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Best Practices for the Regulation of Three-Wheel Vehicles



Don't forget to download our newest best practices document, Best Practices for the Regulation of Three-Wheel Vehicles. The guide covers many issues surrounding three-wheel vehicles including registration, proper driver testing, and more. Visit aamva.org to download the best practice document, and get an overview of the guide [in this video](#).

Now Accepting Nominations for IDEC Examiner of the Year

On behalf of the AAMVA International Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC) Executive Board, we would like to announce that AAMVA is conducting the annual IDEC Examiner of the Year nominations. All active participants of the IDEC program are asked to recognize an outstanding driver examiner from their jurisdiction by nominating them for the **IDEC Examiner of the Year Award**. The Examiner of the Year honor is awarded to a driver examiner who consistently performs the duties and responsibilities of a certified examiner and diligently upholds the Examiner Professional Code of Ethics.

Examiner nominations should be based on the exemplary professionalism the examiner's bring to their jobs. After all nominations have been submitted, the AAMVA IDEC Board will select one examiner for the 2013 Outstanding Examiner of the Year Award. Please send a nomination letter and photo of your examiner to [Denise Hanchulak](mailto:Denise.Hanchulak@AAMVA.org) by **December 1, 2013**. To read more about these exceptional examiners, click on the link: <http://www.aamva.org/IDEC-Examiner-of-the-Year/>. We look forward to receiving your nomination!

SAVE Produces Awareness Video

The [Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements \(SAVE\) Program](#) recently produced a short video to help driver's license applicants understand SAVE's immigration status verification process. Driver's licensing agencies and motor



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vehicle agencies registered with SAVE can [download](#) the video from the SAVE public website. SAVE encourages motor vehicle agencies to play the [video](#) in their waiting rooms and common areas so that driver's license applicants can view it.

Webinar Announcement: National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration will be presenting a webinar on the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners. Learn about the new safety regulation that requires any healthcare provider performing a physical exam for interstate truck and bus drivers to be listed on the National Registry by May 21, 2014. After that date, all commercial motor vehicle drivers must have a physical performed by a medical examiner listed on the National Registry. Find more details and register for the Webinar online at <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/798821017>.

CA Governor Appoints Shiomoto Director of CA DMV

Jean Shiomoto has been appointed director of the California Department of Motor Vehicles, where she has been acting director since 2013 and has served in multiple positions since 1988, including chief deputy director, chief of operations, deputy director of the communication programs division, chief financial officer, advisor to the director and chief deputy director, controller, fiscal officer, cost accounting manager and systems development manager. She was an accounting administrator at the California Franchise Tax Board in 1988 and served in multiple positions at the California Department of General Services from 1980 to 1988, including fiscal systems manager, systems development analyst and auditor. Shiomoto was an auditor at the California Department of Developmental Services in 1980. She is a member of AAMVA Board of Directors and president of the Asian Community Center of Sacramento Valley Board of Directors. For more information, visit <http://dmv.ca.gov/portal/home/dmv.htm>.

Lisa Kaspar Takes the Reins in Kansas as New Director of Vehicles

The Kansas Department of Revenue announced Lisa Kaspar as the new director of vehicles. Kaspar, who has worked with the Kansas Department of Revenue in multiple divisions, including tax, communications and vehicles, most recently, she led the department's organization development and training team. Congratulations, Lisa! For more information, visit <http://www.ksrevenue.org/vehicle.html>.

FL Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Online Traffic Crash Reporting

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles has a new online traffic crash reporting form for drivers involved in a crash that does not warrant a law enforcement report. The online form can be used if there are no injuries resulted from the crash, no vehicle involved in the crash required a tow truck, the crash did not involve a drunk or drugged driver, the crash did not involve a "hit and run" vehicle and the crash did not involve a commercial motor vehicle. The form, available on the Department's website at <http://www.flhsmv.gov/fhp/misc/CrashReport/> provides an easy way for motorists to submit the information within the statutorily required 10-day window.

Accolades for WA Target Zero

Harvard professor Robert D. Behn extolls the benefits of Washington's Target Zero Plan in his "Performance Leadership Report." To read the full report, [click here](#).

Open RFPs/RFIs Posted on AAMVA Web Site

AAMVA has posted the following RFI and RFP from Oregon and Colorado:

- Oregon DOT DMV Services - Systems Modernization - RFI
- Colorado Dept. of Revenue - Consultant for Colorado DRIVES Procurement - RFP

Visit <http://www.aamva.org/Open-RFPs/> for more details.

FMCSA Releases New Study Outlining Opportunities for Returning Veterans

A new study released by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) recommended a series of regulatory changes to further ease the transition of military personnel and veterans into much-needed civilian jobs driving commercial motor vehicles. In releasing the study, FMCSA also announced plans to implement the changes as soon as possible. The study, which was directed by Congress in the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 Century Act (MAP-21) one year ago, analyzed training, testing and licensing similarities and differences between military and civilian commercial driver's license (CDL) requirements. A number of federal and state regulatory changes were identified that would not adversely impact safety but would allow returning U.S. military personnel possessing extensive training and experience operating trucks, buses and other heavy equipment to more easily and conveniently receive a state-issued CDL. The opportunities outlined in the report require formal rulemaking action, which FMCSA will initiate this year. The proposed changes include:

- Extending the period of time, from 90 days to one year, in which active duty and recently separated veterans can take advantage of a Military Skills Test Waiver;
- Updating federal regulations to allow over 60,000 service members trained and employed in the operation of heavy vehicles, many of which are nearly identical to civilian commercial motor vehicles, to immediately qualify for a CDL while still on active duty; and
- Allowing a service member who is stationed in one state, but licensed in another, to obtain a CDL before being discharged.

To see the full study, [visit here](#).

Webcast: Improvements and Changes to the NLEC Program

Howard Hall, Chief of the Roanoke County (VA) Police Department and Chair of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) National Law Enforcement Challenge (NLEC) Subcommittee, and Laser Technology, Inc. (LTI) will be co-hosting a [webcast](#) on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. Eastern (9:00 a.m. Pacific) about the improvements and changes to the

NLEC program. Brian Ursino, AAMVA Director of Law Enforcement also serves on the IACP NLEC Subcommittee. The vision of the challenge is to expand law enforcement involvement in traffic safety as a priority, reduce crashes and resulting injuries and deaths, detect and deter crime, create safer communities, and improve quality of life in communities across the country. With this webcast, the IACP and LTI strive to boost participation in the NLEC, continue to share best practices, and create sustainability of these practices beyond the Challenge. The NLEC webcast will highlight these improvements in detail, as well as requirements, deadlines, awards, and other useful information. In conjunction with registering for this webcast and completing an NLEC application online at www.theIACP.org/NLEC by May 2014, everyone who attends this webcast live will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win an LTI 20/20 TruCAM®. The TruCAM is a fully integrated laser speed device and digital video camera capable of capturing high resolution images of a violator's license plate. LTI is sponsoring this webcast in support of IACP's commitment to traffic safety. For more information, please call (877) 696-2584 or [register now](#).

Roadway Safety Foundation and Federal Highway Administration Honor Innovative, Lifesaving Highway Safety Programs

At a Capitol Hill awards ceremony, the Roadway Safety Foundation (RSF) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) today recognized 12 exemplary highway projects and programs from across the country as winners of the biennial National Roadway Safety Awards. The award winners are credited for reducing fatalities and injuries on our Nation's roadways through excellence and innovation in operations, planning, and design. This year's honorees include:

- Connecticut Department of Transportation for proactively converting a rotary to a roundabout, resulting in a 50% reduction in the number of crashes at that site.
- Cornell Local Roads Program (NY) for developing inspection kits to improve rural sign safety.
- Genesee County, MI Road Commission for its proactive Safety Improvement Plan for County Roads.
- Idaho Transportation Department for its Highway Safety Corridor Analysis Project.
- Idaho Transportation Department for its use of innovative technology in developing a Winter Performance Measure System.
- Interstate Road Management, Inc., a wholly-owned company of DBi Services, for a Kentucky roads project.
- Mobile County, AL Engineer's Office for its efforts to decrease "run-off-the-road" crashes on 10 roadways.
- Rutgers' Center for Advanced Infrastructure and Transportation (NJ) for their free road safety audit program.
- South Central Planning & Development Commission (LA) for its proactive data-driven action plan, the South Central Regional Transportation Safety Plan.
- Tennessee Department of Transportation for its efforts to improve safety at dangerous intersections by implementing new J-Turn designs.
- Washington State Patrol and the Washington State Department of Transportation for their joint project developing an infrared commercial truck brake screening system.

- (Honorable Mention) Safe Roads Alliance (MA) for its efforts to educate parents about teen driving laws and keeping their teens safe on the road. The Parent's Supervised Driving Program is available through DMVs in: Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, Maine, North Carolina, Michigan, Nebraska, Colorado, Alaska, Florida, Delaware, Idaho. For more information, [visit here](#).

For more information on the awards, visit www.roadwaysafety.org.