



American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators

# TWIR THE WEEK IN REVIEW

[aamva.org](http://aamva.org)

[movemag.org](http://movemag.org)

September 15, 2014

IN THIS ISSUE

## TWIRcast



## LET'S GET SOCIAL



## OUR SPONSORS



[AAMVA Leadership Academy](#)

[AAMVA Webinar: Impact Teen Drivers](#)

[Standing Committees](#)

[Ignition Interlock Working Group Meets](#)

[Region III Information Exchange Registration Now Open](#)

[AAMVA Shows Support for GHSA at Conference in Grand Rapids](#)

[2014 Fraud Detection & Remediation \(FDR\) Annual Report](#)

[CDL Examiner Update Class Announcement](#)

[CDLIS Compliance](#)

[CDLIS Timeliness and Accuracy- Summary Workbook Reports for Jurisdictions](#)

[Share Information with Other Jurisdictions](#)

[The Parent's Supervised Driving Program Receives National Honors](#)

[NTSB Forum Puts Focus on Drowsy Driving](#)

[Congress Plays Waiting Game on Government Funding](#)

[FMCSA Notice: New Entrant Safety Assurance Program Operational Test](#)

[GAO Reports About Government Operations](#)

## AAMVA Leadership Academy

AAMVA's Leadership Academy has been created to provide professional development opportunities for future leaders in the AAMVA community. This new program is designed for jurisdiction employees who have demonstrated



### CONTACT US



4301 Wilson Blvd., Suite 400  
Arlington, Virginia 22203  
703-522-4200

leadership potential and the ability to succeed in positions of greater responsibility within their agencies. The first pilot program will take place November 17 - 21, 2014. Attendees must have the approval and support of their Chief Administrator to apply. All expenses will be paid by AAMVA. This week long program will include modules on defining leadership, working with legislators, industry partnerships, team work & collaboration, media relations, and more. It is an intense training opportunity focused on the unique characteristics of leading and managing a motor vehicle or law enforcement agency. The [draft course outline](#) provides more information on what topics will be included. Please fill out the [application form](#) and send it along with your resume to Janice Dluzynski at [jduluzynski@aamva.org](mailto:jduluzynski@aamva.org). Class size will be limited and attendees will be chosen based on applications. Applications are due by October 3, 2014. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact: Janice Dluzynski at [jduluzynski@aamva.org](mailto:jduluzynski@aamva.org) or 703-908-5842

### AAMVA Webinar: Impact Teen Drivers



Register now for the AAMVA Webinar, [Impact Teen Drivers](#), **THIS WEDNESDAY**, September 17th from 2:00 - 3:00 pm EDT. The discussion will be hosted by Brian Ursino (AAMVA) with guest speaker Kelly Browning, PhD (ITD). Car crashes due to reckless and distracted driving have been the leading cause of death for American teens for decades. Since 2007, Impact Teen Drivers (ITD) has emerged as a leading non-profit organization dedicated to reversing this pervasive, yet 100% preventable trend. This webinar will include an introduction to ITD's background and mission. Participants will become familiar with ITD's, What Do You Consider Lethal? Teen Program and available resources. [Register now to join the discussion!](#)

### Standing Committees

AAMVA's three standing committees, Driver, Law Enforcement, and Vehicle, are key to the association's viability, engaging members directly in program and policy development. Each committee is structured to best meet the needs and address the issues of the program area, and has members from nine AAMVA discipline areas. New chairs and vice chairs chosen to help lead the standing committees are:

#### **Driver Committee:**

Chair and Driver Representative Region III  
Glenn Jackson, Director, Drivers License Division  
North Dakota Department of Transportation

Vice Chair and Driver Representative Region IV  
Ms. Julie Knittle, Assistant Director, Programs & Services Division  
Washington Department of Licensing

#### **Law Enforcement Committee:**

Chair and Law Enforcement Representative Region IV  
Darrin Grondel, Director  
Washington Traffic Safety Commission

Vice Chair and Law Enforcement Representative Region I  
Major Christopher Grotton, Major Support Services Division  
Maine State Police

**Vehicle Committee:**

Chair and Vehicle Representative Region II  
Lisa Chism, Title Bureau Director  
Mississippi Department of Revenue

Vice Chair and Vehicle Representative Region II  
William Childress, Director, Vehicle Services  
Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles

The standing committees will hold a Combined Committees Meeting in October, where they will begin forming the Workshop program. The Vehicle Standing Committee is seeking a vehicle representative from Region III. Please [complete an application](#) as soon as possible if you are interested in serving on this committee. We are hoping to fill this vacancy in time for attendance at the Combined Committees Meeting in October. [See the current committee roster](#). If you have any questions, please contact [Cathie Curtis](#) or [Dianne Graham](#). For more information, visit <http://www.aamva.org/Committees-and-Working-Groups/>

### Ignition Interlock Working Group Meets



AAMVA's [Ignition Interlock Working Group](#) met in San Antonio, Texas September 9 – 10, 2014. This was the second meeting of the group and they made good progress on their draft best practice guide, model legislation, and law enforcement training video. There will be one more working group meeting and the best practice tools will be published prior to September 2015.

### 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 Shows Support for GHSA at Conference in Grand Rapids**



The [Governors Highway Safety Association](#) (GHSA) held their annual meeting last week in Grand Rapids, Michigan. AAMVA's participation and presence in the conference exhibit hall was met with great regard and appreciation by members of the GHSA community. We enjoyed representing our membership and showcasing the many ways AAMVA works to continue improving our service to the motor vehicle and law enforcement community. Thank you to GHSA and the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning for putting on a fantastic meeting. We look forward to seeing you next year in Nashville!

### **2014 Fraud Detection & Remediation (FDR) Annual Report**

The 2014 FDR Annual Report is now available! With information compiled from the 2014 FDR Annual Survey, the FDR Annual Report will keep you informed about the continued growth and evolution of one of AAMVA's most widely-accessed programs. Learn how other jurisdictions are utilizing the eLearning courseware, browse best practices, and get a preview of 2015 enhancements! [Access the report HERE](#).

### **CDL Examiner Update Class Announcement**

AAMVA will be conducting two Commercial Driver License (CDL) Examiner Update Classes the week of November 17, 2014 at the Pinellas Technical Education Center (PTEC) in St. Petersburg, Florida. The class size is limited to 14 persons and will be held as follows:

- Class 1:** Monday, November 17th thru Wednesday, November 19th
- Class 2:** Thursday, November 20th thru Saturday, November 22nd

The class is designed to be a hands-on training class for experienced CDL Examiners or trainers. The class will focus on CDL & CLP issuance, CDL Classification/Endorsements & Restrictions, CDL Knowledge & Skills Testing, Examiner Training Requirements, Background Record Checks and Certification as required by the Commercial Driver's License Testing and Commercial Learner's Permit Standards final rule. There is no tuition or registration fee for this training. All travel, room and board expenses will be paid by AAMVA. **Nominees must have a thorough knowledge of the CDL program and current experience conducting CDL Skills Tests.** *Staff nominations from Jurisdictions that have not implemented the 2005 CDL Testing System as of July 31, 2014 will be given priority. All other nominations will be considered based upon submission date and time if space allows.*

Please submit completed Nomination Forms to Karen Morton via email at [kmorton@aamva.org](mailto:kmorton@aamva.org) no later than Wednesday, September 24, 2014, as class sizes are limited. After the nominations are reviewed, detailed class and travel information will be sent to those persons selected to attend. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Karen Morton at (703) 908-8268 or [kmorton@aamva.org](mailto:kmorton@aamva.org).

### CDLIS Compliance

CLP Implementation and the required AAMVA structured testing for CDLIS version 5.3 have been the focus of FMCSA's efforts for more than a year, as highlighted in the CDL Coordinator's Conferences in 2013 and 2014. Please be aware that consistent with the CLP implementation compliance due date of July 8, 2015, SDLAs will be recognized as meeting the CDLIS due date only upon successful implementation of the CDLIS version 5.3.2 changes in the Production environment by July 8, 2015. Jurisdictions that pass the CDLIS version 5.3.2 structured test before this date, but fail to implement the CDLIS changes in the Production environment by July 8, 2015, will be in substantial noncompliance. Jurisdictions are therefore encouraged to plan ahead and exercise all due diligence to ensure that they can promote their CDLIS code to production at the earliest opportunity, but no later than July 8, 2015, after successful completion of the CDLIS version 5.3.2 structured testing with AAMVA. For assistance on developing a plan to ensure successful implementation of CDLIS version 5.3.2 in your Jurisdiction, or for any questions, please contact Abhi Kapil – Director, Quality Assurance at 703-908-5782, [akapil@aamva.org](mailto:akapil@aamva.org)

### CDLIS Timeliness and Accuracy- Summary Workbook 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 August are now ready for viewing. To request a copy of these reports, please click on the following link [REQUEST](#)

### Share Information with Other Jurisdictions

Please respond to these surveys from Connecticut, California, Wisconsin, Ohio, and New Jersey. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after each survey.

- [School Bus Driver - Background Checks](#) (Ends 09/26/2014) Responses received from AK, BC, FL, ND, WA.
- [Special Interest License Plates](#) (Ends 10/03/2014) Responses received from ID, NE.
- [Online Duplicate Title](#) (Ends 10/06/2014) Responses received from FL, ID, LA, NE, VA.
- [Access to personal property from towed vehicles](#) (Ends 09/25/2014) Responses received from AZ, CA, FL, ID, IL, KY, ME, ND, NT, NY, OK, OR, PA, QC, UT, VA, WA.
- [Electronic Title Acceptance](#) (IRP) (Ends 09/18/2014) Responses received from AL, AR, CT, GA, ID, IL, KY, MD, ME, MN, MO, ND, NH, NY, OR, PA, UT, VT, WA, WV.
- [Fraudulent Document Training](#) (Ends 09/23/2014) Responses received from AL, AR, AZ, BC, CT, FL, IA, ID, IL, ME, MN, MS, MT, NE, NH, NY, PA, WA, 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](mailto: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>.

### **The Parent's Supervised Driving Program Receives National Honors**

The Governors Highway Safety Association awarded the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) program, The Parent's Supervised Driving Program, with the 2014 Peter K. O'Rourke Special Achievement Award which is given each year to recognize notable achievements in the field of highway safety. DMV, in partnership with Safe Roads Alliance and West Bend Mutual Insurance, launched The Parent's Supervised Driving Program in an effort to improve teen driver safety. The guidebook focuses on the important role of parents during the learner's permit phase of the licensing process, providing a resource to help and encourage parents to expand upon the amount and diversity of their teen's driving experience. The program provides a printed resource guidebook, which is handed out when teens pass their written learner's permit exam. Parents and teens are also encouraged to download the program's free mobile app, RoadReady,™ to track the time they spend together behind the wheel with the click of a button. For additional information on The Parent's Supervised Driving Program, please visit [www.theparentssuperviseddrivingprogram.com](http://www.theparentssuperviseddrivingprogram.com).

### **NTSB Forum Puts Focus on Drowsy Driving**

The National Transportation Safety Board announced that it will hold a one-day forum to explore the prevalence, impact, and dangers of drowsy driving on our nation's roadways. The event, "Awake, Alert, Alive: Overcoming the Dangers of Drowsy Driving," will be held on October 21, 2014, in Washington, DC. "Awake, Alert, Alive" will take an in-depth look at the risk factors for fatigue-related traffic crashes involving noncommercial vehicles. Board members and technical staff will question panelists on factors such as workplace issues, health issues, and special concerns relating to young

drivers. Forum panelists will also discuss countermeasures that could reduce the risk of drowsy driving crashes. The forum will be held in the NTSB Board Room and Conference Center, located at 429 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W. Washington D.C. The forum is free and open to the public. In addition, the forum can be viewed via webcast at [www.nts.gov](http://www.nts.gov). Additional information about the forum including the agenda can be found on the forum website, [www.nts.gov/drowsydriving](http://www.nts.gov/drowsydriving).

### **Congress Plays Waiting Game on Government Funding**

What had been promised as a relatively simple means for funding the federal government beyond the current September 30 expiration date became increasingly complicated over the past week. Initially, both the House and Senate had confided that they would seek no extraneous measures to funding legislation under consideration and work collaboratively to pass a "clean" continuing resolution. Now the chambers are under heavy deliberation as they weigh language attached to the resolution that would address the President's request to authorize the arming of Syrian rebel forces and pressing the attack against ISIS. Other issues that may be included in the resolution now include language on the export-import bank reauthorization. With these considerations weighing on quick passage, a planned vote on the resolution was delayed from last Thursday until at least mid-week. Regardless of language, it is expected the legislation would provide a 10-week extension of spending authority. AAMVA will continue to monitor its progress and report on Congressional action.

### **FMCSA Notice: New Entrant Safety Assurance Program Operational Test**

FMCSA announces two changes to the New Entrant Safety Assurance Program Operational Test (Operational Test) discussed in the Agency's September 4, 2013, notice. First, the Agency will update the IT systems so that when an automatic failure violation (as listed in 49 CFR 385.321) is identified by the Agency based on the records the motor carrier provides during the document submission process, the carrier will automatically fail the new entrant safety audit and be placed into the corrective action process. This is consistent with the current new entrant safety audit process for audits conducted at a motor carrier's principal place of business (PPOB). Second, the Agency will extend the Operational Test through December 2014 to ensure sufficient data is available to calculate the established metrics in order to make an informed decision on any future actions. The changes take effect September 9, 2014. For more information, see the [Federal Register](#).

### **GAO Reports About Government Operations**

Federal agencies issue thousands of regulations each year to achieve national goals. For the few hundred of these rules deemed to be significant, agencies are required to assess expected costs and benefits. For the subset of these rules estimated to have the greatest economic impact, agencies must also include an assessment of alternatives. GAO was asked to review agencies' compliance with broadly applicable directives and guidance related to significant federal rulemaking. Their new report addresses (1) how often and to what extent significant, economically significant, and major rules include key elements for assessing or analyzing benefits and costs; and (2) how and to what extent agencies assess the quality of the scientific, technical,

and other types of data they use to consider benefits and costs. To answer these objectives, GAO reviewed a generalizable sample of 109 significant and 57 economically significant rules issued by executive agencies and all 37 major rules issued by independent agencies and published in the Federal Register from July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2013. GAO also conducted roundtable discussions with the 17 executive and independent agencies with the largest number of rules in GAO's sample. For the full report and findings, visit [gao.gov](http://gao.gov)