Get Ready for the 2014 Workshop and Law Institute

Save the date for the 2014 AAMVA Workshop and Law Institute, March 11-13, 2014 in St. Louis, MO. Meet up with motor vehicle administrators, law enforcement professionals, and industry partners for three days of informative sessions, great networking opportunities, and much more. Join us at St. Louis’ Union Station Hotel Doubletree by Hilton - visit http://www.aamva.org/2014-Workshop-Home-Page/ for more information and to register, and find out more in this video!

Webinar: Best Practices for Three-Wheel Vehicle Regulation

Register now for the upcoming AAMVA webinar, Best Practices for Three-Wheel Vehicle Regulation, Wednesday, December 18, 2013, 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EST). Learn more about the newly-released best practices and recommendations developed by AAMVA’s Three-Wheel Vehicle Working Group for defining the different types of three-wheel vehicle, for registering them and licensing the operators of these vehicles. Join speakers Scott Shenk, Division Chief for Driver Licensing, Pennsylvania Safety Administration; Ronnie Saunders, Captain/Safety Officer, Virginia State...
Verify Lawful Status Quickly and Inexpensively

The date for implementation has been extended so take advantage today! The Verification of Lawful Status (VLS) and US Passport Verification Service (USPVS), formerly known as USPASS, applications combat fraud and identity theft by deterring the use of fake and altered immigration or passport documents presented to MVAs as proof of identity and lawful status in the U.S.

Benefits include:

1. INTEGRATED SYSTEM - VLS / USPVS can be fully integrated into a state's system, where all the data can be entered providing faster turnaround, reduced workload, and shorter customer wait times. Some jurisdictions are reporting reductions up to 10 minutes per customer!
2. IMPROVED SECURITY - Integrating verification into state systems improves security with fewer systems, fewer logins / passwords, and a single log for audits.
3. INTERFACE FLEXIBILITY - We offer both Web-Service and AMIE protocols. States can pick the option that best suits their needs.
4. MODULARITY - States have the option to implement all VLS steps or a hybrid approach using Web3. This modularity allows states to customize more commonly used processes and make more efficient use of development resources.
5. USER INTERFACE CUSTOMIZED TO MEET STATE NEEDS - VLS allows the states to customize their UI to their specific work flow needs. Web3 is an out-of-the-box approach that supports a standard work flow.

There is no charge to states for implementation. The cost for implementation is provided by grant funding to AAMVA through October 9, 2014. Getting started is easy! For more information, please visit the VLS website at www.aamva.org/VLS.

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.

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.

Older Driver Safety Awareness Week

This week marks the American Occupational Therapy Association’s (AOTA) Older Driver Safety Awareness Week (December 2–6, 2013) which aims to promote understanding of the importance of mobility and transportation to ensuring older adults remain active in the community—shopping, working or volunteering—with the confidence that transportation will not be the barrier to strand them at home. Throughout the week, AOTA will bring attention to a different aspect of older driver safety. The Maryland MVA is partnering with AOTA this week and distributing a tip card to help older drivers. For more information, visit www.mva.maryland.gov/olderdriversafety and http://www.aota.org/Conference-Events/Older-Driver-Safety-Awareness-Week.aspx.

AAA Names Car Features "Smart" for Older Drivers

Seniors shopping for a new ride can find “smart” features in today’s cars that help alleviate a variety of age-related health conditions that typically challenge older drivers, according to AAA. Nearly 90 percent of motorists 65 and older suffer from health concerns that affect driving safety, for example, lack of flexibility and muscle strength. To help inform seniors about smart car choices, AAA’s automotive experts reviewed more than 200 2013 model year makes and models to identify features that better equip seniors for driving safety and comfort in an update to Smart Features for Older Drivers. To help
underscore the need to improve older driver safety as 10,000 Americans turn 65 every day, AAA originally launched Smart Features for Older Drivers in partnership with the University of Florida’s Institute for Mobility, Activity and Participation in 2008. In the recent update, Smart Features lists 2013 vehicle features that optimize older driver safety and comfort, notes current vehicles with those features, and allows users to explore their individual needs through an interactive online widget [SeniorDriving.AAA.com/SmartFeatures] at AAA.com/SeniorDriving.

**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.