

AAMVA's The Week in Review for April 29, 2013



AAMVA Board Meets At Headquarters

The AAMVA Board of Directors held their spring board meeting at AAMVA Headquarters in Arlington, VA on April 18 & 19. The Board heard a number of operational updates from AAMVA staff including the status of implementing a federal military skills test waiver program to facilitate commercial driver licensing of veterans when they leave service and enter the job market, the developing e-titling proof of concept, the NTSIC CSDII pilot program, and numerous other initiatives. The Board also took formal action to launch AAMVA's new Driver License Data Verification program from pilot to production. The group spent time engaging with AAMVA's federal and association partners such as NHTSA, FMCSA, DHS, ICE, IRP, and CCMTA and discussed some of the community's top trending issues like licensing undocumented immigrants and meeting a number of the new regulatory requirements in MAP-21.

DEADLINE TOMORROW: 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.

Registration Open for Region I Conference, Look Forward to Seeing You in Dover, DE!

Registration for the 2013 Region I conference is now available at <http://www.aamva.org/2013-Region-I-Conference/>. The conference will be held at the Dover Downs Hotel & Casino in Dover, Delaware July 13-18. Planning details can be found on the website and we have an exciting agenda that will cover a wide range of topics. Sessions will include topics such as Customer Service - Giving Customers What They Want, Teen Driver Safety, the Future of Vehicle Inspections, ICE Fraud updates, Mature Drivers, VMT, Tolling and License Plates, Disaster Preparation and Recovery, Traffic Incident Management and System Modernization, as well as several breakout sessions that address driver licensing, vehicle registration and titling, and law enforcement issues. Get yourself registered to take advantage of an opportunity to network with your peers, share challenges and opportunities, and to learn how industry solutions can help you address your challenges. Visit the site or contact Patrice Aasmo at paasmo@aamva.org or 571-435-2861 if you need additional information.

Region IV Conference Registration Now Open; Make Plans to Attend

Registration for the 2013 Region IV conference is now available at <http://www.aamva.org/2013-Region-IV-Conference/>. Registrations received by May 15 are eligible for the early rate of \$250. We will be meeting at the Omni Interlocken in Broomfield, Colorado, June 24-27. Our conference rate is \$128 / night. You can make reservations by calling the Omni at (303) 438-6600 or on-line [here](#). The Committees are working on a jam-packed agenda that will cover topics such as Sovereign Citizens, Delivering an Effective Dealer Management/Oversight Program, DACA and the Move Towards Two-Tier Driver Licensing, How to Walk on the Cloud Without Falling Through, Legal Marijuana - The Next National Trend and the Effects on Highway Safety, E-Titling from the Jurisdictions Perspective, Are You Brave Enough for System Redesign?, Autonomous Vehicles, Best Practices to Reducing Suspended Drivers, CDL Update, and much, much more. Don't miss the opportunity to network with your counterparts and share successes and challenges and to learn what new tools industry can provide to help you in your mission. Contact Sheila Prior at sprior@aamva.org or 480-275-4584 if you have questions or need more information.

Registration Now Open for Region II Conference: Hope to See You There!

Registration for the 2013 Region II conference is now available at <http://www.aamva.org/2013-Region-II-Conference/>. The conference will be held at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis in Atlanta, Georgia, June 9-13. Planning details can be found on the website and the Committees have put together an excellent program with an agenda that will cover a wide range of topics. Sessions will include topics such as Changes that Improved Customer Service, Inter-agency Use of Facial Recognition, Wireless Roadside Inspection Technology, Unconventional Vehicles and Licensing, Emergency Contact Information, System Modernization, News from our Federal Partners, State-to-State and DIVS Update, E-Titling from the Jurisdictions Perspective, What is MAP21 and How Does it Affect My Agency, and several breakout sessions that delve into driver licensing, vehicle registration and titling, and law enforcement subjects in detail. Take advantage of an opportunity to network with your peers, share challenges and opportunities, and to learn how industry solutions can help you address your challenges. Visit the site or contact Patrice Aasmo at paasmo@aamva.org or 571-435-2861 if you need additional information.



Crahans Celebrate Anniversaries with U-Haul

Colleagues, friends, and family were recently invited to the headquarters of U-Haul International in downtown Phoenix for a years of service celebration for Pat and Velva Crahan. Pat has been with the company for 50 years, and Velva for 25. Colleagues told stories about the two and talked about the many lessons they have learned from the Crahans over the years. Joining in the celebration were Joe Cook, Stacey Stanton, honorees Velva and Pat, Sheila Prior and Craig Galler. Congratulations to Pat and Velva! Thanks for all you've done for U-Haul and the AAMVA community!

Maine Provides Vehicle Data into NMVTIS

AAMVA is very pleased to announce that Maine has successfully loaded its VIN pointer and brand data into NMVTIS. Additionally, it will provide daily batch updates moving forward and continue to inquire on the system via the State Web Interface. The U.S. DMV data represented in NMVTIS is now 89%! Congratulations, Maine! For more information about NMVTIS federal compliance requirements, please contact [Marney Michalowski](#), NMVTIS Program Manager.

RFI Posted: Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles: Driver License/Identification Card Issuance and Production

The primary purpose of this RFI is to gain contemporary knowledge to assist in the development of a Request For Proposal (RFP) to facilitate issuance of Wisconsin driver license and identification card products. This system is expected to be integrated with WisDMV web services, mainframe, and customer flow system. The State of Wisconsin invites all interested parties to submit a written response to this Request for Information. Vendors are being asked to provide complete information on equipment, software, and services your company offers to facilitate the capture, storage and retrieval of a digitized signature and a digitized image of an individual, along with specified demographic information, which can be stored efficiently and retrieved rapidly through various access points. The solution must include ability to utilize facial recognition. The solution must be able to accept centralized batch print requests, and produce and mail highly secure credentials from a centralized production facility and must support defined web services interfaces for integration with other DMV applications. The information gained from this RFI may be used in the development of a competitive procurement process, leading to the selection of a contractor that is best suited to provide the solution set that meets the Department's requirements. DOT wants to look at all possible solution sets to meet our needs for credential issuance and production. Please include a full description of your processing system and integration model. [For more information, visit http://www.aamva.org/Open-RFPs/](http://www.aamva.org/Open-RFPs/).

New Postings on AAMVA's Blog

[AAMVA's Blog](#) now features two new guest postings from:

- **Sandy Spavone** (NOYS) regarding May as National Youth Traffic Safety Month, and
- **PennDOT** regarding May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

Check [AAMVA's blog](#) often as we've got more posts planned for the weeks ahead!

FMCSA Publishes Final Rule on Self Reporting of Out-of-State Convictions

On April 26, 2013, FMCSA published its final rule regarding the self reporting of out-of-state convictions. This final rule would amend FMCSA's commercial driver's license (CDL) rules to eliminate the requirement for drivers to notify the State licensing agency that issued their commercial learner's permit (CLP) or CDL of out-of-State traffic convictions when those convictions occur in States that have a certified CDL program in substantial compliance with FMCSA rules. Current regulations require both CDL holders and States with certified CDL programs to report a CDL holder's out-of-state traffic conviction to the driver's State of licensure. This final rule amends the CDL rules to eliminate this reporting redundancy for those cases in which the conviction occurs in a State that has a certified CDL program in substantial compliance with FMCSA regulations. The intent of the rule is to reduce any regulatory burden on individual CLP and CDL holders as well as those placed on State driver licensing agencies.

The rule is effective May 28, 2013 and was promulgated in accordance with Executive Order 13536 - "Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review" issued January 18, 2011. 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. Read the full text of the rule in the [Federal Registry](#), and check [AAMVA's Legislative Alerts page](#) for information on this and other important legislation and regulations.

FMCSA Recognizes Date Discrepancy in Commercial Driver's License Testing and Permit Standards Rule

On March 25th AAMVA published a notice regarding the FMCSA amendment to its Commercial Driver's License Testing and Commercial Learner's Permit Standards rule. AAMVA noted that there was a discrepancy between the actual compliance date of July 8, 2015 and the requirement for standardized endorsement and restriction codes on Commercial Learner's Permits and CDLs of July 8, 2014. FMCSA has since noted this error and has indicated that all aspects of the final rule have a compliance date of July 8, 2015. FMCSA has decided not to do a stand-alone correction rule for this single issue, but instead plans to include it as part of an agency-wide corrections rule to be issued later this year. FMCSA wants to ensure jurisdictions know they are aware of this technical error and that the compliance date for all new requirements in the May 9, 2011 and March 25, 2013 final rules is July 8, 2015.

U.S. DOT Releases Guidelines to Minimize In-Vehicle Distractions

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood released distraction guidelines that encourage automobile manufacturers to limit the distraction risk connected to electronic devices built into their vehicles, such as communications, entertainment and navigation devices. Issued by the Department's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the voluntary guidelines establish specific recommended criteria for electronic devices installed in vehicles at the time they are manufactured that require drivers to take their hands off the wheel or eyes of the road to use them. The guidelines include recommendations to limit the time a driver must take his eyes off the road to perform any task to two seconds at a time and twelve seconds total. The guidelines also recommend disabling several operations unless the vehicle is stopped and in park, such as:

- Manual text entry for the purposes of text messaging and internet browsing;
- Video-based entertainment and communications like video phoning or video conferencing;
- Display of certain types of text, including text messages, web pages, social media content.

For more information, visit nhtsa.gov.

Study: Voice-To-Text Apps Offer No Driving Safety Benefit; As With Manual Texting, Reaction Times Double

Texting drivers may believe they're being more careful when they use the voice-to-text method, but new research findings suggest that those applications offer no real safety advantage over manual texting. The [study](#) was sponsored by the Southwest Region University Transportation Center and conducted by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI). SWUTC is a part of the University Transportation Centers Program, which is a federally-funded program administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Research and Innovative Technology Administration. The study is the first of its kind, as it is based on the performance of 43 research participants driving an actual vehicle on a closed course. Other research efforts have evaluated manual versus voice-activated tasks using devices installed in a vehicle, but the TTI analysis is the first to compare voice-to-text and manual texting on a handheld device in an actual driving environment. For more information on the study's findings, visit the [Texas A&M Transportation Institute](#).

D.C. Residents Agree Red Light Cameras, Speed Cameras Make Streets Safer in Nation's Capital, IIHS Survey Reveals

Red light cameras and speed cameras are perpetual targets of critics who deem them widely unpopular and unfair. Ask people who live in areas with long-standing automated enforcement programs their view of cameras and a different picture emerges. A new survey by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) shows a large majority of people who live in Washington, D.C., favor camera enforcement. About 9 of 10 residents said they consider drivers running red lights and stop signs, speeding and not stopping for pedestrians serious threats to their personal safety. Among those surveyed, 87 percent support red light cameras and 76 percent favor speed cameras. Half of respondents favor using cameras to enforce laws against stop sign violations, and 47 percent favor using cameras to enforce laws against crosswalk violations. In the survey, 93 percent of residents said they were aware of the photo-enforcement program, which includes 47 red light cameras and 43 speed cameras. The D.C. Metropolitan Police Department has used red light cameras since 1999 and speed cameras since 2001. It plans to expand the program this year to include stop sign and crosswalk cameras. For more information, visit www.iihs.org.