

AAMVA's This Week in Review for July 15, 2013



Region I Conference Off to a Great Start!

AAMVA's Region I Conference kicked off yesterday with registration, exhibit hall set up, and the President's Welcome Reception at the Dover Downs Fire & Ice Lounge. Conference attendees can look forward to the next few days filled with educational sessions and networking opportunities. More than 300 attendees join President of Region I Inc., Jennifer Cohan, to discuss the latest trends in the motor vehicle community, including teen driver safety, the future of emissions inspections, partnering with federal agencies, mature drivers, disaster preparation and recovery, and traffic incident management.



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!

2013 DL/ID Card Design Standard

The AAMVA Card Design Standard Committee is pleased to announce the imminent publication of the 2013 DL/ID Card Design Standard (CDS). The 2013 update represents the most significant update to the CDS in many years, especially to the physical secure feature requirements. The updates to this standard follow the work of the ISO

Committee, SC17/WG10, which is responsible for the international standard for the driver license. The 2013 update is a key part of AAMVA committee members' desire to transition the design standard from a lowest common denominator to a true standard that defines the best-in-class physical security feature requirements to secure the document. While some issuing authorities will not initially be able to meet this more stringent requirement, their contract cycles will allow jurisdictions to make changes that will improve their documents and reduce the opportunities for fraud. The 2013 Card Design Standard is scheduled to be published in late August. Please visit our website at <http://www.aamva.org/Best-Practices-and-Model-Legislation/> to view the current standard and the update when it is released.



IDEC Outstanding Examiner of the Year

Each year the International Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC) Board recognizes one examiner that has gone above and beyond his or her duties as a driver's license examiner. This year's recipient of the AAMVA IDEC Outstanding Examiner of the Year award has been chosen for his excellence in adhering to the principles and recommended practices of driver examining and for his high level of conduct in the profession. This year's recipient is Mr. Roger Allain of Service New Brunswick. Mr. Allain was selected for the exceptional work ethic, knowledge and professionalism he brings to his customers, colleagues, and job. His take-charge attitude, leadership and understanding of the New Brunswick driver licensing program over the last ten years has made him a success in all he does

NCS Recovery Drill Scheduled for Sunday July 21st

On July 21st, AAMVA's Information Technology team will conduct an important disaster recovery drill on a key AAMVA software application utilized by all jurisdictions. This application, the Network Control Software (NCS), is used by jurisdictions to exchange driver and motor vehicle data states and business partners, and between central file applications such as CDLIS, SSOLV, NMVTIS, PDPS, VLS, and USPVs. The schedule for this year's activity is **Sunday, July 21st starting at 9:00 AM EDT** and finishing no later than **12:00 PM EDT**.

The NCS disaster recovery drill is performed annually. To accomplish this task engineers simulate the conditions that require the NCS application to cease all message exchange activity at AAMVA's primary data center. In conjunction with this activity, the NCS application is immediately made available at AAMVA's secondary data center. This "cut-over" is typically accomplished in a matter of seconds. During the drill, subscribers will experience a brief (a few seconds) service interruption while switching over to the secondary NCS data center, and then a similar brief interruption when returning back to the primary data center at the conclusion of the drill. Jurisdictions, and other subscribers to the NCS, who utilize AAMVA's Unified Network Interface software (UNI), are connected to the secondary data center without manual intervention. We request that each jurisdiction examine their processing schedules to ensure that each site will be connected to the NCS production application on **Sunday, July 21st at 9:00 AM EDT**. Remaining connected for the drill activity allows AAMVA's technicians to verify that each site can successfully connect to the backup site in the event of an outage at the primary hosting site.

Your cooperation and participation in this important activity is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding the drill, please contact the Operations Department at 1-888-AAMVA80 option 1 or Helpdesk@aamva.org.

VA Governor Announces Partnership Between DMV, VDH to Provide Greater Citizen Access to Vital Records

Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell announced the partnership between the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) allowing DMV to issue birth certificates at its customer service centers beginning March 1, 2014. Beginning January 1, 2015, DMV is authorized to issue certified copies of all death, marriage, and divorce records. The partnership stems from Senator Steve Newman's (R-Lynchburg) vital records bill passed during the 2013 General Assembly session. Customers will still be able to obtain documents from the VDH Division of Vital Records office in Richmond, or by ordering online for delivery through the mail. The new partnership will make paper birth certificates from 1912 onward available at all 75 DMV customer service

centers throughout the state beginning March 1, 2014. For full information, visit <http://www.governor.virginia.gov/news/viewRelease.cfm?id=1887>.

New Administrator Appointed to Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles

Patrick Fernan has been appointed Administrator of the Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles, effective Monday, July 15. Fernan currently serves in the role of Deputy Administrator, and will fill the post last held by former AAMVA Chair of the Board, Lynne Judd. Congratulations to Patrick Fernan from all of us at AAMVA!

DIVS Webinar - How Much Will State to State Cost?

The Driver License & Identification Card Verification Services (DIVS) participants have been focusing their efforts on the State to State Verification Service (S2S). One of the most critical tasks for this project is to provide a recommended cost model that will determine user fees for states interested in implementing the service. This service is expected to be ready for states to implement in late 2016.

DIVS participants are offering a Webinar to all state DL Administrators and/or their staff members. To accommodate schedules, two webinars are scheduled. The same material will be presented at each session. Dates scheduled are:

- [July 25, 2013 at 2:00 PM Eastern](#), and
- [August 15, 2013 at 2:00 PM Eastern](#).

You will need to register for the time/date of your choice prior to the scheduled date - click on the links above to register. Please join us as we present details on the Cost Model Recommendations and take the opportunity to learn more about S2S.

GHSA: States Receive Teen Driving Grants for Innovative Projects

With the summer driving season--the deadliest time on the road for teens-- in full swing, the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) announced that five of its members have been awarded a total of \$100,000 in teen driving grant funding from *Ford Driving Skills for Life (Ford DSFL)*. Elements of the award-winning teen driving program, developed collaboratively by Ford Motor Company Fund and GHSA, will be incorporated into initiatives implemented by the highway safety offices in Georgia, Maine, Massachusetts, Mississippi, and Utah.

Earlier this year, GHSA invited its members to apply for the grant, which provides \$20,000 each in seed money for teen-driving related activities. For full information on the winners and their initiatives, visit <http://ghsa.org/html/media/pressreleases/2013/20130711teengrant.html>