

AAMVA's The Week in Review – April 1, 2013

Checking In With the Chair

It's been a busy year so far for Chair of the AAMVA Board, Stacey Stanton. Watch the video below to get an update on what she's been up to, where's she's visited, and what's ahead for her AAMVA.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UsMAeF9ZN9s&list=UUrW3jQf3p_25zeK9EQbCrAA&index=1

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.

FMCSA Publishes Commercial Driver's License Testing and Commercial Learner's Permit Standards

On March 25, 2013, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announced that it amends its May 9, 2011, final rule in response to certain petitions for reconsideration. The agency received 34 petitions for reconsideration that covered a wide range of issues. The final rule addresses the petitions that were granted.

AAMVA encourages its membership to review the final rule available [here](#). 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.

Commercial Vehicles & Courts Webcast Series Presents "Compliance: A Best Practice State"

The National Center for State Courts is pleased to announce the fourth in a series of six webcasts addressing critical commercial driving issues facing state courts. Join the Commercial Driving Resource Center for the fourth webcast in the monthly series entitled, "Compliance: A Best Practice State" to be broadcast on **April 18 at 2:00 p.m. EST**.

This webcast series is funded by a grant from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), a division of the Department of Transportation.

[Register here!](#)

Nearly Half of Commuters Admit to Texting While Driving

Nearly half of commuters self-reported texting while driving in a recent poll, and 43% of those who did called it a "habit." Commuters are texting and driving even more than teens - 49%, compared to 43%. And the problem has gotten worse. Six in 10 commuters say they never texted while driving three years

ago. So while efforts to raise awareness of the dangers of texting while driving are working - 98% of commuters surveyed said they know sending a text or email while driving isn't safe - there's clearly more work to be done to change behaviors. Survey sponsor AT&T is calling on employers to help end texting while driving by taking action during National Distracted Driving Awareness Month in April, and beyond. It's asking businesses to join the more than 165 organizations already engaged in the Texting & Driving-It Can Wait movement, and to use the policies, technologies and communications materials available free at <http://att.com/itcanwait> to help move their employees beyond being aware of the danger to making a personal commitment not to text and drive. For more information, visit [here](#).

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Did you know that April was designated as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month? What will you be doing to raise awareness in your community or organization? During the month the [Distraction Advocate Network](#) will share video stories from many of the families across the country who have lost ones or victims who have suffered serious injuries due to a distracted driver. They will share the "best of the best" in information and resources that are available to raise the awareness of this epidemic. They will also follow the campaigns across the country which are all aimed at raising awareness and changing the culture of driving while distracted and share them with you.

Partner with NOYS for Global Youth Traffic Safety Month

Each May, youth across the country unite during [Global Youth Traffic Safety Month](#) to focus on the leading cause of death for them and their peers; traffic related crashes. AAMVA is proud to be a partner with the National Organizations for Youth Safety (NOYS) for Global Youth Traffic Safety Month 2013 which starts May 8, 2013.

NOYS invites your organization to become a partner for Global Youth Traffic Safety Month. For more information on how to become a partner organization, visit [here](#).

NH RFP Posted

The State of New Hampshire recently released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the purpose of procuring a fully functional software suite to support the operations of the NH Division of Motor Vehicles (NH DMV) and the services needed for a successful implementation of the software. The primary focus of the effort will be to replace the functionality of the current NH DMV application that is implemented in CA-IDMS. This project is known as VISION.