

New Administrators Visit AAMVA HQ - AAMVA's The Week In Review For December 10, 2012

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Eight new administrators traveled to AAMVA headquarters last week for our annual New Administrators' Orientation. Over the two-day conference, new administrators from around North America learned about the resources and services AAMVA offers our members. They also had a chance to share information on creative solutions to current issues facing the AAMVA community and got to know AAMVA staff and leadership as well as our Chair, Stacey Stanton. [Visit AAMVA's Facebook page](#) to check out some pictures of the new administrators and AAMVA staff in action.

Webinar on Rebuilt and Specially Constructed Vehicles Now in Archive!

If you didn't catch last week's webinar on Title and Registration Best Practices for Rebuilt and Specially Constructed Vehicles, head over to [AAMVA's Webinar Archive](#) to take a look at what you missed. You can find many more archived webinars there as well - take a look around!

Also, download [Title and Registration Best Practices for Rebuilt and Specially Constructed Vehicles](#) and [watch a video](#) featuring AAMVA Director of Vehicle Programs Cathie Curtis discussing the document.

Meet the AAMVA Experts at Movemag.org!

AAMVA's program experts are here to serve and guide our members throughout various issues. These employees hold a wealth of knowledge on specific subject matters that keep our committees engaged and enable the direction and completion of best practices. Our program directors are so knowledgeable, in fact, we asked them to sit down and tell us about what they do, and how that directly effects and helps you, the AAMVA member. The first expert in this new video web series is AAMVA's Geoff Slagle. As the Director of Identity Management, Slagle's expertise includes, but is not limited to, identification security and the technologies that relate to safe and secure IDs. [Head over to Movemag.org to Meet The Experts!](#)

Call for Work Group Volunteers and Information regarding CDL Audit Policies/Procedures

AAMVA has been awarded funding through the FY 2012 Commercial Driver's License Program Improvement grant to form a Working Group to review CDL auditing methods utilized by States; and to develop a comprehensive CDL audit resource program for auditing State CDL Knowledge & Skills Examiners, Third Party Testers and Third Party Examiners to ensure compliance with FMCSRs regarding CDL program oversight.

The Working Group will focus on the requirements of the Final Rule specifically related to the training, testing, record keeping and auditing requirements pertaining to CDL Knowledge & Skills Examiners, Third Party Testers and Third Party Examiners.

The goal of the Working Group is to develop a comprehensive CDL Audit Resource Program, an Auditing training package; and Best Practices for utilization by State Motor Vehicle Agencies (MVAs) and/or FMCSA State Directors and staff personnel when conducting audits/reviews, as well as a tool to train "auditors/staff" to provide CDL program oversight and ensure compliance with the Commercial Driver's License Testing & Commercial Learner's Permit Standards Final Rule.

Work Group volunteers must be well versed in :

- The training, testing, record keeping and auditing requirements as specified in 49 CFR §383 and §384
- CDL Knowledge and Skills Test administration
- Certifying, monitoring and auditing CDL Third Party Testers and Third Party Examiners
- Auditing State CDL Examiners

If you are interested in volunteering for this Work Group, please submit an expression of interest as well as information regarding your qualifications/experience via email to Karen Morton, Program Director kmorton@aamva.org by close of business on Friday, December 28, 2012 . Be sure to submit the request via the chain of command in your jurisdiction.

We are also interested in Audit Programs, policies, procedures, forms, training materials, etc that are being utilized by any jurisdiction. Please submit this information to Karen Morton via email at kmorton@aamva.org; or to her attention via us mail as soon as possible.

New NHTSA Analysis Shows 2011 Traffic Fatalities Declined by Nearly Two Percent

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released a new analysis indicating that highway deaths fell to 32,367 in 2011, marking the lowest level since 1949 and a 1.9 percent decrease from the previous year. The updated 2011 data announced today show the historic downward trend in recent years continued through last year and represent a 26 percent decline in traffic fatalities overall since 2005.

While Americans drove fewer miles in 2011 than in 2010, the nearly two percent drop in roadway deaths significantly outpaced the corresponding 1.2 percent decrease in vehicle miles traveled. In addition, updated Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) information released today shows 2011 also saw the lowest fatality rate ever recorded, with 1.10 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles traveled in 2011, down from 1.11 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles traveled in 2010. For full information, visit [here](#).

Thousands of Cars Damaged by Sandy to be Crushed

The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) says progress is being made in identifying and removing thousands of vehicles damaged beyond repair by Sandy. The estimate of 230,000 insurance claims for vehicle damage in the areas affected by Sandy remains unchanged at this time. Many of those vehicles were flooded and are being towed to holding areas where they will be loaded on car haulers and taken to facilities to be crushed. On Dec. 5, NICB officials visited holding areas in Brooklyn where more than 7,000 new vehicles awaiting delivery to dealerships had been parked when Sandy flooded the area with more than three feet of water. All but 800 cars had been removed. The vehicles suffered extensive damage as the wind and water shoved them into each other and flooded their electronic systems, damaging them beyond repair. For more information, visit <https://www.nicb.org/newsroom/news-releases/sandy-vehicles-update>.

FMCSA Implements Improvements to its Safety Measurement System

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) implemented 11 new improvements to its Safety Measurement System (SMS). The changes, developed over several months with feedback from the public and stakeholders throughout the industry, will enhance the agency's ability to identify and take action against trucks and buses with safety and compliance concerns. The SMS uses all available inspection and crash data to prioritize carriers for interventions. SMS quantifies on-road safety performance of carriers to identify the specific safety problems the carrier exhibits and to monitor whether performance is improving or worsening. SMS helps FMCSA more efficiently apply its resources and bring carriers and drivers into compliance with Federal safety regulations in order to prevent crashes and save lives. For more information, visit <http://www.dot.gov/briefing-room/fmcsa-implements-improvements-its-safety-measurement-system>.

U.S. DOT Proposes Broader Use of Event Data Recorders to Help Improve Vehicle Safety

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) proposed a new standard that would capture valuable safety-related data in the seconds before and during a motor vehicle crash. The proposed rule would require automakers to install event data recorders (EDRs)-devices that collect specific safety related data-in all light passenger vehicles beginning September 1, 2014.

The data collected by EDRs can be used to improve highway safety by ensuring NHTSA, other crash investigators and automotive manufacturers understand the dynamics involved in a crash and the performance of safety

systems. For more information, visit <http://www.dot.gov/briefing-room/us-dot-proposes-broader-use-event-data-recorders-help-improve-vehicle-safety>

AAA: Nearly Nine In 10 Seniors Drive A Car That Doesn't Fit Their Aging Needs

With nearly 90 percent of motorists 65 and older suffering from health issues that affect driving safety, finding a car that not only adapts to conditions, such as lack of flexibility or muscle strength, while maintaining safety and comfort can be difficult. Data from a new AAA survey also reveals that only one in 10 senior drivers with aging health issues are driving a vehicle that has features like keyless entry and larger dashboard controls that can assist with such conditions. To better equip the "silver tsunami" for driving safety and comfort, AAA has updated its [Smart Features for Older Drivers](#) resource to address a broader range of health conditions and include new data on 2012 vehicle features. For more information, visit https://apps.midatlantic.aaa.com/siteapps/files/apps/safety/cms_release_content.asp?id=8173.