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AAMVA's Region II Conference wrapped up last week in Biloxi, MS. With unique sessions covering topics such as highway funding and tolling - to succession planning and retention - attendees took away a lot of useful and educational information from the conference. Attendees also took advantage of getting a chance to see Biloxi from our hard-working tour guides at the Mississippi Department of Revenue. Beautiful summer weather, great food and southern hospitality made for a very successful and memorable Region II Conference. A special thanks to AAMVA's Region II President Tony Lawler and his staff for making everyone feel welcome in Biloxi!

To browse through and download sessions from Region II, visit the downloads page at <http://www.aamva.org/2014-Region-II-Downloads/>

Register for Region I Conference



There's still time to register for the Region I Conference, July 27-30th in Toronto, Ontario. The conference provides an opportunity for you and your peers to discuss relevant motor vehicle and law enforcement related issues. As with every AAMVA conference, the ability to network is one of the most beneficial experiences, and this year's regional conference provides many valuable interactive and learning opportunities – both with jurisdiction and industry representatives. Visit the [Region I Landing Page](#) for more information and to register.

Region IV Downloads Now Available



Presentations from the Region IV Conference are now available for download. Visit the [Region IV Downloads Page](#) to catch up on presentations from our time in Vancouver - revisit a presentation that piqued your interest or take a look at content that you may have missed. Visit the [Region IV Downloads Page](#) today!

Register for the 2014 Annual International Conference



Online registration for AAMVA's premier event – the [2014 Annual International Conference \(AIC\)](#) is open. Register by **July 17th** to take advantage of AAMVA's early bird registration rate - get registered today and take part in this year's exciting conference at the splendid [Dover Downs Hotel & Casino in Dover, Delaware](#), August 25-27th.

Session Spotlight: *Run. Fight. Hide: Active Shooter Preparedness in the DMV*

If the unthinkable happens and an active shooter invades your DMV, will you and your colleagues be prepared? Active shooter incidents are by their nature unpredictable and evolve quickly. By safeguarding for such an event, casualties can be reduced. Learn from a law enforcement expert how to prepare for, train for, and respond to an active shooter event. You'll see how law enforcement agencies respond to these events and what the best steps are for protecting employees and customers. The session will also address how to assist employees after such a traumatic event. If the unthinkable happens and an active shooter invades your DMV, be prepared! For more information about this session topic and to learn more about how jurisdictions are implementing training and preparedness plans, check out this [MOVE Magazine article on active shooters](#).

Region III Information Exchange Registration Now Open

The 2014 Region III Information Exchange will be held October 28-30 at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Chicago Oak Brook. Registration for this event is now available online. Information about the IX, including a draft program is available at <http://www.aamva.org/2014-Region-III-Information-Exchange/>.

AAMVA Would Like to Know if Jurisdictions Include Distracted Driving in Testing and Training Materials

A Senate office has requested information on how jurisdictions are able to include distracted driving as a part of their licensing practice. AAMVA is trying to provide a comprehensive list of what jurisdictions are doing in this regard, your input is greatly appreciated. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after the survey.

[Distracted Driving as Part of DL Testing/Materials](#) (Ends 06/27/2014)

Response received from AB, BC, FL, GA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MB, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NT, OK, OR, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, VT, WA, WI.

AAMVA appreciates your input. If you need a Web password, contact Janice Dluzynski at jduluzynski@aamva.org

Share Information With Other Jurisdictions

Please respond to these surveys from Maryland, AAMVA, Nevada, and South Carolina. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after each survey.

- [Customer Service Surveys](#) (Ends 07/11/2014) Responses received from BC, ND, NH, RI.
- [Attendee Survey: 2014 Region II Conference](#) (Ends 07/16/2014) Responses received from AR, FL, GA.
- [Gender Change](#) (Ends 07/14/2014) Response received from BC, FL, ND, NJ, RI, VA, WA,
- [CDL Examiner National Criminal Background Checks](#) (Ends 07/18/2014) Responses received from AB, AL, CT, IA, KY, ME, MN, MO, MT, ND, NE, NH, OH, RI, SD, VT, WI.
- [Email Renewals](#) (Ends 07/18/2014) Response received from AB, AL, BC, CO, FL, IL, IN, LA, MB, MN, MO, NE, NH, NJ, NT, OH, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, VT.

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>.

Pat Crahan Announces His Retirement



After more than 50 years with U-Haul (most recently as vice president of government relations) Mr. Pat Crahan announced his retirement during the Salty Dog Past President's Breakfast Tuesday morning.

In March of last year, [Crahan told Move magazine](#):

How did you come to work for U-Haul?

I had been working for an oil field supply company. I got laid off, so I applied for a bunch of jobs. L.S. "Sam" Shoen, the founder, was interviewing in Oklahoma City. I went to the hotel room and was given an I-Q test, and he graded it right there. He said, "OK, you're the one." I told him I have to think about it and he said he'd give me until over the weekend. I called him a couple of days later and told him, "If you'll take a chance on me, I'll take a chance on you." I was hired as president of the U-Haul Company of Oklahoma. Sam and I just hit it off. He was really the greatest person I ever met. Fifty years later, I'm still working for the company.

Congratulations to Pat Crahan, and happy retirement! [Read our full profile of Pat Crahan on movemag.org](#)

Lt. Colonel Doyle Eicher Retires



After more than 25 years with the Colorado State Patrol, Lt. Colonel Doyle Eicher retired on Friday. Colonel Scott Hernandez described Doyle as a "tremendous leader who consistently and effectively mentored those in his command, supervising troopers, troop offices, field districts, specialty branches and Executive Security". He went on to say that the CSP is "a better organization because of Doyle's commitment to traffic safety". A retirement ceremony was held Friday during which presentations were made and stories were told. Shown here with his wife Sandy, son Brian (a CSP Trooper) Regional Director Sheila Prior and her husband Craig Galler, Doyle enjoyed much fanfare from friends and colleagues. Doyle was an active member in AAMVA, serving on both the International Board, Region IV Board and various Working Groups. We thank him for his many contributions to our community and wish Doyle good health and happiness as he says "goodbye tension, hello pension".

Montana Seeks Applications for MVD Administrator

The State of Montana is seeking applications to fill a Motor Vehicle Division Administrator vacancy. Complete details about the position and application process [are available here](#).

4th of July Drunk Driving Prevention Campaign: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

Visit Traffic Safety Marketing for marketing materials that promote safe driving this Fourth of July. Americans love to celebrate the Fourth of July with family, friends, food and fireworks, but all too often the festivities turn tragic on the nation's roads. The fact is, this iconic American holiday is also one of the deadliest holidays of the year due to drunk-driving crashes. According to data from NHTSA, during July 4th holiday period over the last five years (from 2008 to 2012), 765 people lost their lives in crashes involving drivers with a BAC of .08 or more. These fatalities account for 40% percent of all motor vehicle traffic fatalities over this same five-year. These marketing tools can be distributed to fit your local needs and objectives while, at the same time, partnering with other States, communities, and organizations on this drunk driving prevention initiative. Visit <http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/july4th> for more information.

New NHTSA Study Shows Motor Vehicle Crashes Have \$871 Billion Economic and Societal Impact on U.S. Citizens

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released a new study that underscores the high economic toll and societal impact of motor vehicle crashes in the United States. The price tag for crashes comes at a heavy burden for Americans at \$871 billion in economic loss and societal harm. This includes \$277 billion in economic costs – nearly \$900 for each person living in the United States based on calendar year 2010 data — and \$594 billion in harm from the loss of life and the pain and decreased quality of life due to injuries. NHTSA's study, [The Economic and Societal Impact of Motor Vehicle Crashes, 2010](#) cites several behavioral factors as contributing to the huge price-tag of roadway crashes based on the 32,999 fatalities, 3.9 million non-fatal injuries, and 24 million damaged vehicles that took place in 2010. [Visit *nhtsa.gov* for more information.](#)

FMCSA Announces Changes to Reporting of Adjudicated Citations

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announced in a Federal Register Notice that beginning August 23, 2014, motor carriers and drivers will be able to request the removal of roadside inspection violations from agency data systems to more accurately reflect outcomes of judicial proceedings. The updated policy will enable carriers and drivers to request, through the DataQs system the removal of violations that were previously uploaded into FMCSA's Motor Carrier Management Information System by state enforcement agencies when a driver is found not guilty or if a violation is dismissed in court. FMCSA systems will continue to retain and display violations that result in a conviction or payment of fine. Persons who plead to or are convicted of a lesser charge will also have that information reflected. The changes are part of the agency's continued effort to improve the quality and uniformity of violation data that is accessible across FMCSA systems to sharpen the focus on unsafe carriers and drivers. FMCSA considered more than 100 public comments before finalizing the updated policy, which has wide support within the commercial motor vehicle industry. For more information on the announcement visit: <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/rulemaking/2014-13022>.

Finance Chair Releases Highway Fund Fix

The Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Ron Wyden (D-OR), has released a plan to supplement the Highway Trust Fund with an additional \$8.4 billion. This would effectively extend the solvency of the fund through the calendar year by changing tax law for five provisions and account for the 10-year revenue. Originally the chairman had planned to use an increase in the Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (HVUT) to help support the trust fund. Thursday morning, the chair amended the chairman's mark submitted to the Committee and replaced the \$1.4 billion increase the HVUT provisions would have raised with a \$750 million transfer of balances from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund and three other provisions. The mark also included a "sense of the Senate" provision that states the need to pass a long-term surface transportation funding bill. The Finance committee submitted its revised mark Thursday morning, but may need to delay further action on it until alternatives are considered and the Senate returns from recess following the Fourth of July recess.

GAO Releases Report on Effectiveness of Alcohol Ignition Interlocks

– On June 25, the United States Government Accountability Office released [a report](#) entitled, "Alcohol Ignition Interlocks Are Effective While Installed; Less Is Known about How to Increase Installation Rates." In 2012, MAP-21 established a grant program for states that adopt and implement mandatory alcohol ignition-interlock laws for all convicted DWI offenders. Funding authorization for this program expires at the end of fiscal year 2014. GAO was asked to review the effectiveness of ignition interlocks and NHTSA's implementation of the new grant program. This report discusses (1) what is known about ignition interlock effectiveness and (2) the extent to which NHTSA has assisted states in implementing ignition-interlock programs, including the grant program. GAO reviewed 25 studies that analyzed relationships between ignition interlocks and DWI arrests and fatalities; interviewed NHTSA officials and reviewed reports about NHTSA's assistance to states; and interviewed representatives from safety-advocacy and research organizations, and officials involved with ignition-interlock programs from 10 states. For more information, contact Susan Fleming at (202) 512-2834 or flemings@gao.gov.