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Three States Join the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System

The Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs' (OJP) announced a significant milestone for the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS), as Illinois, Michigan, and Texas are joining 41 states in submitting title and brand data to the system, which now includes 96 percent of the U.S. vehicle population. Overseen by OJP's Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), NMVTIS provides vehicle history information to prospective used car buyers, protecting them from concealed vehicle histories. A NMVTIS Vehicle History Report provides information to consumers that can potentially warn them of a



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vehicle's prior condition, such as "salvage" or "flood" indicating that it may be unsafe. Since 2008, BJA has worked closely with AAMVA, NMVTIS' system operator, to make key vehicle history information affordable and accessible to consumers. States, insurance carriers, and junk and salvage yards are required by federal law to report to NMVTIS, which is the only vehicle history database in the nation. Currently, NMVTIS contains over 72 million salvage records that have been submitted by reporting entities nationwide. Law enforcement agencies rely on NMVTIS data to improve their ability to identify vehicle theft rings and help combat other criminal enterprises involving vehicles. For more information [visit here](#).

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 II and Region IV Downloads Now Available



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

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/>.

Share Information with Other Jurisdictions

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

- [Antique and Custom Motor Vehicle Examinations](#) (Ends 08/03/2014)
- [Vehicle Identification Number Verifications](#) (Ends 08/03/2014)
- [Salvage Vehicle Examinations](#) (Ends 08/03/2014) Responses received from LA, OR, UT, WA, WY.
- [Attendee Survey: 2014 Region II Conference](#) (Ends 07/16/2014) Responses received from AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, TX, VA.
- [Surplus Military Vehicle Title and Registration](#) (Ends 07/14/2014) Responses received from AB, AL, AR, FL, GA, IA, ID, IN, KY, MN, NE, NH, NJ NV, OR, TX, UT, WA, WY.
- [CDL Examiner National Criminal Background Checks](#) (Ends 07/18/2014) Responses received from AB, AL, CT, IA, KY, MD, ME, MN, MO, MT, ND, NE, NH, OH, RI, SD, VT, WA, WI.

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>.

Alabama Public Safety Director Hugh McCall Retires



Alabama Public Safety Director Hugh McCall is retiring after 34 years with the department, and the governor announced that he has picked a veteran of the state's liquor control agency for the post temporarily. McCall is also stepping down from his positions on the AAMVA International Board of Directors and the Region II Board. John Richardson will serve as acting director until the department merges into the new Alabama Law Enforcement Agency on Jan. 1, Gov. Robert Bentley said. Richardson has been a law enforcement officer with the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board since 1988, most recently serving as assistant director of the

enforcement division. McCall started work for the Department of Public Safety in 1980 as a cadet and made his way to the top when Bentley named him director at the start of his administration in January 2011. McCall oversaw 1,500 employees and an annual budget of more than \$180 million. AAMVA wishes him all the best on his retirement and thanks him for all he has done for the association.

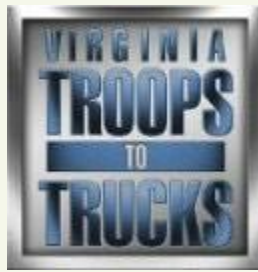
KSP Hikes Grand Canyon to Raise Funds for Trooper Memorial



The Kentucky State Police is launching a fundraising effort to build a memorial that will honor all KSP troopers who currently serve and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. 'The Trooper Project' is sponsored by the Kentucky State Police Citizen's Academy Alumni Association (CAAA) and will include a seven-and-a-half foot tall bronze statue of a trooper that will be centrally located at the new KSP Training Academy in Frankfort, Ky. KSP is partnering with

the CAAA to raise funds to build the memorial, as tax dollars will not be used to support this effort. KSP Commissioner Rodney Brewer advised agency employees of the project through a newsletter and made the first challenge to raise funds by sharing his 'KSPHike4Heroes' event. Brewer, along with Lt. Col. Jack Miniard, will hike the Grand Canyon from rim to rim asking supporters to donate one dollar to 'The Trooper Project' for their effort. Brewer and Miniard are incurring all expenses associated with the trip and donating their vacation time for the 'KSPHike4Heroes' fundraiser. KSP records indicate that the agency has lost 27 officers to line-of-duty deaths since its inception. The KSPHike4Heroes event will take place August 22-24, 2014 and the troopers' progress will be updated via social media throughout the 25-mile hike. This event is just one of several agency personnel and the CAAA will host to raise funds for 'The Trooper Project.' For more information about 'The Trooper Project' and scheduled fundraisers, visit the website at www.KSPHike4Heroes.com. Contributions can be made through the KSPHike4Heroes website or by mailing a donation to: The Trooper Project, 919 Versailles Road, Frankfort, Ky. 40601.

More Veterans Now Eligible for Virginia's Troops to Trucks Program



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More job training opportunities in the transportation industry are now available to Virginia veterans. A recent amendment to a Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) rule regulating the length of time during which a state can waive the driving skills test for commercial driver's licenses (CDL) for applicants with comparable military experience, was increased to one year, which prior to the amendment was 90 days. The Virginia

Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) petitioned FMCSA for the rule change and it was granted nationwide. This amendment significantly increases the number of Virginia veterans eligible to participate in Virginia's Troops to TrucksSM program. More than 300 military personnel or veterans have already taken part in Virginia's Troops to TrucksSM program. Troops to TrucksSM helps military personnel about to leave service or new veterans obtain a Virginia CDL and assists with their civilian job searches. Effective July 8, 2014, the program is open to Virginia veterans out of the service for up to one year. For more information, visit www.dmvNOW.com/T2T.

Report: License Plate Readers for Law Enforcement Opportunities and Obstacles

Systems that automatically read automobile license plates have the potential to save police investigative time and increase safety, but law enforcement officials must address issues related to staffing, compatibility and privacy before the technology can reach its full potential, according to a new [RAND Corporation report](#). As part of efforts to promote innovation in law enforcement, many of the first generation license plate reader systems were purchased with federal and state grants. As these funding streams can be inconsistent, law enforcement agencies are — or will be — forced to make tough decisions about how to maintain the systems. Making those decisions will require a clear understanding of the current and potential value of the systems to criminal justice agencies, according to RAND researchers. Visit rand.org to download the full report, "[License Plate Readers for Law Enforcement: Opportunities and Obstacles](#)."

Lowey Bill Mandates the Use of Innovative Interlock Technology to Keep Drunk Drivers Off of Roads and Save Lives

Congresswoman Nita M. Lowey, the ranking Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee, announced in a conference call with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) National President Jan Withers and Rockland County Sherriff Louis Falco III that she will be introducing a bill in the House of Representatives that would push states to require the use of ignition interlock devices for a minimum of six months for all convicted drunk driving offenders. States would face a reduction in federal transportation funding if they do not change their laws by October 1, 2014. The bill is named "Alisa's Law" in honor of MADD National President Jan Withers' daughter, Alisa Joy, who was killed at the age of 15 in 1992 by an underage drinker who chose to drive after consuming too many alcoholic beverages. For more information, visit lowey.house.gov.

U.S. Department of Transportation Outlines Steps for Managing Impending Highway Trust Fund Shortfall

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx sent letters to [state transportation departments](#) and [transit agencies](#) outlining steps the Department of Transportation (DOT) will soon be forced to take to manage the impending insolvency of the Highway Trust Fund. In both letters, Secretary Foxx outlined the Department's proposed plan while emphasizing the need for Congress to act in order to avoid such a shortfall. The Department's most recent projections show the shortfall will reach a critical point in the Trust Fund's Highway Account in just a few weeks, requiring the Department to institute cash management procedures for highways at that time, with a similar cash management plan to follow for the Trust Fund's Mass Transit Account when it is expected to reach a similar point this Fall.