

Region III Information Exchange Wrap Up! AAMVA's The Week In Review For September 30, 2013



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The 2013 Region III Information Exchange was held at the Clayton Sheraton Plaza last week, and attendees reported that it was another worthwhile AAMVA event. Jurisdictional and industry representatives met to discuss topics such as non-driving suspension reform, DMV tourism, data verification systems, sovereign citizens, getting customers out of the office and on-line and the future of the DMV. Attendees participated in QuickConnect to share information on projects and solutions. PACE award recipients were recognized, and the Illinois Secretary of State walked away with three awards for internally produced radio commercial or PSA for their "National Donor Sabbath Commercial"; feature story for a feature article in their "Employee Connection" newsletter and advertising for their "Life Goes On- Vicki's Photo Album." Honorable mentions were presented to Manitoba Public Insurance in the special events category for their "Friends for Life" speaker series and to the Wisconsin State Patrol for their "Zero in Wisconsin Child Passenger Safety Video. Presentations from the Information Exchange will be posted to the AAMVA website within the next few days.

eID White Paper Released

AAMVA's eID (Electronic Identity) Working Group is pleased to announce the release of a new [white paper](#). The document presents the ins and outs of eID and what it means for the AAMVA Community. You can also take a look at [this video](#) featuring members of the working group discussing the topic.



The IDEC Executive Board Welcomes a New Region I Representative

The AAMVA International Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC) Executive Board is pleased to announce Ms. Nancy Prescott of Vermont as the new Region I IDEC Board Representative. Nancy joined the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles in 2010. As Chief of Customer Services, Nancy is responsible for overseeing all six permanent DMV offices as well as two mobile units that travel to 5 additional locations. Her 100 member team provides customer window services, telephone inquiries, and written and driving examination services. She was named the DMV 2012 Manager of the Year Award winner and the Vermont Agency of Transportation John T. Gray Manager of the year. These awards recognize outstanding leadership and decision making abilities that have produced positive results for the State of Vermont. She is a native Vermonter and lives in Barre Town with her husband Harold and two daughters Emily and Anna.

AAMVA Court Cases: NJ Supreme Court Upholds Reliability of Alcotest

Don't forget to periodically check out the [Court Cases](#) page in the Government Affairs section of the AAMVA Website. This week AAMVA has posted the decision from the NJ Supreme Court upholds the use of Alcotest, citing scientific reliability. This section is regularly updated with state and federal court cases of particular interest to the AAMVA membership.



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.](#)

Job Opportunity

The Kansas Department of Revenue is now accepting applications for the position of Director, Division of Vehicles. For more information and a full job description, see [this document](#). To apply, submit a cover letter and resume to:

KDOR Recruitment, Docking State Office Building,
915 SW Harrison St., Room 191,
Topeka, KS 66612

Submissions may be hand delivered, mailed, faxed to (785) 296-1107, or emailed to KDOR.Recruitment@kdor.ks.gov. Questions may be directed to Human Resources, (785) 296-3077.

The CCMTA 2014 Call for Presentations is Now Open

The 2014 CCMTA Annual Meeting will be held from May 25-28 in Toronto, Ontario. The theme of this year's meeting is Transportation Tomorrow! Modernize. Measure. Connect. The call for presentations is an opportunity to collaborate by showcasing your road safety initiatives that contribute to our theme and the advancement of road safety in Canada.

Click here for a direct link to the [2014 Call for Presentations page](#).

FMCSA Final Rule: Highway Rail Grade Crossing Safe Clearance

FMCSA and PHMSA amend the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) and Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMRs), respectively, to prohibit a driver of a commercial motor vehicle or of a motor vehicle transporting certain hazardous materials or certain agents or toxins (hereafter collectively referenced as "regulated motor vehicle") from entering onto a highway-rail grade crossing unless there is sufficient space to drive completely through the grade crossing without stopping. This rule is effective October 25, 2013. For more information, see the [Federal Register](#).

Commercial Driver's License Standards: Definition of Tank Vehicle Used for Determining the License Endorsement Requirement

FMCSA proposes to revise its definition of "tank vehicle." Commercial driver's license (CDL) holders who operate such vehicles are required to obtain a tank vehicle endorsement. On May 9, 2011, FMCSA published a final rule on "Commercial Driver's License Testing and Commercial Learner's Permit Standards" that included a new definition of tank vehicle which required additional drivers to obtain tank vehicle endorsements on their commercial learners' permits (CLPs) and CDLs. FMCSA received numerous petitions regarding the new definition. On May 24, 2012, the Agency published guidance in the Federal Register to clarify the "tank vehicle" definition. This NPRM would revise the definition by incorporating the 2012 regulatory guidance. FMCSA seeks comment on the proposal

and information on the impact that the revised definition would have on the industry. Comments must be received on or before November 25, 2013. For more information, see the [Federal Register](#).