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External Fraud Working Group Meets



The External Fraud Working Group held their third meeting at AAMVA HQ last week. Members of the group reviewed chapter drafts for the best practices document and identified new materials needed. They discussed best practices in the fight against fraud and learned about AAMVA's fraud alert site and DHS/ICE's forensic laboratory. The final product of the work group will be a

comprehensive best practices document that addresses both internal fraud and external fraud. It is anticipated the group will have one additional meeting next year with a final product released in the fall of 2014. For more information, visit <http://www.aamva.org/External-Fraud-Working-Group/>

Facial Recognition Working Group Meets



The Facial Recognition Working Group held its first meeting at AAMVA HQ November 20 – 21, and is off to a fantastic start. The inaugural meeting included a number of organizational presentations to inform the Working Group on issues and activities relevant to the Facial Recognition topics. The group then spent considerable time on an outline that will eventually become a deliverable providing guidance to the AAMVA community on the various



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components and issues they need to have in mind as they start or continue to use facial recognition technology – these include: an introduction/history; use cases; start-up considerations; privacy; technology; processes; training; access; and, outreach/education. For more information, visit <http://www.aamva.org/Committees-and-Working-Groups/>

AAMVA Unveils New Law Enforcement Patch Display



AAMVA President & CEO Neil Schuster and AAMVA Director of Law Enforcement Brian Ursino pose with a new uniform patch display recently hung in the lobby of AAMVA headquarters. Patches are from all AAMVA law enforcement jurisdiction members (RCMP and State Police/Highway Patrol) and the shadow box is hung between displays of DMV-issued license plates for a fuller representation of AAMVA membership. If you have reason to be at AAMVA, check it out! Special thanks to the AAMVA Marketing and Communications group for assembling the display.

Apply to Join Ignition Interlock Working Group

AAMVA is forming an Ignition Interlock Working Group to:

- Review available Blood Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device (BAIID) scientific/evidence based research ;
- Review various BAIID programs administered by motor vehicle administrations and state police/highway patrol agencies;
- Extract and compile best and most promising practices focusing on areas of ignition interlock administration based upon scientific evidence based research, practices from various ignition interlock programs administered by motor vehicle administrations and state police that fall within the purview of our members;

- Conduct a gap analysis comparing AAMVA's and the Association of Ignition Interlock Program Administrators (AIIPA) recommendations to identify and develop model program aspects outside the mission scope of AIIPA;
- Review AIIPA program recommendations for potential inclusion in an AAMVA published national model program document.

AAMVA is seeking the following representatives to serve on the working group:

- Two law enforcement representatives from the AAMVA jurisdictions,
- one ignition interlock representative with program and/or policy experience from each AAMVA region,
- one program and/or policy representative from a Canadian AAMVA jurisdiction, and
- one representative from our legal services discipline.

If you are interested in serving on this working group, please [complete the application](#) and return it to AAMVA by **December 16, 2013**.

For additional information about the working group, please contact Brian Ursino at (703) 350-5103.

Webinar Archive Available: National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners



Did you miss last week's webinar on National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners? This FMCSA presented webinar focused on the new regulation that requires any healthcare provider performing a medical exam for interstate truck and bus drivers must be listed on the National Registry. This safety initiative has a compliance date of May 21, 2014. The webinar provides details on how healthcare professionals can register, train and test to become a certified medical examiner. Check out last week's free webinar by following this link: <http://www.aamva.org/Webinar-Archives/>.

Last Call! 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 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!

Submit Nominations for the 2014 Martha Irwin Awards

The nomination form for the 2014 Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety is now posted on <http://www.aamva.org/Awards/>. The Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety is presented annually to an AAMVA member jurisdiction employee, or other individual whose primary function is directly associated with highway and traffic safety efforts. There are two award categories: Law Enforcement and Motor Vehicle Administration, with one winner selected from each category. The nomination form may be used to submit someone for either category. Nominations must be submitted no later than April 30, 2014 to be considered. For more information, contact Brian Ursino.

National Drugged Driving Reporting System

A Small Business Innovation Research contract was awarded to Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. and Carnevale Associates, LLC to create the National Drugged Driving Reporting System based on the development of a National Minimum Data Set for drugged driving. On Thursday, Nov 21, 2013, AHP/Carnevale Team invited AAMVA to participate as part of an expert panel to strategize and develop the National Minimum Data Set along with a draft of the Drugged Driving Survey Instrument to collect data from various settings and targeted populations at State and local levels. The expert panel consisted of leaders in research, policy development, substance abuse prevention and treatment, prescription drug monitoring programs and traffic law prosecution. AHP/Carnevale Team will evaluate which of the strategies is the most effective way to collect data, and will use the process to further validate the survey instrument. The team will also analyze the data and will develop a report on the status of drugged driving using this new data.

Region II Conference Planning Meeting



Details on the [Region II Conference Planning Meeting](#) have now been posted on the [AAMVA website](#). The meeting will be held from December 13-14 at:

[IP Casino Resort Spa](#)

850 Bayview Ave
Biloxi, MS 39530
Tel: (228) 436-3000

Schedule

Arrival: Friday, December 13 for dinner – begins at 6:00 p.m. Dinner is for jurisdictional representatives and sponsors only.

Departure: Sunday, December 15 – we will end by 12:00 p.m.

Meeting: All day Saturday, December 14; no later than 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 15.

For full information, visit the [AAMVA website](#).

A Reminder: Holiday Season "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" Campaign Materials Now Available



Nationwide, the Holiday Season is a particularly deadly time due to the high number of drunk drivers on the roads. In 2012, 830 people lost their lives as a result of drunk-driving-related crashes during the month of December. State and local law enforcement will be out in force cracking down on drunk drivers from December 13, 2013 through January 1, 2014. Spread the word. Click [HERE](#) to get your campaign materials now!

Transportation Department Mandates Seat Belts on Motor Coaches

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) issued a final rule requiring lap and shoulder seat belts for each passenger and driver seat on new motorcoaches and other

large buses. This new rule enhances the safety of these vehicles by significantly reducing the risk of fatalities and serious injuries in frontal crashes and the risk of occupant ejection in rollovers. On average, 21 motorcoach and large bus occupants are killed and 7,934 are injured annually in motor vehicle crashes, according to NHTSA data. Requiring seat belts could reduce fatalities by up to 44 percent and reduce the number of moderate to severe injuries by up to 45 percent. For more information, visit nhtsa.gov.

Highway Primary Freight Network - Input Requested

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has [detailed a draft initial designation](#) of the highway Primary Freight Network (PFN). Relevant maps and tables are posted on the FHWA Freight website, [here](#). A 30-day comment period on the draft designation will end on December 19, 2013. FHWA is seeking input from all interested parties. Please review the methodology outlined in the notice, maps and tables and provide written input to the docket (as described in the notice). As a supplement to the notice, FHWA will host a [Talking Freight webinar](#) on the draft highway PFN on Friday, December 6.

ATRI Study Identifies Significant Operational and Economic Impacts from New Hours-of-Service Rules

The American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI) released the findings of its latest analysis of the operational and economic impacts resulting from the new Hours-of-Service (HOS) rules, which went into effect July 1, 2013. The changes to the Hours-of-Service rules implemented by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) include provisions which limit use of the 34-hour restart and require a rest break before driving after 8 hours on-duty. Among the operational and economic impacts identified by ATRI are:

- More than 80 percent of motor carriers surveyed have experienced a productivity loss since the new rules went into effect, with nearly half stating that they require more drivers to haul the same amount of freight.
- Among commercial drivers surveyed by ATRI, 82.5 percent indicated that the new HOS rules have had a negative impact on their quality of life, with more than 66 percent indicating increased levels of fatigue.
- Commercial drivers are forced to drive in more congested time periods, although the FMCSA Regulatory Impact Analysis did not address increased safety risks with truck traffic diversion to peak hour traffic.
- The majority of drivers (67%) report decreases in pay since the rules took effect.
- The impacts on driver wages for all over-the-road drivers total \$1.6 billion to \$3.9 billion in annualized loss.

For more information, visit atri-online.org.