

AAMVA's This Week in Review for July 1, 2013



Region IV Conference Wraps Up

The 2013 Region IV Conference has come and gone - but it ended with a splash! In a fun effort to increase the proceeds from this year's charity auction, President Doyle Eicher put *himself* up for bid, with the winning bidder receiving the privilege of pushing President Eicher in the swimming pool. The "pool push" brought in around \$3,000 in donations. The charity auction benefiting the Colorado State Patrol Family Foundation brought in an estimated \$10,000.

New Region IV Board members were sworn in during the Colorado State Banquet. Joining the Board as Members at Large are Troy Dillard (Nevada) and Steve Burford (Alberta). Other elected board members were Kellee Irwin (British Columbia) as President, Brad Simpson (Utah) as Vice President, Tom McClellan (Oregon) as Treasurer and Brenda Nordlund (Montana) as Secretary.

More than 350 representatives were in attendance and conference sessions were packed throughout the week. The conference ended with Incoming President Irwin inviting everyone to join her in Vancouver for the 2014 Region IV conference. You can view photos from this year's conference at <http://smu.gs/12dYffS>.

License Plate Readers and Border Security

License plates are critical to License Plate Reader (LPR) efficiency. The following excerpt from testimony on June 27, 2013 by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement regarding license plate readers at the House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on National Security may be of interest: *CBP continues to optimize the initial investment in the land border by leveraging new technologies and process improvements across all environments. Since 2009, a variety of mobile, fixed, and tactical hybrid license plate reader solutions have been deployed to 40 major southern border outbound crossings and 19 Border Patrol checkpoints. These capabilities have greatly enhanced CBP's ability to gather intelligence and target suspected violators by linking drivers, passengers and vehicles across the core mission areas of inbound, checkpoint and outbound.*

What the above testimony doesn't reveal is the high rate of "misreads" because some license plate designs are not conducive to being accurately read by LPR technology. This should be of great concern to all of us in the AAMVA community because we all care about traffic and public safety as well as Homeland Security. Our Motor Vehicle Administration and State Police/Highway Patrol membership are encouraged to use the AAMVA Best Practices Guide for Improving Automated License Plate Reader Effectiveness through Uniform License Plate Design and Manufacture as a resource to see if your respective jurisdiction's license plate designs conform with these Best Practice recommendations. A link to the Guide can be found on the following landing page <http://www.aamva.org/law-enforcement/>



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.



AIC 2013 Program Spotlight: Internet Dealer Sales

Vehicle sales are no longer just taking place on dealership lots or in private driveways. Dealers and individuals are using electronic methods to sell vehicles. This session will highlight some of the challenges in regulating these sales as well as the potential for fraud that exists with internet vehicle sales. We will also review some relevant case studies involving vehicles purchased online. AAMVA is happy to announce that you can now register online for our 2013 Annual International Conference (AIC). [Register now](#) 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.

Grant Opportunity

Visit [Grants.gov](#) for more information on the following grant opportunity:

Department of Transportation
DOT/National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Demonstration to Promote Motorcycle Helmet Use
Modification 5
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppld=236854>

Eight States Increase Gas Tax July 1

Eight states increased their gas tax effective July 1 while two others have decreased their gas tax, as part of a larger funding reform. For more information, including analysis and a graphic illustration from the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, visit <http://www.transportationissuesdaily.com/eight-states-increase-gas-tax-july-1-story-in-one-slide/>

National Organizations for Youth Safety (NOYS) Seeks Executive Director

NOYS is a nonprofit organization that consists of an alliance of over 70 national youth serving organizations. The mission of NOYS is to promote youth leadership, and build partnerships that save lives, prevent injuries and enhance safe and healthy lifestyles among all youth.

The Executive Director will be responsible for all strategic and management initiatives including funding and resource development, fiscal administration, operations management, board relationships, membership development and support, and organizational image and marketing. Applicants should have significant experience in nonprofit management, public policy, coalition support, and/or business development. Applications consisting of resume, cover letter, references and contact information and salary requirements are due July 19, 2013.

Applications can be sent to the attention of Roy Bavaro at info@noys.org. Questions can be answered at 828-FOR-NOYS.

NOYS is an equal opportunity employer. For further information about NOYS, visit their [website](#).

Senate Confirms Anthony Foxx as DOT Secretary

On June 27th the United States Senate unanimously voted to confirm Anthony Foxx, Mayor of Charlotte, North Carolina, as the 17th United States Secretary of Transportation. Mayor Foxx's political career began as an At-Large Representative to the City of Charlotte's Council in 2005 where he served for two years before being elected the city's Mayor in 2009. Foxx's career included a term as chair of the City's Transportation Committee as well as serving as a member of the Economic Development and Planning Committee. Foxx has worked closely with the federal government to accelerate the completion of major infrastructure projects such as the I-485 loop and widening the southern leg of I-485, extending the Blue-Line light rail project and the development of a third runway at the Charlotte-Douglas International Airport.