to change

Expressions of interest must be submitted to Karen Morton at kmorton@aamva.org no later than close of business on **Wednesday, December 12, 2012**.

Colorado Fully Participates in NMVTIS

AAMVA is very pleased to announce that Colorado has successfully reloaded its VIN pointer and brand data into NMVTIS. Additionally, Colorado already inquires on the system through the standalone web option and will now provide daily batch updates moving forward. Congratulations on fully participating, Colorado! For more information about NMVTIS federal compliance requirements, please contact [Marney Michalowski](mailto:Marney.Michalowski@aaamva.org), NMVTIS Program Manager.

A Message to the AAMVA Community: Sandy's Aftermath

As a result of the flooding associated with Hurricane Sandy, it is estimated that thousands of vehicles sustained severed 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 vehicle 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 (JSI) 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 \(NICB\)](http://www.fbi.gov) 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

Christie Administration Expedites Assistance to NJ MVC Customers Affected by Hurricane Sandy

Seeking to expedite service to customers impacted by the effects of Hurricane Sandy, the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) will begin assisting these specific individuals directly at its agencies on Monday, November 26. The MVC has provided driver's license and vehicle title/registration assistance at various FEMA Disaster Relief Centers since shortly after the storm. Customers with driver's license or non-driver ID issues should bring as much documentation as possible to an MVC agency where staff will assist in issuing a duplicate document. Only customers with an existing driver's license or non-driver ID are able to receive this assistance. To date, MVC staff has helped nearly 400 individuals at FEMA centers based in the areas hardest hit by Hurricane Sandy. However, the demand for MVC-specific expertise has decreased significantly at FEMA centers in recent days. For that reason, MVC agencies will begin to prioritize assistance to these customers in all 39 agencies starting on November 26. For more information, visit <http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/>



Older Driver Safety Awareness Week Coming Up

American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc.'s (AOTA's) [Older Driver Safety Awareness Week](#) (December 3-7, 2012) aims to promote understanding of the importance of mobility and transportation to ensuring older adults remain

active in the community - shopping, working or volunteering - with the confidence that transportation will not be the barrier to strand them at home. AOTA will have an online community chat on Older Driver Safety Awareness Week December 3rd at 12:00 PM EST:

<http://www.talkshoe.com/talkshoe/web/talkCast.jsp?masterId=124114&cmd=tc>

Also, [check out a blog post](#) from Tom Manuel, AAMVA Program Director for Driver Fitness, discussing what aging drivers mean for the AAMVA community and what jurisdictions can do to help keep older drivers safe on the roads, and visit AAMVA's website to learn about our efforts to help at-risk drivers <http://www.aamva.org/At-Risk-Drivers/>.

Board Selects Former FHWA Official as New AASHTO Executive Director

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' Board of Directors today voted to approve Frederick G. "Bud" Wright to be the seventh executive director to lead the nearly 100-year-old organization.

The board, comprised of the chief executive officers of each of the 50 state departments of transportation along with the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, voted during the AASHTO annual meeting in Pittsburgh to appoint Wright to succeed John Horsley, AASHTO's executive director since 1999, who is retiring February 1. For more information, visit <http://www.transportation.org/Pages/default.aspx>

NV DMV Urges Customers to Avoid "Black Monday"

The Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles is asking motorists to use alternative services this coming Monday or to delay visiting an office until later in the week.

The Monday after Thanksgiving is traditionally the department's busiest day of the year, leading some of the staff to call it "Black Monday." Wait times can easily double or triple to two hours or longer. There are many alternatives to DMV office visits. The department's website offers more than 20 online transactions. Most insurance issues can be handled on the internet or by telephone. Many transactions such as address changes or custom license plate orders can be accomplished by mail or fax. The DMV's popular self-service kiosks offer more services in more locations. The department added 25 new machines earlier this year in locations such as Albertson's stores in Las Vegas and Scolari's Food and Drug in Reno. Visit the DMV's website at www.dmvnv.com to find online services, kiosk locations and ways to avoid the waits before you visit an office. If you do have to visit an office, the DMV's website and iPhone app list the current wait times for the metropolitan areas.