

AAMVA's The Week in Review – April 8, 2013 **Check Out the New Media Center on AAMVA.org**

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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 to Provide Overview Sessions for the CDLIS Release 5.3

In February, AAMVA released the new Commercial Driver's License Information System (CDLIS) System Specifications (Release 5.3.1 and Release 5.3.2) and CDLIS State Procedures Manual (Release 5.3.2). Documentation can be found on the AAMVA website at <http://www.aamva.org/CDLIS/> ('Documentation' tab). The documents provided are: AAMVA has scheduled two identical, 1-hour overview sessions to provide details of the changes on the following days:

- Wednesday, April 17, 2013, 2:00 pm EDT (webinarID = 357-081-680)
- Thursday, April 18, 2013, 10:00 am EDT (webinarID = 274-877-993)

Participants may register for either of the sessions at:

- <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/357081680> (for the April 17 session)
- <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/274877993> (for the April 18 session)

Alternatively, to participate, go to <https://www1.gotowebinar.com/> and click on the 'Join a Webinar' button at the top. Enter the appropriate webinar ID and your email address.

For the voice portion, dial 1-866-623-4526; Participant Passcode: 9182005.

Please address any questions to Deepti Yakasiri [<mailto:dyakasiri@aamva.org>]; (703) 908-2892].

Overview Sessions for the AAMVA Code Dictionary (ACD) Release 5.0.0 of the ACD Manual

In February, AAMVA released the new AAMVA Code Dictionary (ACD) Manual (Release 5.0.0) which will become effective on September 1, 2013. This release adds five new codes, revises some definitions, provides some clarifications, and corrects errata from release 4.0.0. Documentation can be found on the AAMVA website at www.aamva.org/ACD ('Documentation' tab). The documents provided are:

- AAMVA Code Dictionary (ACD) Manual (Release 5.0.0)
- AAMVA Code Dictionary (ACD) Manual (Release 5.0.0) - with changes from release 4.0.0 highlighted

- Implementation Planning Guide (Release 5.0.0)

AAMVA has scheduled two identical, 1-hour overview sessions to provide details of the changes on the following days:

- Tuesday, April 16, 2013, 3:00 pm EDT (webinarID = 236-863-368)
- Wednesday, April 17, 2013, 9:00 am EDT (webinarID = 947-472-441)

Participants may register for either of the sessions at:

- <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/236863368> (for the April 16 session)
- <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/947472441> (for the April 17 session)

Alternatively, to participate, go to <https://www1.gotowebinar.com/> and click on the 'Join a Webinar' button at the top. Enter the appropriate webinar ID and your email address. The password is 'ACD500' (the last two characters are zeroes).

For the voice portion, dial 1-866-623-4526; Participant Passcode: 9182005. Please address any questions to Greg Sensiba [gsensiba@aamva.org]; (703) 908-2822] or the chair of the ACD WG, Steve Monson [steven.monson@state.co.us]; (303) 205-5829].

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!](#)

FHWA Releases Strategic Highway Safety Plan The Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Interim Guidance was just released. For those interested, please find the Guidance posted at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/guidance/guideshsp.cfm>

MAP-21 continues the requirement for States to develop, implement and evaluate a Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP), as first established under SAFETEA-LU. The major features of SHSPs remain the same; however there are enhancements and new requirements under MAP-21. The most significant changes to SHSPs are the requirements for regularly recurring evaluation and updates, and the penalty for not having an approved, updated SHSP. The Guidance clarifies these requirements. Specifically, it addresses the SHSP: 1) features; 2) update process; 3) evaluation; 4) approval; and 5) penalty for failure to have an updated, approved plan. In addition to this Guidance, a Question and Answer (Q&A) document is available at: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/qandas/qashsp.cfm>.

Global Youth Traffic Safety Month Launches May 8; Lead your own Long Short Walk!

Make Roads Safe North America cordially invites you to attend the May 8th launch of the Decade of Action for Road Safety events at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial in Washington, DC. They will celebrate Global Road Safety Week, Global Youth Traffic Safety Month and Bike Month. This year, the theme of Global Road Safety Week is pedestrian safety and members of the Mandela family will lead the Long Short Walk, a worldwide walk for road safety in memory of Zenani Mandela, in locations all over the globe. Organize your own Long Short Walk before May 8th in support of Global Road Safety Week.

The Long Short Walk in 3 easy steps:

- (1) Invite friends/colleagues and make signs (or download them) telling why you are walking.
- (2) Find a safe route to walk, get signs, and register your walk at www.mylongshortwalk.org.
- (3) Walk! If you prefer to bike, you can go on a Long Short Walk & Roll! Use the "Every Body Walks! App" to keep track of your distance and don't forget to share your photos by uploading them at www.mylongshortwalk.org, tweeting them #walksafe and #noysnoise, and publishing them on your websites/blogs/Facebook.

To learn more about the full day of activities on May 8, contact National Organizations for Youth Safety at info@noys.org.

National Teen Driving Report Finds Safety Gains for Teen Passengers

A new report on teen driver safety released by The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) and State Farm® shows encouraging trends among teen passengers. In 2011 more than half of teen passengers (54 percent) reported "always" buckling up. From 2008 to 2011, risky behaviors of teen passengers (ages 15 to 19 years) declined: the number of teen passengers killed in crashes not wearing seat belts decreased 23 percent; the number of teen passengers driven by a peer who had been drinking declined 14 percent; and 30 percent fewer teen passengers were killed in crashes involving a teen driver. Overall, the report measured a 47 percent decline in teen driver-related fatalities over the past six years. Still, as recent high-profile multi-fatality crashes with teen drivers illustrate, crashes remain the leading cause of death for U.S. teens. Read more at <http://www.research.chop.edu/publications/press/?ID=734>.

NHTSA Survey Finds 660,000 Drivers Using Cell Phones or Manipulating Electronic Devices While Driving At Any Given Daylight Moment

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released new survey results that show that Americans continue to use electronic devices while driving, despite warnings that it causes their own driving to deteriorate and can lead to crashes, injuries and even death. The new data are being released at the start of National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. The new data include statistics from the 2012 Distracted Driving Attitudes and Behaviors Survey and the 2011 National Occupant Protection Use Survey on Driver Electronics Use, as well as the 2011 Distraction Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) data. All three reports are being highlighted in the premier issue of NHTSA's SAFETY 1N NUM3ERS online monthly auto safety newsletter. [Read more at nhtsa.gov](http://nhtsa.gov).

Crash-Test Ratings May Include Senior-Citizen Protection

The U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in a Federal Register posting said it may create a "silver" rating system for how well vehicles protect older occupants in crashes. It also may consider how rear-seat passengers and pedestrians fare in crashes and is looking at new test procedures for electric vehicles. While brands such as General Motors Co. (GM)'s Cadillac are seeking younger buyers, NHTSA Administrator David Strickland said he thinks a "silver" rating will be attractive to automakers because of the purchasing power of the aging baby-boom generation. [Read more at bloomberg.com](http://bloomberg.com).