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AAMVA and CIECA Meet, Sign Formal Working Agreement



Neil Schuster and Mike Calvin participated in this year's annual CIECA (a European road safety and testing association) meeting in Pfaffikon, Switzerland outside of Zurich on May 29-31st. During the meeting, Neil and Kari Hakuli (Finland), CIECA's President, signed a formal working agreement for the two organizations to collaborate in the coming years. For full information visit [AAMVA's blog.](#)





Register for Regional Conferences

Register now for AAMVA's Regional Conferences:

- [Region II](#) meets **next week**, June 8-13th, in Atlanta, GA
- [Region IV](#) meets later this month from June 24-27th in Broomfield, CO

[Region I](#) meets from July 13-18th in Dover, DE. **Early bird registration for Region I needs to be PAID by June 21.**



Get Ready to Register for the 2013 Annual International Conference

Get ready - registration for AAMVA's 2013 Annual International Conference is set to open **this week**. We've got some great sessions planned for our time in Scottsdale, AZ, August 26-28th. Don't forget to create your 'My AAMVA' account and profile - it's 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](#).



AAMVA Staff Visit with Virginia/North

Carolina DMV and Law Enforcement Officials

On May 20th, New AAMVA Director of Member Support for Regions I and II, Patrice Aasmo, conducted her first official state visit in her home state of Virginia. Commissioner Rick Holcomb and his staff were gracious hosts and well prepared for the visit. AAMVA Director of Law Enforcement Brian Ursino joined Patrice on May 21st where they spent the day with Colonel Steve Flaherty of the VA State Police. They received a tour of the new Driver

Training Facility and talked at length about the agency's collaboration with other Federal, state and local government agencies, as well as the dynamic facilities and progressive programs they have worked to put in place.

On May 22nd, Brian and Patrice, joined by Commissioner Holcomb, took a road trip to Raleigh, to meet with the new North Carolina Commissioner, James Forte and his executive team. He was very pleased to meet his colleague to the north, and to hear about how AAMVA can assist him and his staff with their challenges. They all then took a short trip across town to meet with the newly appointed Colonel William Grey of the NC Highway Patrol for lunch, followed by a tour of the Patrol's academy and training facilities.

AAMVA Blog: Could I-5 Have Been Prevented?

"The I-5 bridge outside of Mt. Vernon, Washington that collapsed into the Skagit River on March 23rd has provoked public uneasiness and scrutiny about the state of our national infrastructure system. The Federal Highway Administration compiles an inventory of the ratings given to the conditions of all bridges and tunnels, known distinctively as the National Bridge Inventory (NBI). The FHA rated the failed Washington state bridge as "functionally obsolete" prior to this incident..." Read the entire blog post at

<http://www.aamva.org/blogs.aspx?blogid=109>

Updated Court Cases at AAMVA.org

Don't forget to periodically check out the [Court Cases page](#) in the Government Affairs section of the AAMVA Website. This week AAMVA has posted two relevant decisions:

- U.S. Supreme Court decides criminal suspects can be subjected to a police DNA test after arrest.
- Wisconsin 4th District Court of Appeals upholds a state law requiring photo identification for voting purposes.

The [Court Cases page](#) is regularly updated with state and federal court cases of particular interest to the AAMVA membership.

CDLIS Modernization Update

Missouri is the most recent CDLIS sites to implement CDLIS Modernization in production this past weekend, bringing the total number of sites in production to 41 (including 39 jurisdictions, the Federal Convictions and Withdrawals Database (the 'MX' node), and the FMCSA Site (the 'FH' node)). In addition, several other states are actively testing with AAMVA. For details please refer to <http://www.aamva.org/CDLIS-Mod-Updates/>

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.

HLDI Analysis: Michigan's Weakened Helmet Use Law Leads to Costlier Injury Claims

The average insurance payment on a motorcycle injury claim rose substantially in Michigan after the state changed its helmet law to exempt most riders last year, [a new analysis by the Highway Loss Data Institute \(HLDI\)](#) finds. The result is consistent with previous studies that show that rescinding helmet requirements results in more fatalities and hospital admissions.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates that helmets cut the risk of a motorcycle fatality by 37 percent, and safety groups predicted that deaths would increase in Michigan as a result of the change. The insurance loss trends reported by HLDI confirm that motorcyclists' injuries in the state have indeed become more serious. To see how the law change affected injuries, HLDI analysts compared medical payment (MedPay) losses from the 2010-11 riding seasons with the 2012 season. MedPay coverage insures against injuries sustained by motorcycle operators. Since many motorcyclists put their bikes away for the winter in northern states, only data from May through September were included in the study. For more information, visit <http://www.iihs.org/news/rss/pr053013.html>.

U.S. Department of Transportation Releases Policy on Automated Vehicle Development

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announced a new policy concerning vehicle automation, including its plans for research on related safety issues and recommendations for states related to the testing, licensing, and regulation of "autonomous" or "self-driving" vehicles. Self-driving vehicles are those in which operation of the vehicle occurs without direct driver input to control the steering, acceleration, and braking and are designed so that the driver is not expected to constantly monitor the roadway while operating in self-driving mode. For more information, visit [here](#).

Global Road Deaths at All-Time Low, but U.S. Still Ranks Poorly on Safety

A study from the International Transport Forum finds that although 2012 was a record low year for traffic fatalities, However, there is still a long way to go in order to achieve the 2020 UN Decade of Action target, which is to reduce by 50% the expected number of fatalities worldwide. And the U.S. still ranks poorly compared to other well-off countries. For full information, visit [here](#).