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AAMVA's The Week In Review For January 28, 2013

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Registration is now open for [AAMVA's Spring Workshop and Law Institute](#), March 12-13 in Atlanta, GA. This exciting 2-day meeting features numerous educational and networking opportunities. Learn what AAMVA is all about and how it can help you in your job. Meet with industry representatives who have services and products that solve your issues. Attend one of four Town Halls to find out the latest in the motor vehicle and law enforcement industry. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.aamva.org/2013-Workshop-Landing/>.

FDR Webinar This Week

There's still time to register for our jurisdiction only webinar on the 2013 Fraud Detection and Remediation (FDR) Courseware Update coming up on January 30, 2013 from 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EST), hosted by Steve Sebestyen, Apex Consulting. To register for this event, [please login here](#). For more information on AAMVA Webinars, visit <http://www.aamva.org/Webinar-Series/>.

And head over to [movemag.org](http://www.move-magazine.com), the online version of AAMVA's Move Magazine, to check out our latest [web exclusive article on the 2013 Fraud Detection and Remediation \(FDR\) training update](#). You'll also find a video featuring AAMVA's Patrice Aasmo discussing what's new in the update courseware and why FDR training is so important. Visit <http://www.aamva.org/FDR-Training/> for more information on the updates!

New Regional Director Announced

AAMVA is delighted to announce that following the upcoming retirement of Fred Porter, Regional Director for Regions I and II, Patrice Aasmo will be the new Regional Director. Patrice has been a member of the AAMVA community for 20 years, serving the membership in many different ways including in leadership roles for key programs such as FDR and NMVTIS. Fred's final day with AAMVA will be February 28 and Patrice will take over the role on March 1.

In this transition, AAMVA has run into an unexpected challenge: Fred has been diagnosed with a brain tumor and is scheduled for surgery to remove the tumor on Wednesday, January 30th at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX. His doctors have advised that, assuming all goes well, he should expect to be released between February 4 - 6. As a result, effective immediately to allow Patrice adequate transition time, Fred's day-to-day regional activities will be temporarily assigned to Sheila Prior at sprior@aamva.org, our regional director for Regions III and IV, and his regional conference planning activities to Dianne Graham at dgraham@aamva.org, Director of Member & Conference Services. Please feel free to contact Sheila or Dianne for any of those items you would normally contact Fred about. Please know that Fred is in high spirits and anxious to move through this next stage and get back to work on the transition and, more importantly, his retirement. AAMVA will keep its members posted on his progress and on the progress of the permanent transition. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Ian Grossman, Vice President for Member Services & Public Affairs at igrossman@aamva.org.

Oregon Supreme Court Allows Continued Use Of Random License Plate Checks

The Oregon Supreme Court ruled earlier this month that police officers can continue to use random license plate checks as a law enforcement tool, upholding a lower court's ruling. The case was brought to court by two Oregon men who were arrested for driving with a suspended license after officers ran their plates. They argued that such

random checks are unconstitutional searches. Read more: <http://www.opb.org/news/article/n3-oregon-supreme-court-allows-continued-use-of-random-license-plate-checks/>

AAMVA maintains a clearinghouse of relevant court decisions on our website. Please feel free to visit <http://www.aamva.org/Court-Cases>. If at any time you have a judicial decision you would like added, just send it to Cian Cashin at ccashin@aamva.org and we can post it. And keep following The Week In Review to find out when new cases are posted and what the case is about.

NHTSA Publishes Uniform Procedures for State Highway Safety Grant Programs

On January 23rd, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) published an [interim final rule](#) establishing new uniform procedures governing the implementation of state highway safety grant programs as amended by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). It also reorganizes and amends existing requirements to implement the provisions of MAP-21. NHTSA intends this interim rule to serve as notice and guidance on the application procedures for national priority safety program grants in fiscal year 2013 and all Chapter 4 highway safety grants beginning in fiscal year 2014.

AAMVA continues to emphasize that member involvement in the consideration and submission of the State Highway Safety Plan is the critical component in a state's ability to apply for and receive numerous DMV-specific safety grant programs. AAMVA encourages its membership to review the [interim final rule](#) modifying grant procedures. Jurisdictions commenting on the rule are encouraged to copy AAMVA's Senior Manager of Government Affairs, Cian Cashin, at ccashin@aamva.org. For more information, visit [AAMVA's homepage](#).

Super Storm Sandy Vehicle Update - NICB Information

AAMVA continues to work with the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) regarding obtaining information on vehicles that have been impacted by Super Storm Sandy. These vehicles are included in NICB's VinCheck data base, which has information from NICB-member insurance companies on total loss reporting as well as insurance theft reports. If a VIN is found in the VinCheck data base it likely for one of the following reasons:

1. The vehicle was reported as a total loss by cooperating NICB members or a member company of NICB. This could include vehicles damaged by Super Storm Sandy.
2. The vehicle was reported as stolen but not recovered by cooperating NICB members.

AAMVA is working to provide our state members with direct, unlimited single VIN inquiry access to this database. We will update you once we have the technical solution finalized. Visit <https://www.nicb.org/> for more information.

DOT Blog: FMCSA Cuts Red Tape For Veterans

Nearly two years ago, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration issued a rule that makes it easier for veterans to take the first step toward getting a job as a professional truck or bus driver. The FMCSA rule allows veterans with two years of experience safely driving a commercial motor vehicle in the military to apply for a civilian commercial driver's license. To obtain a civilian CDL, qualifying veterans are only required to pass a written test.

Since we issued this rule, 44 states have either adopted the veterans provision or are in the process of adopting it. Most recently, the State of Maryland officially joined those ranks this month.

To read more, visit DOT's blog at <http://fastlane.dot.gov/2013/01/cdl-provisions-for-veterans-serving-those-who-served-us.html>.

IIHS Study on Red Light Cameras

In the latest study confirming the benefits of red light cameras, researchers at the Insurance Institute for Highway

Safety (IIHS) found that red light running rates declined at Arlington, Va., intersections equipped with cameras. The decreases were particularly large for the most dangerous violations, those happening 1½ seconds or longer after the light turned red. The number of U.S. communities using red light cameras has grown to about 540 as study after study shows that the devices improve safety. A 2011 IIHS study of large cities with longstanding red light cameras found that cameras reduced the fatal red light running crash rate by 24 percent and the rate of all types of fatal crashes at signalized intersections by 17 percent. For more information and to see the full report, visit <http://www.iihs.org/news/rss/pr012413.html>.

AAMVA Board Member on Real ID Panel

Delaware DMV Director and AAMVA Vice Chair Jennifer Cohan participated in a panel discussion on Real ID hosted by the Heritage Foundation. C-Span 2 covered the panel discussion, and video of the event is available on their website at <http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/310631-1>.

WV DMV Commissioner Retires

Joe Miller has retired as commissioner of the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles. DMV Deputy Commissioner Steven Dale will become acting commissioner. Miller has been DMV commissioner since 2009. He also held the position from 1997 to 2001. Under Miller, the DMV modernized its licensing and vehicle systems, established a veteran's designation on driver's licenses and complied with federal identification requirements meant to curb terrorism. Dale has served in a variety of roles during a DMV career of more than 30 years. In his most recent position, Dale was responsible for DMV's legislative program. AAMVA congratulates Joe Miller on his retirement and sends best wishes to Steven Dale in his new position.