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This Week's Webinar: Best Practices for Three-Wheel Vehicle Regulation



Register now for the upcoming AAMVA webinar, [Best Practices for Three-Wheel Vehicle Regulation](#), **this 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 vehicles, 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 Police; and host Cathie Curtis, Director of Vehicle Programs, AAMVA for this webinar discussion. [Register today!](#)

AAMVA Blog: Schuster Flies with WSP Aviation Section



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[Visit AAMVA's blog](#) to read a new post from AAMVA President & CEO Neil Schuster, who flew along with the Washington State Patrol Aviation Section during the Region IV planning meeting in Seattle. WSP routinely conduct aerial night-time highway safety enforcement activities enabled by their technology capabilities. [Visit AAMVA's blog](#) for the full story.

IDEC Board Meets

The AAMVA International Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC) Executive Board met in Tampa, Florida on Dec 3rd and 4th to review the existing International Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC) examiner training materials. During two full days of meetings, the Executive Board revised the Certified Driver Examiner (CDE) Program Instructor's Guide and Student Workbook. The IDEC Executive Board also revised the Examiner's Code of Ethics, the Examiner Application Form, Program Overview and supporting IDEC documents. The revised materials will be released in late February. The AAMVA IDEC Executive Board encourages jurisdictions to utilize the new manual and its supporting materials to benefit examiners nationwide by increasing their knowledge and the quality of training provided. For additional information please contact Denise Hanchulak at dhanchulak@aamva.org.

IDEC Examiners of the Year Announced

AAMVA is pleased to introduce the 2013 International Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC) Examiners of the Year. Each examiner was nominated by their jurisdiction for their exceptional work ethic and performance as a driver's license examiner. The Examiners of the Year all demonstrated a high standard of excellence, hard work, dedication and positive customer service attitude that they brought to their job everyday.

AAMVA would like to congratulate each individual on their nomination and thank them for the continued commitment in highway safety. To read more about these exceptional examiners, click on their names at <http://www.aamva.org/IDEC-Examiner-of-the-Year/>. For additional information please contact Denise Hanchulak at dhanchulak@aamva.org.

CDLIS Timeliness, Data Quality, and Capabilities Reports for Jurisdictions

At the direction and support of FMCSA, AAMVA produces monthly reports on the CDLIS Timeliness, Data Quality, and Capabilities of all jurisdictions. The reports for November are now ready for viewing. To request a copy of these reports, please click on the following link [REQUEST](#)

CDLIS 5.3.1 Production Migration

AAMVA would like to congratulate Nebraska and Maryland for being the first states to implement CDLIS 5.3.1 Changes in production. States that are at a version older than CDLIS 5.3.1 or 5.3.2, should be able to conduct business with Nebraska and Maryland seamlessly. Please note that this is for information purposes only and jurisdictions do not have to make any changes at their end to accept Nebraska and Maryland as a 5.3.1 state.

NHTSA Administrator David L. Strickland Resigns

David Strickland, who since 2010 has played a key role in managing the federal agency with direct regulatory oversight of the automobile industry, has stepped down. Strickland has headed the National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration for four years and was a key player in former transportation secretary Ray LaHood's safety-first initiatives against distracted driving and drunken driving and promoting roadway safety. [Read more in the Washington Post.](#)

NHTSA Finds Nearly Half of All Drivers Believe Speeding is a Problem on U.S. Roads

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released a new [National Survey of Speeding Attitudes and Behavior](#) in which nearly half of drivers surveyed say speeding is a problem on our nation's roads, and one in five drivers surveyed admitted, "I try to get where I am going as fast as I can." Speeding-related deaths nationwide account for nearly a third of all traffic fatalities each year, taking close to 10,000 lives. NHTSA's latest National Survey of Speeding Attitudes and Behavior provides national estimates of behavior and attitudes toward speeding in the United States. Survey results show a broad range of perspectives among drivers. The majority of drivers, about four out of five, believed driving at or near the speed limit makes it easier to avoid dangerous situations and reduces the chances of a crash. An overwhelming majority, 91 percent, agreed with the statement that "everyone should obey the speed limits because it's the law." Almost half of all drivers, 48 percent, said that it was very important that something be done to reduce speeding on U.S. roads. However, despite acknowledging the safety benefits of speed limits and reasons drivers should follow them, more than a quarter of those surveyed admitted "speeding is something I do without thinking" and "I enjoy the feeling of driving fast." Further, sixteen percent felt that "driving over the speed limit is not dangerous for skilled drivers." For more information, visit [NHTSA.gov](#).

FMCSA's Operation Quick Strike Removed 52 Unsafe Bus Companies From the Road

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announced that 52 bus companies and 340 vehicles were put out of business and removed from the road as a result of Operation Quick Strike, an eight-month intensified effort to shut down unsafe motorcoach companies. The intensified effort was part of FMCSA's three-phase Motorcoach Safety Initiative to raise the bar for safety in the motorcoach industry and to strengthen the agency's oversight methods. More than 50 specially trained investigators were dispatched from April through November to conduct in-depth reviews into the patterns and practices of the 250 most at-risk motorcoach companies, identified using roadside inspection and safety data. As a result:

- 214 top-to-bottom compliance investigations were completed*;
- 20 motorcoach companies were immediately shut down for violations and posing an imminent hazard to the public;
- 32 companies were issued "Unsatisfactory" safety ratings and shut down after failing to remedy critical and acute violations;
- 28 companies took corrective action to fix the safety violations investigators uncovered to avoid being shut down; and
- 340 vehicles, of the more than 1,300 vehicles that were inspected during the investigations, were put out-of-service for safety and maintenance violations.

For more information, visit [FMCSA.DOT.gov](#)

2014 North American Conference on Elderly Mobility

Save the date for the 2014 North American Conference on Elderly Mobility in Detroit, MI from May 11-14, 2014. The conference will feature best practices in older adult mobility and highlight new developments since the conference was first held in 2004. The conference will highlight best practices during the last decade in Alternative Transportation, Mobility Management and Coordination, Infrastructure and Vehicles, Driver Education and Training, Driver Screening and Assessment, and Housing and Land Use. Learn more at <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1322274>.