

## AAMVA's This Week in Review for July 8, 2013



### See You in Dover!

The Region I Conference is set to kick off next week, July 13th-18th in Dover, DE. Still haven't registered? Visit the [Region I Conference Website](#) to register and join in on all the great sessions and networking opportunities we have planned. You'll also find the conference program and information on hotel and travel. See you there!



### Downloads From Regions II and IV Available

The 2013 Region II and Region IV Conferences have both come and gone, but presentations from the conferences are available to download! Visit [aamva.org](http://aamva.org) for links to the Region II and Region IV Downloads Pages to get information from a session you may have missed or to take a second look at content that piqued your interest in Atlanta or Broomfield.



### Register for 2013 Annual International Conference

AAMVA is gearing up for our 2013 Annual International Conference next month, August 26th-28th in Scottsdale, AZ. [Register ONLINE](#) today to join us for AIC, which showcases the latest trends in the motor vehicle and law enforcement community, and provides a forum for chief administrators to learn and grow from fellow jurisdiction executives. This year's sessions will cover a wide variety of topics tailored to the AAMVA community. Don't miss this opportunity to see old faces, meet new friends, and learn from our community's most innovative leaders. [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](mailto: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 **TOMORROW 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](mailto:cashin@aamva.org) so that those comments can be reiterated through those formally filed by AAMVA.

### **USDOT ITS Strategic Plan: Webinar Series**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Strategic Planning process is underway. The next ITS Strategic Plan is focused on developing a blueprint for how the Department will allocate federal ITS research funds during the second half of this decade and USDOT is announcing a series of webinars as part of the ITS strategic planning process. The webinars are an opportunity for stakeholders to provide input and perspectives that are necessary for the development of the plan. The ITS Joint Program Office (JPO) is leading this effort and will provide an overview of the strategic planning process and the work done to date during the webinars. Facilitated discussion will generate various viewpoints based on various focus areas of interest to webinar participants. There will also be discussion of current efforts around developing strategic goals and objectives. Webinars are scheduled as follows:

- Wednesday, July 17, 2013; 12:30-2:00PM EST - ITSA Members and Related Groups
- Wednesday, July 17, 2013; 3:30-5:00PM EST - State and Local Transportation Agencies and Organizations
- Thursday, July 18, 2013; 12:30-2:00PM EST - Transit Community

Register for these webinars at <http://www.itsa.org/strategicplanwebinar>. Please see [this announcement](#) for full information.

### **State Highway Safety Grant Programs Comment Deadline Extended**

NHTSA is extending through September 30, 2013, the period for interested persons to submit comments to its Interim Final Rule that that established new uniform procedures governing the implementation of State highway safety grant programs as amended by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). For full information, see the [Federal Register](#)

### **Charlotte Mayor Anthony Foxx Sworn in as 17th U.S. Secretary of Transportation**

On July 2nd, Charlotte Mayor Anthony Foxx was sworn in as the nation's 17th Secretary of Transportation by Judge Nathaniel Jones in a private ceremony at U.S. Department of Transportation headquarters. Secretary Foxx spent his first full day meeting employees and holding meetings on important issues facing the Department, including transportation safety and hurricane and severe weather preparedness. Foxx was confirmed by the full U.S. Senate in a unanimous vote of 100-0 on June 27. For full information, visit [dot.gov](http://dot.gov)

### **Disabled Veterans National Foundation Applauds Department of Transportation's Training Grants for Veterans**

The Disabled Veterans National Foundation [www.dvnf.org](http://www.dvnf.org), a non-profit veterans service organization that focuses on helping men and women who serve and return home wounded or sick after defending our safety and our freedom, applauds the Department of Transportation's grant to assist veterans in getting hired in the commercial trucking industry. On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, the [Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration \(FMCSA\) announced](#) almost \$1 million in grants to 6 schools around the country to help train veterans and their families for transportation

careers. The grants, administered by the FMCSA, are being offered as part of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training (CMVOST) grant program. [The Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) reports that commercial trucking is a high-growth industry, with nearly 300,000 jobs expected to be filled in the industry by 2020. The grants to these schools are expected to help meet this growing need for commercial truckers, while giving veterans training and job placement in the field.