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The 2014 CDL Coordinators/IT Managers’ Meeting took place last week in Houston, TX. The 2014 meeting had attendees from all 50 States and the District of Columbia along with FMCSA Headquarters and State Program staff. The 2-day agenda included topics on CDLIS Modernization, Medical Certification, CDL & CDLIS Compliance, CDL Skills Testing & Learner's Permit Final Rule requirements, IT Security, Jurisdictional Success Stories and CDL Grants.

Jack Van Steenburg, FMCSA’s Chief Safety Officer and Assistant Administrator, led off the second day with a keynote presentation on FMCSA’s safety efforts to prevent crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving CMV transportation through education, innovation, regulation, enforcement, financial assistance, partnerships, and full accountability. He said FMCSA will continue to identify and disqualify poor drivers from operating commercial vehicles and to take action against operators who fail to maintain safety standards.

Presentations from the 2014 meeting will be posted to the Presentations from Past Events section of the AAMVA website very soon. For more on AAMVA’s CDL program, visit http://www.aamva.org/CDL-Program/.

THIS WEEK - AAMVA Webinar: Overview Sessions for the CDLIS Release 5.3

In February 2013, AAMVA released the new Commercial Driver’s License Information System (CDLIS) System Specification (Release 5.3.1 and Release 5.3.2) along with CDLIS State Procedures Manual (Release 5.3.2). Documentation can be found on the AAMVA website at aamva.org/CDLIS. In April 2013, AAMVA presented overview sessions to provide details of the changes. This is an additional opportunity to understand the requirements and ramifications of release 5.3.

For your convenience, we are offering this FREE webinar on the following dates, please register for only one. The discussion will be hosted and presented by Deepti Yakasiri (AAMVA). Register by clicking the date of your choice:

Wednesday, February 19th, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (EST)
Apply for the 2014 PACE Awards

Apply now for AAMVA's PACE Awards! The PACE Awards program recognizes public relations, public affairs and consumer education excellence among the motor vehicle, law enforcement and traffic safety agencies across North America. They recognize creativity, cost effectiveness and the ability to reach consumers with a well crafted, measured and executed message. Take a look at the full list of categories and complete the 2014 PACE Awards Application form. To apply, complete the first page of the document, the questionnaire on the second page, and include any supporting documentation or materials. Please limit your entries to no more than six submissions to allow us to properly evaluate all the entries we receive. Entries must be submitted (postmarked) by March 24, 2014. For more information, contact Claire O'Brien at cobrien@aamva.org. And take a look at some of last year's winners at http://www.aamva.org/PACE-Award-Winners/

Register for the 2014 Workshop & Law Institute

Register now to join us in St. Louis, Missouri for the 2014 Workshop and Law Institute, March 11-13. We've planned a great program, packed with informative sessions, networking, and fun, all in the beautiful city of St. Louis. Two of our sessions at Workshop will focus on AAMVA's Working Group updates:

NDR Working Group: Recommendations
Thursday, March 13, 8:30 am - 10:00 am
This session will inform attendees about the activities of the National Driver Register (NDR) Working Group and the recommendations that were developed to update the business practices of the NDR, AAMVA, and jurisdictions as they relate to the Problem Driver Pointer System (PDPS). Learn more about the proposed changes to NDR procedures, PDPS reporting requirements, a revision of the AAMVAnet Code Dictionary, the removal of noncompliant and outdated PDPS pointers, the upcoming NHTSA regulatory changes, and more.

NMVTIS Working Group: Update
Thursday, March 13, 8:30 am - 10:00 am
Check out this session for all things NMVTIS. Along with a discussion on the recently developed NMVTIS Business Rules Best Practices and an update from the NMVTIS Law Enforcement Working Group, attendees can also expect a general update on other NMVTIS-related activities.

Make Your Hotel and Travel Arrangements for the 2014 Region IV Conference

AAMVA’s 2014 Region IV Conference will take place June 2-5, at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Center in Vancouver, BC. Visit the Region IV Conference Web site at www.aamva.org/2014-Region-IV-Landing-Page/ and make your hotel and travel arrangements today. (Registration for this event is not yet open.)

2014 Region II Conference Registration Now Open

Join us in Biloxi, Mississippi for AAMVA’s 81st Annual Region II Conference June 21-26, 2014 at the IP Casino, Spa & Resort. Detailed information, including instructions for making hotel reservations, the Conference-at-a-Glance, and instructions for registration can be found at AAMVA’s website http://www.aamva.org/2014-Region-II-Landing-Page/. Look forward to seeing you in Biloxi!

Illinois Provides Vehicle Data into NMVTIS

AAMVA is very pleased to announce that Illinois has successfully loaded its VIN pointer and brand data into NMVTIS. Additionally, it will provide daily batch updates. The U.S. vehicle population represented in NMVTIS is now 93%! Congratulations, Illinois! For more information about NMVTIS requirements, please contact Marney Michalowski, NMVTIS Program Manager.

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 January are now ready for viewing. To request a copy of these reports, please click on the following link REQUEST

AAMVA Seeks Jurisdiction Information on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

AAMVA has received numerous inquiries from state jurisdictions regarding how they are, or plan to, accommodate the demographic currently described as “Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals” (DACA). This demographic was described as fitting a series of criteria in a Department of Homeland Security
memo on June 15, 2012 and directs federal agents to exercise prosecutorial discretion against certain young people who were brought into this country as children. Please take a moment to help complete the cross-jurisdictional perspective:

**Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)** (Ends 03/18/2014)

Please send an email to webportalsupport@aamva.org if you need a Web password.

**Vehicle Standing Committee Needs Your Input on Replacement VINS**

Members of the Vehicle Standing Committee are reviewing AAMVA’s policy on replacement VINS. They are researching the current policies and practices of jurisdictions and would appreciate your response to the following survey by February 28th. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after the survey.

**Replacement Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)** (Ends 02/28/2014)

Responses received from AB, AL, BC, CT, FL, ID, IN, MS, ND, NH, NJ, OK, OR, SD, WY.

The Vehicle Standing Committee appreciates your input. Please send an e-mail to webportalsupport@aamva.org if you need a Web password.

**Share Information With Other Jurisdictions**

Please respond to these surveys from Maryland, Illinois, Arkansas, Vermont, and Quebec. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after each survey.

- **Spot deliveries** (Ends 02/28/2014) Responses received from AB, DC, FL, IA, ID, ND, NH, NJ, OH, OR, SD, VA.
- **Truancy/DL Suspension** (Ends 03/04/2014) Responses received from AB, BC, DC, FL, ID, IN, LA, MD, MO, NH, NJ, ON, VA, WA.
- **Collection of DLN on Motor Vehicle Transactions** (Ends 02/19/2014) Responses received from AB, AL, AZ, DC, FL, ID, IL, LA, MO, MS, NH, NJ, OH, PA, UT, VA, VT, WA, WY.
- **Dealer Licensing and the Use of Dealer Plates** (Ends 02/25/2014) Responses received from AB, AL, AZ, CA, DE, FL, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, MO, NH, NJ, OH, OK, VA, VT, WA, WY.
- **LED screens on road vehicles to display ads** (Ends 02/21/2014) Responses received from AB, BC, DC, FL, IA, ID, IL, KY, MD, MO, ND, NH, NJ, OH, SC, VA, VT, WV.

These jurisdictions appreciate your assistance with their research. If you need a Web password or have any questions about using the survey tool, please send an e-mail to webportalsupport@aamva.org or call Janice Dluzynski at 703-908-5842. All online surveys can be found on the AAMVA Web site at http://www.aamva.org/Survey/User/SurveyDefault.aspx.
Maryland MVA Administrator John Kuo Accepts Federal Position

John Kuo, Maryland MVA Administrator and former President of AAMVA Region I, has been named Associate Administrator for Administration at the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. John has been at the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration since 2006, and has overseen efforts on improving customer service, finding new sources of MVA revenues, adhering to budget constraints, and improving both highway and homeland safety. John is also a recipient of the Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety. From all of us here at AAMVA, Congratulations to John Kuo!

GHSA Names Jonathan Adkins Executive Director

Governors Highway Safety Association Chairman Kendell Poole announced that Jonathan Adkins has been selected as the organization's new executive director. Adkins has been with GHSA for 14 years, serving first as communications director and most recently as deputy executive director. He has been managing GHSA's D.C. office since July, following the retirement of GHSA's longtime executive director, Barbara Harsha. As Executive Director, Adkins will be responsible for leading GHSA's Washington headquarters office, serving as the association's chief liaison with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and other federal agencies, as well as representing the organization on Capitol Hill and with private sector partners. For more information, visit www.ghsa.org.

Upcoming NCSA Webinar on 2012 Motor Vehicle Traffic Crashes

NHTSA's National Center for Statistics and Analysis will be conducting a webinar open to the public to discuss the 2012 motor vehicle crash data. For the first time since 2005, the number of fatalities on our nation's highways increased in 2012. We will explore data trends and take a look at specific changes that led to this increase. We will also present information on high interest crash topics. Data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) and the National Automotive Sampling System General Estimates System (NASS-GES) will be discussed. The webinar is scheduled to last an hour and will include time for questions and answers. We will also be able to conduct a brief walk-through of NHTSA's data publications and request process if desired. The webinar is on February 25, 2014 from 1pm to 2pm. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Ascone at Debbie.ascone@dot.gov.

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