

New Meet the Experts Up at Movemag.org - AAMVA's The Week In Review For January 7, 2013

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AAMVA's [Meet the Experts](#) series is designed to get you better acquainted with AAMVA's subject matter experts and the work they do for the AAMVA community - the second in this [movemag.org](#) web exclusive series is now available! Come hear from Brian Ursino, AAMVA Director of Law Enforcement, about how he came to AAMVA and what he helps members with everyday.



FDR e-Learning Has Been Updated for 2013!

FDR has become AAMVA's most widely accessed voluntary program! We've been hard at work to meet our commitment to continually improve and update the material in order to best meet your training needs. The updated courseware package (January 2013 version) is perhaps the most substantial release to date and is now available to member jurisdictions!

"Fraudulent Document Recognition" evolves to "Fraud Detection and Remediation"!

In response to guidance from members and the FDR Maintenance Committee, chaired by Iowa DOT's Major Paul Steier, the FDR program has expanded to cover topics far beyond physical documents only. "FDR" will remain the shortened reference to the program's new name, "Fraud Detection and Remediation". With training modules and supplements that address such topics as People and Actions, Imposter Fraud, Internal Fraud, and others, the new title more accurately reflects the subject matter that is available FREE to jurisdiction members. [Download the latest version](#) of the training to see why many components are critical to a wide variety of staff beyond the license counter!

Courseware Updates and Enhancements

The 2013 Annual Update features a number of important enhancements and new information including:

- NEW Indexed, searchable, and comprehensive job aid for print or electronic use
- NEW Jurisdiction Document Authenticity Contact List
- NEW Mexican Documents Module
- NEW Internal Fraud for Managers Supplement
- NEW Level II Law Enforcement Supplement
- NEW Choice of preset pass/fail scores for Learning Management System users
- NEW Genuine Document Reference Databases
- Critical Document Updates
- 2013 Update Only Module for refresher training

Please [visit the AAMVA website](#) and follow the Fraudulent Document Recognition path to review program details, examine the change documentation and access the download page. Please remember that you will need to use your AAMVA User ID and Password to access the material. Individual students should not attempt to retrieve the courseware from the AAMVA website. Instead, downloads are designed so that single training contacts can access the courseware on behalf of their agencies and then deploy the training throughout their organizations.

Jurisdiction Only FDR Webinar Coming Up!

Want more information about FDR training and the latest updated materials? Join the discussion in our jurisdiction only webinar on the 2013 FDR Courseware Update coming up on January 30, 2013 from 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EST), hosted by Steve Sebestyen, Apex Consulting. This webinar will be a walk-through of the contents and new features of the 2013 FDR courseware update released earlier this month. **This webinar is for jurisdiction members only.** To register for this event, [please login here](#). For more information on AAMVA Webinars, visit <http://www.aamva.org/Webinar-Series/>

Two AAMVA Groups Looking for Members

IDEC Executive Board

We are seeking two jurisdiction members to serve on the IDEC Executive Board - one from Region I and one from Region IV. The IDEC Board is made up of one representative from each of the four AAMVA regions. The members of the Board bring global views and innovative ideas to the examiner training arena, provide outreach to the AAMVA jurisdictions to gain input on jurisdictional driver examiner training programs and provide accreditation of those driver examiner training programs.

CDL Audit Resource Working Group

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.

More information and application forms can be found on the AAMVA website at <http://www.aamva.org/Committees-and-Working-Groups/>

LAST CALL FOR AAMVA GRANT FUNDING!

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 **Friday, January 18, 2013**.

New Tag and Tax Program Means Combining Vehicle Fees

The North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles is working with county revenue offices across the state to educate vehicle owners to a new legislative program that will require the payment of vehicle property taxes at the same time vehicle registration renewals are due. The new "Tag & Tax Together" program is the result of a law passed in 2005 by the General Assembly that makes vehicle property taxes due in full before a vehicle's registration can be renewed. To help vehicle owners with the new requirement, NCDMV is posting a special web page offering information about the program, which is set to begin with new combined tag and tax notices mailed in mid-2013. The web page is located at www.ncdot.gov/dmv and can be accessed with one click on "Tag & Tax Together." The page features frequently asked questions and contact information for each county revenue office. New features will be added in coming months, such as a description of "How to Read Your Combined Vehicle Tag and Tax Notice" and a link to a county vehicle tax calculator, where specific county taxes can be computed for individual vehicles.

GAO Launches "Key Issues" Website to Assist New Congress and the Public

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) today launched a new online resource-GAO's "Key Issues" website-to provide incoming Members of Congress and the American people with quick and easy access to bodies of GAO work on issues of critical importance to the nation. The Key Issues website provides information about GAO's work on a range of subjects. It contains more than 50 specific issue areas, each devoted to topics such as food safety; medical product oversight; disaster management; cybersecurity; realigning and closing military bases; stabilizing and reforming the U.S. financial system; and collaboration across governments, nonprofits, and the private sector. Each area highlights significant GAO reports and other relevant content, including podcasts and videos, along with contact information for GAO subject area experts. Users can browse GAO's Key Issue pages by topic or federal agency. Regular updates will ensure that the website remains current and responsive to user needs and feedback. For more information, visit GAO's Key Issues website or contact Chuck Young in GAO's Office of Public Affairs at (202) 512-4800.

. State Farm Survey: Distracted Driving on The Rise

A survey by State Farm has revealed that distracted driving is likely increasing, adding to travel safety concerns. Though texting while driving remains a concern on the nation's highways, people are also webbing while driving with increasing frequency. These behaviors increase concerns about travel safety for everyone.

The July 2012 survey of nearly 1000 motorists shines a light on a growing safety concern: people accessing the internet while driving. Four years of data show a significant increase in the use of mobile web services while driving. Among drivers 18-29yrs, nearly half (48 percent) admit to surfing the web on their iPhones while driving. The growing popularity of smart phones seems to be contributing to these escalating numbers. The survey revealed an increase in the percentage of drivers who own mobile web devices, as well as an increase in the number of people who report accessing the internet while driving. More drivers than ever are webbing while driving. For more information, visit <http://www.statefarm.com/aboutus/pressreleases/2012/holiday-drivers-surfing.asp>