AAMVA’s The Week in Review for May 20, 2013

New CVP Web Exclusive on MoveMag.org
Head over to MoveMag.org to get our latest web exclusive covering AAMVA’s Courtesy Verification Program (CVP). CVP is a free and effective way for AAMVA members to determine if their driver’s licenses and identification (DL/ID) cards and other motor vehicle administration documents using machine readable technologies conform to the applicable AAMVA standards and specifications.

AAMVA Issues RFI for CVP and SDI2
AAMVA has issued a call for interest to any organization that would like to assist with AAMVA’s courtesy verification program (CVP) and secure document inventory initiative (SDI2). We are looking for organizations that would like to serve as potential laboratories for the program. More background and a checklist of information being sought is available for download here. Please respond by August 30, 2013. Direct any inquiries on this to our Director of Identity Management, Geoff Slagle, (703)342-7459, gslagle@aamva.org.

New RFP Posted
The Oregon Department of Transportation acting on behalf of its Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV) has posted on the State of Oregon Procurement information Network (ORPIN) website an update on progress with the Driver License Issuance Replacement project. The Notice # is 730-25350 Notice 1-13. Visit the procurement website for more information http://www.oregon.gov/DAS/EGS/ps/Pages/eprocurement.aspx.

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Visit AAMVA's website for more information on this and other open RFP/RFIs.

AAMVA Website Online Credentials
AAMVA's Web site allows users to create an account with a profile called 'My AAMVA'. This user profile is required for online registration to AAMVA events - including AAMVA’s Annual International Conference - and for other AAMVA related transactions as well as to gain access to certain members-only content. To create a user profile and receive AAMVA log in credentials, follow the instructions in this document.
Register Now for AAMVA’s Regional Conferences

Registration is now open for all three Regional Conferences:

FMCSA Publishes Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Regarding Integration of Medical Examiner’s Certifications
On May 10, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) published a notice of proposed rulemaking regarding the integration of a medical examiner’s certification into the licensing process. In the notice, FMCSA proposes to require certified medical examiners (MEs) performing physical examinations on drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) to use a newly developed Medical Examination Report (MER) Form (Form MCSA-5875) in place of the current MER Form. Comments on the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) are due before July 9th, 2013. AAMVA encourages its membership to review this document on the proposed rulemaking and consider the impacts it may have on jurisdictional operations. AAMVA also encourages its members to provide a copy of any comments submitted to the docket to AAMVA’s Senior Manager of Government Affairs, Cian Cashin, at ccashin@aamva.org. This will allow AAMVA to officially file comments that reinforce the concerns of our membership at large.

NTSB Unveils Interventions To Reach Zero Alcohol-Impaired Crashes
The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has recommended that all 50 states adopt a blood-alcohol content (BAC) cutoff of 0.05 compared to the current standard of 0.08. The lower standard is part of a safety board initiative outlined in a staff report and approved by the panel to eventually eliminate drunk driving, which accounts for about a third of all road deaths in the United States. For more information, visit http://www.ntsb.gov/news/2013/130514.html.

Recent Analysis Indicates Cell Phone Distracted Driving Crashes Vastly Under-reported
The National Safety Council released findings from a recent analysis of national statistics on fatal motor vehicle crashes, in a report entitled, "Crashes Involving Cell Phones: Challenges of Collecting and
Reporting Reliable Crash Data," funded in part by Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company. The report reviewed 180 fatal crashes from 2009 to 2011, where evidence indicated driver cell phone use. Of these fatal crashes, in 2011 only 52% were coded in the national data as involving cell phone use.

Even when drivers admitted cell phone use during a fatal crash, the Council's analysis found that in about one-half of these cases, the crash was not coded in Federal data (the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fatal Analysis Reporting System). In addition, there are an unknown number of cases in which cell phone use involvement in crashes is impossible to determine. One example would be a driver reading an email or text message on a phone who dies in a crash without any witnesses. For more information, visit http://www.nsc.org/Pages/Study-Car-Crash-Deaths-Involving-Cell-Phones-Vastly-Under-Reported.aspx.