

AAMVA's The Week in Review – March 18, 2013 2013 Workshop & Law Institute Wrap-Up

AAMVA's 2013 Workshop & Law Institute has concluded, but it's provided a wealth of information and knowledge for attendees to bring back to the office. Thank you to all who attended, participated and were a part of another successful working meeting. A special thank you goes out to all the Workshop exhibitors and sponsors. We look forward to seeing you all again soon at regional conferences and the AIC in Scottsdale this August. Materials from the Workshop are available on the [Downloads Page](#). Take a look at this video to get a taste of our two days in Atlanta!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jV7YG7kEH-0>

Webinar: Introduction to the International Non-AppORTioned Commercial Vehicle Agreement (INCVA)

Join us this **Wednesday, March 20, 2013, 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EST)** for a webinar discussion on the International Non-AppORTioned Commercial Vehicle Agreement (INCVA), hosted by AAMVA Director of Vehicle Programs, Cathie Curtis and featuring speakers Rob Termuende, Manager, Vehicle Licensing & Road Safety Policy, Insurance Corporation of British Columbia and Robert Pitcher, Vice President, State Laws, American Trucking Associations. This webinar will provide an introduction to an agreement that has been developed by an IRP, INC task force. The purpose of the agreement is to provide full and free registration reciprocity for those commercial vehicles that are ineligible for registration under the International Registration Plan (IRP) and for those commercial vehicles for which registration under the IRP is optional. [Register here!](#)

Deadline Approaching! 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.



AAMVA at the IACP Highway Safety Committee Meeting

On Saturday and Sunday, March 16 & 17, AAMVA Director of Law Enforcement Brian Ursino attended the IACP Highway Safety Committee meeting. Brian is a special consultant to the committee. AAMVA President & CEO Neil Schuster was also in attendance as was AAMVA Board member Colonel Ron Replogle of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The highlights of the meeting include:

- Brian presented AAMVA's recently published "Best Practices Guide to Reducing Suspended Drivers";
- Brian co-presented recommended changes to the IACP National Law Enforcement Challenge (N:EC) Award Program (Brian is a member of the NLEC subcommittee);
- Colonel Replogle led a discussion on the challenges to law enforcement due to the legalization of recreational use marijuana in Colorado and Washington and the trafficking effects already being observed in neighboring states;
- Under the guidance of Chairman Joe Farrow, Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol, the entire group participated in the development of a new Mission and Vision statement for the Committee.

The next meeting of Highway Safety Committee will be hosted by the Ontario Provincial Police in June 2013. Any questions regarding the IACP Highway Safety Committee should be directed to Brian Ursino at bursino@aamva.org.

CDLIS Modernization Update

West Virginia is the most recent CDLIS site to implement CDLIS Modernization in production this past weekend, bringing the total number of sites in production to 38 (including 36 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 ME, IA and OK 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/>.

CDLIS Timeliness, Data Quality, and Capabilities Reports for Jurisdictions

At the direction and support of FMCSA, AAMVA produces monthly reports on the CDLIS Timeliness, Data Quality, and Capabilities of all jurisdictions. The reports for February are now ready for your review.

If your State would like to receive these reports, please send a request to helpdesk@aamva.org.

Webinar: "Vehicle Identifier Requirements for Graduated Driver Licensing: A Case Study in New Jersey"

Findings in a study, "**Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) Decal Law: Effect on Young Probationary Drivers**" published by the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia suggest that New Jersey's GDL decal law is positively affecting probationary drivers' safety. The results of this study contribute to building the evidence base for the effectiveness of decal laws and provide valuable information to U.S. and international policymakers who are considering adding decal laws to enhance existing GDL laws. Want to know more about New Jersey's novel program? Mark your calendars now to participate in the Webinar about GDL identifiers and the NJ experience being hosted by the Network for Public Health Law on **Thursday, March 21, 2013 from 1 - 2 p.m. (ET)**. Click on the link below to register for the event.

http://www.networkforphl.org/network_resources/webinar_series/

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/>.

Senate Action Restores Highway Safety Funding

The Governor's Highway Safety Administration is extremely grateful to the the Senate Appropriations Committee for fully funding highway safety grant programs in its FY 2013 spending bill. The version of the Continuing Resolution (CR) passed last week by the House of Representatives would cut nine percent of the federal behavioral highway safety grant programs available to states. These programs encourage states to enact distracted driving laws as and strengthen graduated licensing laws for teen drivers. The programs were authorized last year as part of the bipartisan law known as Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). MAP-21 didn't create any new highway safety spending. It just repackaged the spending limits in other highway safety incentive programs into a single, consolidated program. Even if states do not qualify for these grants, the money would be shifted into other critical highway safety grant programs. This would be especially helpful since many states believe they could receive less funding under MAP-21 due to difficult qualification rules. For more information, visit ghsa.org.

FMCSA Publishes Final Rule Regarding MAP-21 Agricultural Exemptions

On March 14, 2013, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) published a final rule in the Federal Register amending federal regulations to reflect the statutory exemptions that are applicable to certain drivers transporting agricultural commodities provided under sections 32101(d) and 32934 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). FMCSA is encouraging states to adopt compatible regulations as soon as possible after the effective date of this final rule (March 14, 2013), but no later than three years from the rule's effective date. This action follows an October 1, 2012 Federal Register notice from FMCSA alerting motor carriers and enforcement officials of the two statutory exemptions in MAP-21. Specifically, section 321019(d) provided a statutory exemption from the hours-of-service (HOS) regulations for certain carriers transporting agricultural commodities within a 150 (instead of 100) air-mile radius of the farm or source of the commodities. Also exempt are retailers delivering farm supplies for agricultural purposes within a 150 (instead of 100) air-mile radius of their distribution point to a farm or other place where the supplies will be used, and wholesalers delivering farm supplies within the same radius to a retailer, farm, or place where they will

be used. Section 32934 provided a statutory exemption from most of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR) for the operation of "covered farm vehicles" by farm and ranch operators, their employees, and certain other specified individuals under certain specific circumstances. Vehicles transporting placardable quantities of hazardous materials are not eligible for these exemptions. These statutory provisions were self-executing and took effect on October 1, 2012.

[AAMVA encourages its membership to review the final rule.](#) Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact AAMVA's Senior Manager of Government Affairs, Cian Cashin, at ccashin@aamva.org or (703) 908-8276.

USDOT DEADLINE REMINDER: Nominations for National Freight Advisory Committee: March 21

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announced the establishment of a National Freight Advisory Committee on Thursday, February 14, 2013, and is currently soliciting nominations for membership.

Detailed instructions on the NFAC and how to submit nominations are available here and a sample nomination template is available here: http://www.freight.dot.gov/freight_nfac.cfm.

The NFAC will provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary aimed at improving the national freight transportation system in the United States, including (1) implementation of the freight transportation requirements of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (P.L. 112-141); (2) establishment of the National Freight Network; (3) development of a National Freight Strategic Plan; (4) development of strategies to help States implement State Freight Advisory Committees and State Freight Plans; and (5) development of measures of conditions and performance in freight transportation; (6) development of freight transportation investment, data, and planning tools; and (7) legislative recommendations.

Nominations must be received on or before midnight E.D.T. on March 21, 2013.

All nomination materials should be emailed to freight@dot.gov, faxed to (202) 366-0263, or mailed to:

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