

**Region III Information Exchange Next Week**  
**AAMVA's The Week In Review For September 16, 2013**



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The Region III Information Exchange kicks off next Tuesday afternoon, September 24th. It's not too late to make plans to join us in St. Louis. Learn more about the agenda, the site of the IX, and access the registration form at <http://www.aamva.org/2013-Region-III-Information-Exchange/>.

Please note that the Sheraton Clayton Plaza, the site of the 2013 Information Exchange, no longer has rooms available on the evening of the 25th as they are completely sold out that night. The overflow hotel is The Crowne Plaza Clayton, which is one block away door to door, or a walk through their parking garage, as you prefer. Their address is 7750 Carondelet Avenue, Clayton, MO 63105. The Crowne also provides complimentary shuttle service from the airport. You can make a reservation at the Crowne Plaza Clayton by calling 314-726-5400. Be sure indicate you are with the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators group. The room rate is the same - \$129. Please contact Sheila Prior at [sprior@aamva.org](mailto:sprior@aamva.org) for more information.



**AAMVA Webinar Series: System Modernization Lessons Learned**

Join us for a webinar discussion on [System Modernization](#), THIS WEEK, **Wednesday, September 18, 2013, 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EST)**. System modernization projects require significant dollars, resources and time. They present tremendous challenges to the implementing agency. Project timelines are often extended, unanticipated costs are incurred and turnover in personnel can be taxing. Those who have been down the system redesign road have learned many lessons along the way. Some positive, some detrimental. Join us for this panel discussion on the do's and don'ts of system redesign. Hear from those who are making the journey and learn from their experiences. [Register now!](#)



**AAMVA Webinar Series: Legalization of Marijuana - Highway Safety Implications**

[Register now](#) for our October webinar, Legalization of Marijuana - Highway Safety Implications, Wednesday, October 16, 2013, 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EST). Legalization of marijuana in Colorado and Washington has forced both states to navigate uncharted territory. These laws were implemented before they were able to fully promulgate the rules and regulations governing the legal production, sale, and use of marijuana, and conflict with current federal laws and regulations. On the traffic safety side, law enforcement and prosecutors are dealing with both expected and unforeseen consequences of legalized marijuana and its affect on highway safety. Hear from

Courtney Popp, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor for the State of Washington on some of the steps taken to mitigate the negative traffic safety effects of these laws. [Register today to join in on the discussion.](#)

### **MADD: Drunk Driving Fatalities Reduced by Over Thirty Percent Since Ignition Interlock Law Passed**

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is pleased to share recent statistics from the Kansas Department of Transportation that show alcohol-related fatalities have dropped significantly since the state's all-offender ignition interlock law went into effect in July 2011. Kansas is among 20 states that have passed all-offender ignition interlock legislation. Since the passage of its all-offender interlock law, Kansas has seen a reduction in the number of drunk driving deaths by over 30 percent (138 in 2010 to 94 in 2012). For more information, [visit madd.org](http://madd.org)

### **Nearly Half of Distracted Drivers are Texting, Study Finds**

In Washington state's first study to examine driver use of electronic devices, UW investigators saw that more than 8 percent of drivers were engaging with such devices behind the wheel, higher than previously estimated. Among those driving distracted, nearly half (45 percent) were observed texting. For more information, visit <http://phys.org/news/2013-09-distracted-drivers-texting-video.html>

### **Restoration of FCWD Services**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Federal Conviction and Withdrawal Database (FCWD) is now fully functional. SDLA users can now electronically report convictions and withdrawals regarding Mexico CDL holders to the FCWD. In addition, an SDLA CDLIS user who submits a query on a Mexico CDL license number will receive accurate data from Mexico's eLicencias database as well as the data for that driver on the FCWD. The response will contain the accurate CDL Driver License status based on the information from eLicencias and the FCWD.

When the CDLIS Gateway went down, FMCSA encouraged SDLA's to re-send their MX convictions and withdrawals electronically when the MX node is back up again. FMCSA asks that SDLA's electronically transmit at this time any MX convictions and withdrawals that they have not sent to the FCWD. For more information about how to use the Unified Network Interface (UNI) software to re-drive your convictions and withdrawals automatically, please see the CDLIS System Specifications 5.2 document, page 10, Section 3.6 Message Retry.

Reports and data continue to be reviewed and updated within the FCWD. If there are any questions with the data regarding MX drivers, please contact the CDLIS Gateway Help Desk at [fmcsasupport@obxtek.com](mailto:fmcsasupport@obxtek.com), or 1-855-537-7517

### **Marketing Materials Available - Child Passenger Safety Week**

This week marks National Child Passenger Safety Week, September 15-21. You can find marketing materials to promote Child Passenger Safety Week at <http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/cps>