

AAMVA's The Week in Review – February 25, 2013

New Entry in Our "Meet the Experts" Series

The latest entry in AAMVA's "Meet the Experts" series is now up on movemag.org - this one features [AAMVA Director of Vehicle Programs, Cathie Curtis](#). Hear how she came to AAMVA, what she works on, and how she's helped our members find solutions to the issues they face. Take a minute to watch the other entries in our Meet the Experts series while you're at movemag.org!
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hgtXz6CilAs&feature=player_embedded



2013 Workshop & Law Institute Session Spotlight: Town Halls

Back by popular demand are the Workshop Town Hall meetings. Attend Town Halls covering topics of interest in each of the core areas: Legal Services, Driver Services, Law Enforcement, and Vehicle Services. At each Town Hall you will have the opportunity to discuss in an informal setting the latest issues affecting the community and network with colleagues who are facing the same challenges you are. [Download the full program](#) to see what awaits you at the Workshop!

[Register Now to Join us at the 2013 AAMVA Workshop and Law Institute, March 12-13th in Atlanta, GA!](#)

2013 Standing Committee Vacancies

Each of AAMVA's three standing committees have vacancies beginning September 2013. If you are interested in applying for membership, please download the Committee Member Application.

- The Driver Standing Committee is seeking an information technology representative and a public affairs and consumer education (PACE) representative from any of AAMVA's four regions.
- The Enforcement Standing Committee is seeking two law enforcement representatives - one from Region I and one from Region III. These applicants must be sworn law enforcement officers.
- The Vehicle Standing Committee is seeking an information technology representative and a public affairs and consumer education (PACE) representative from any of AAMVA's four regions. The Vehicle Standing Committee is also seeking a vehicle representative from Region III.

All terms are for two years beginning September 2013 and ending August 2015. Download the [Committee Member Application](#). Applications must be received by August 1, 2013. If you have questions, please contact Dianne Graham, director, Member & Conference Services via email dgraham@aamva.org or phone (703) 908-8267. For more information, see <http://www.aamva.org/Committees-and-Working-Groups/>.

Test Maintenance Subcommittee Looking for Members

The Test Maintenance Subcommittee (TMS) is a permanent AAMVA Subcommittee which is directly responsible for developing, maintaining and distributing new and revised model driver's license testing systems (CDL, noncommercial and motorcycle) to the AAMVA Member Jurisdictions. AAMVA is seeking

one jurisdictional representative from Region I and one from Region III. Subcommittee applicants must be well versed in all aspects of commercial and noncommercial knowledge skills/drivers test administration; and shall have as part of their job responsibilities, driver licensing test development or administration activities. TMS will meet face to face at least twice a year, as well as via conference call or webinar as the work load requires. Applicants are required to attend and actively participate in all Subcommittee meetings, assist in all Subcommittee activities; and be the liaison between the AAMVA jurisdictions in your Region and the Subcommittee on licensing issues. The selected applicant must be able to serve a four (4) year term. Interested applicants must complete the [Test Maintenance Subcommittee Member Application Form](#) and return it via email to Dianne Graham at committees@aamva.org no later than February 28, 2013. For more information, see <http://www.aamva.org/Committees-and-Working-Groups/>.

Apply Now for the 2013 PACE Awards

AAMVA's PACE Awards Program recognizes public relations, public affairs and consumer education excellence among the motor vehicle, law enforcement and traffic safety agencies across North America. They recognize creativity, cost effectiveness and the ability to reach consumers with a well crafted, measured and executed message. [Take a look at the full list of categories and complete the 2013 PACE Awards Application form, available here.](#) To apply, complete the first page of the document, the questionnaire on the second page, and include any supporting documentation or materials. Please limit your entries to no more than six submissions to allow us to properly evaluate all the entries we receive. Entries must be submitted (postmarked) by March 25, 2013. For more information, contact Claire O'Brien at cobrien@aamva.org. And take a look at some of last year's winners at <http://www.aamva.org/PACE-Award-Winners/>

Apply Now for the Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety

The Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety is presented annually to an AAMVA member jurisdiction employee, or other individual whose primary function is directly associated with highway and traffic safety efforts.

Nomination Guidelines

- AAMVA member jurisdiction employees, or other individuals whose primary function is motor vehicle or highway safety, are eligible.
- Interested jurisdictional members are encouraged to submit nominations to their chief motor vehicle or chief law enforcement administrator who will then submit one nominee per jurisdictional agency to AAMVA Director of Law Enforcement Brian Ursino at bursino@aamva.org.

[Click here for the 2013 Martha Irwin Award nomination form.](#) Nominations must be received by **April 30, 2013**.

For more information, contact [Brian Ursino](#) via email or at 703-350-5103.

Message from Neil Schuster, President & CEO

As you probably know by now, Fred Porter will retire from AAMVA this week after an exceptional career as an AAMVA staff member and former administrator. On March 1, Patrice Aasmo will assume the role of Director, Member Support Regions I & II. Patrice can be reached at paasmo@aamva.org or 571-435-2861. You may also know that as he transitions to retirement Fred recently underwent surgery to remove a brain tumor. Thankfully, the surgery removed more than 99% of the tumor. The next step is for Fred, along with his wife Betty, to temporarily relocate to Houston for approximately 6 weeks so he

can undergo treatment at MD Anderson. He will undergo radiology treatments Monday - Friday beginning Monday the 25th for a total of 30 - 33 treatments. Fred and Betty have rented an apartment at the Amalfi Apartments at Hermann Park in Houston about a mile from MD Anderson Cancer Center. Apparently it is right beside Hermann Park golf and the docs have even cleared him to play! Fred and Betty have expressed their most sincere appreciation for the thoughts and well wishes from his friends throughout the AAMVA community. Please continue to send positive energy and keep Fred in your thoughts.

AAMVA Publishes CDLIS Documentation in Support of Release 5.3

As of February 22, 2013, the following documentation reflecting new CDLIS requirements is available for download from the AAMVA website at <http://www.aamva.org/CDLIS/>.

- CDLIS Specifications (Release 5.3.1) - 5.3 excluding permit rule requirements
- CDLIS Specifications (Release 5.3.2) - 5.3 including permit rule requirements
- CDLIS State Procedures Manual (Release 5.3.2)

This documentation includes provisions from the final permit rule (Commercial Driver's License Testing and Commercial Learner's Permit Standards), changes to medical certification requirements and additional changes / clarifications vetted by the CDLIS Working Group. Additional details can be found in each associated change control document.

AAMVA will be scheduling webinars in the near future to assist with all aspects of Release 5.3, including;

- An overview of documentation content and updates,
- Assistance with understanding changes in requirements and potential impact state-side,
- Implementation options and associated time-lines, and
- Questions related to structure testing requirements.

For further information, please contact the AAMVA Help Desk at helpdesk@aamva.org.

AAMVA Publishes Revised ACD Manual (Release 5.0.0)

As of February 22, 2013, the following documentation reflecting updates to the ACD Manual is available for download from the AAMVA website at www.aamva.org/ACD.

- AAMVA Code Dictionary (ACD) Manual (Release 5.0.0)
- Implementation Planning Guide (Release 5.0.0)

This documentation includes ACD changes approved by the ACD Working Group that will become effective on September 1, 2013. Updates include the addition of several new codes, plus clarifications and corrections to existing information.

AAMVA will be scheduling webinars in the near future to assist with the new ACD release. For further information, please contact the AAMVA Help Desk at helpdesk@aamva.org.

CDLIS Modernization Update

Massachusetts is the most recent to implement CDLIS Modernization in production this past weekend, bringing the total number of sites in production to 37 (including 35 jurisdictions, the Federal Convictions and Withdrawals Database (the 'MX' node), and the FMCSA Site (the 'FH' node)). In addition, several other states are actively testing with AAMVA. For details please refer to <http://www.aamva.org/CDLIS-Mod-Updates/>.

In addition, congratulations to MS and TN for successfully executing the Master Pointer Record (MPR) Data Quality Validation and Verification (CD31) process in Production. For details please refer to <http://www.aamva.org/CD31-Current-Status/>

Courtesy Notification: MAP-21 Older Drivers and Pedestrians Special Rule Interim Guidance and HSIP Reporting Guidance

The MAP-21 Older Drivers and Pedestrians Special Rule Interim Guidance has been released. It can be viewed at: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/guidance/guideolder.cfm>. The Guidance addresses how to determine if the Special Rule applies to a particular state, how to report this information to FHWA, and how the state should carry out the provisions if it is subjected to the Special Rule.

You may be interested to know that the Highway Safety Improvement Program Reporting Guidance was also recently released, available on the FHWA MAP-21 website at: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/guidance/guidehsipreport.cfm>. Stay tuned for further updates.

NHTSA Repeals Insurer Reporting Requirements

NHTSA has repealed the requirement that insurers report on the number of theft and recovered vehicles and actions taken by the insurer to deter or reduce motor vehicle thefts. [This notice in the Federal Register](#) cites a lack of authority on NHTSA's part to continue this requirement - the only former grounds were amended and incorporated finally into MAP-21.

FHWA Webinar on Registration Data Collection

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) collects state motor vehicle registration data using a form (Form FHWA-561) that requires states to fill out over 200 data items. The FHWA would like to reduce the number of items on the form to decrease the burden on states, while still maintaining data reliability. To make these proposed changes, feedback on the form's questions is critical. The quality of the registration data is important to the AAMVA community as we use the FHWA data as part of calculating member dues rates and NMVTIS fees for U.S. jurisdictions. The FHWA is scheduled to have four repeated webinars to present the preliminary proposal, obtain feedback, and discuss potential issues. We strongly recommend that members attend the webinars to engage in the process of ensuring the most accurate data possible.

All four webinars will collect feedback and information from participants and in addition, the fourth and final webinar will also summarize findings from the previous three webinars. The webinars are as follows:

Webinar 1	2/13/2013	11 am to 12 pm EST
Webinar 2	2/19/2013	4 pm to 5 pm EST
Webinar 3	2/26/2013	11 am to 12 pm EST
Webinar 4	3/5/2013	3:30 pm to 4:30 pm EST

All webinars at: https://connectdot.connectsolutions.com/_a55098539/fhwatalkingtraffic/
Phone: 1- 877-848-7030 Passcode: 6217068

For more information see the complete announcement [here](#).

2013 National Roadway Safety Awards Call for Nominations

The National Roadway Safety Awards is a biennial competition sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Roadway Safety Foundation (RSF) to recognize roadway safety achievements that move the United States towards zero deaths and

serious injuries on the Nation's roadways. Deadline for nominations is March 31, 2013. For full information, visit <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/roadwaysafetyawards/>.