

AAMVA's The Week in Review for April 22, 2013

New Meet the Experts Just Posted at Movemag.org

Head over to Movemag.org to take a look at the latest entry in our Meet the Experts series, this time featuring a profile of [Cian Cashin, AAMVA's Senior Manager of Government Affairs](#). Learn a little about what Cian does for members here at AAMVA and on Capitol Hill.



Register Now for the Card Design Standard Webinar

Join us on **Wednesday, April 24th, 2-3 p.m. (EST)**

for a webinar discussion on [AAMVA's Card Design Standard and Beyond](#), with speakers Cindy Gerber (South Dakota), Loffie Jordaan (Fischer Consulting), and Geoff Slagle (AAMVA). The evolution of technology and requirements are constantly driving change and improvements to driver's license and identification cards. This webinar will offer a glimpse into the future of card design standards, along with expert advice as to why these standards are relevant to the motor vehicle and law enforcement community. [Register now to join the discussion](#), [take a look at this blog posting](#) from Geoff Slagle, and get a brief overview of the issue in this video:



DEADLINE APPROACHING: 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.

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.

Good News for SAVE User Agencies!

On April 21, 2013, SAVE launched system upgrades which will provide faster and enhanced verification services that will make it easier for DMVs to determine the eligibility of their applicants. No matter which access method your agency uses (Web-3, Web Services, VLS), instructions on configuring your systems will be available in a new Interface Control Agreement (ICA) starting on April 22, 2013. [SAVE](#), the Systematic Alien Verification program, is administered by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

MADD Analysis Finds Majority of Underage Drinking Deaths Not Traffic Related

Each year, about 4,700 people die as a result of underage drinking (according to SAMHSA, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration), but the majority of the deaths attributable to alcohol use among 15 to 20 year olds are not on our roadways. As part of Alcohol Awareness Month and in advance of the third annual PowerTalk 21® day, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) announces a new analysis of data that estimates 68 percent of deaths attributable to underage drinking are not traffic related - which illustrates the importance of preventing underage drinking, even if there's no driving involved. Using 2010 data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), MADD estimates that 32 percent of all deaths related to underage (age 15-20) alcohol use were traffic fatalities and 68 percent were other fatal incidents, including homicides (30 percent), suicides (14 percent), alcohol poisonings (9 percent) and other causes of death (15 percent). Read more at <http://www.madd.org/media-center/press-releases/2013/madd-analysis-finds-majority.html>.

Bridgestone Survey: Are Young Drivers Learning Their Lesson?

The frequency of anti-texting campaigns over recent years has demonstrated the risks of distracted driving for young drivers, and according to a new nationwide survey commissioned by Bridgestone Americas, Inc., taking those risks behind the wheel is becoming increasingly unacceptable among that group. Yet, social pressures fail to keep young drivers from engaging in those behaviors, especially when driving alone. The survey polled more than 2,000 young drivers ages 16-21, and 71 percent said that reading received texts and emails is unacceptable, yet 45 percent admitted to doing it themselves. Almost 80 percent believe sending texts and emails behind the wheel is unacceptable, but 37 percent admitted to engaging in the behavior. Read more about the survey's results at <http://www.teensdrivesmart.com/news/are-young-drivers-learning-their-lesson>