Region IV Conference Begins

The Region IV Conference kicks off today with registration, exhibit hall set-up, a Chief Administrator meeting, "Yeah We Do That" for the newbies, and a welcome reception for exhibitors, sponsors and jurisdictions this evening. The Region Board also meets today to discuss the business of the Region. Conference attendees can look forward to a busy week with full days of meetings during the day and great networking opportunities in the evening. More than 325 attendees are expected to join President Doyle Eicher in beautiful Bloomfield, Colorado for discussions on today’s hottest driver, vehicle, and enforcement topics.

More Images from the CIECA Congress

AAMVA’s Neil Schuster and Mike Calvin participated in this year’s annual CIECA meeting in Pfaffikon, Switzerland outside of Zurich. CIECA is a European road safety and testing association. During the meeting, Neil and Kari Hakuli (Finland), CIECA’s President, signed a formal working agreement for our two organizations to collaborate in the coming years. For full information visit AAMVA’s blog.
Register for Region I Conference

Register now for AAMVA's Regional I Conference, coming up from July 13-18th in Dover, DE. Visit the Region I Conference Website for more information.

Online Registration for AIC 2013 is Now Open!

AAMVA is happy to announce that you can now register online for AAMVA's 2013 Annual International Conference (AIC). 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. Then go online and register for AIC 2013!
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.

Reminder on FMCSA Medical Examiner Integration Comment Deadline

This is a gentle reminder that the comment period for FMCSA's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the integration of medical examiner's certification closes on July 9th. The particulars of this rule are available in the legislative/regulatory alerts section of the AAMVA Web site, with details following below. It is essential that jurisdictions consider the impacts of the NPRM on their own operations and comment now to avoid unintended consequences that may result once the rule becomes final. AAMVA again requests states submitting comments provide a copy to AAMVA's Senior Manager of Government Affairs, Cian Cashin, at cashin@aamva.org so that those comments can be reiterated through those formally filed by AAMVA.

FMCSA Safety Grants and Solicitation for Applications

On June 21st, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Association (FMCSA) announced the availability of FY 2014 safety grant opportunities and application due dates as authorized by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), as amended by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). Application deadlines are publicized in the FMCSA announcement published in the Federal Register. Final dates will be published at the Federal Web site for discretionary grants.

AAMVA would like to highlight the significance of the Commercial Driver’s License Program Implementation (CDLPI) grant opportunities. Sections 4101(c)(1) and 4124 of SAFETEA-LU, as amended by secs. 32603(c) and 32604 of MAP-21, authorize the CDLPI grant program. The goal of CDLPI grants is to improve highway safety by ensuring that States comply with the Federal regulations that require drivers of large trucks and buses to be qualified to obtain and hold the CDL necessary to operate those vehicles.

For more information, please see the Federal Register. Should you or your staff have any questions regarding these grant programs or the application due dates, contact AAMVA's Senior Manager of Government Affairs, Cian Cashin, at ccashin@aamva.org or (703) 908-8276.

Limits on Hours for Truckers to Proceed, Despite Calls for Delay

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration is moving forward with plans to implement stricter hours of service rules for truckers, despite calls by House Republicans to wait until a field study mandated by last year's highway reauthorization is complete.

Anne S. Ferro, the agency's administrator, said Tuesday at a hearing before a House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee that her agency began a field study in January of a central component of the hours of service rules-the "34-hour restart"-and plans to start enforcing the tougher regulations on July 1.

The field study mandated by last year's transportation law (PL 112-141) is not expected to be complete by that date. Implementation is also likely to begin ahead of a court decision in a case that seeks to delay or change the rules.

GHSA Executive Director to Retire after 25 Years of Service

The Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) today announced that its longtime executive director, Barbara Harsha, will be retiring at the end of June. Harsha has managed the Association's Washington D.C. office since 1988. According to GHSA Chairman Kendell Poole, "It is not possible to overstate the accomplishments of Barb
Harsha during her tenure with the Association. She has worked tirelessly to support state highway safety agencies and to ensure that we have the resources necessary to conduct critical lifesaving programs. Harsha has worked successfully with Congress and federal agencies to provide states with the tools needed to save lives on the nation's highways. For more information, visit here.