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FDR Maintenance Committee Meets

The [Fraud Detection and Remediation \(FDR\) Maintenance Committee](#), serving under the Law Enforcement Standing Committee, met in Arlington at AAMVA Headquarters on September 17th. The first half of the day was a productive review of upcoming 2015 FDR updates, discussions on future content, and a thorough evaluation of the Genuine Document Reference (GDR) tool. The Maintenance Committee was then joined by FDR Federal and Association partners for the afternoon session. NAPHSIS, US Department of Homeland Security, US Department of State, US Department of Defense and FBI were all in attendance for discussions on the importance of the partnerships, resources available to the jurisdictions, and emerging fraud trends experienced by both. For more on FDR, visit <http://www.aamva.org/FDR-Training/>

AAMVA Is On The Move

AAMVA Headquarters is packing our bags this week as we prepare for our move into a brand new office space. At noon ET on Friday September 26th, 2014 AAMVA HQ will begin its physical move to a new location. AAMVA's move will be completed by start of business on Monday September 29, 2014 at 8am ET. Our new address will be: 4401 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 700, Arlington, VA 22203. The physical move will not interfere with the operational support provided by AAMVA, and staff phone numbers and email addresses will not change.

During this timeframe, AAMVA's Operations Helpdesk will maintain a normal schedule and will be available by phone, 888-AAMVA80 Option 1, and e-mail, helpdesk@aamva.org. Please be aware there could be minor delays to responses made via phone calls due to the physical move and that AAMVA Operations will make every effort to respond to inbound calls and emails sent to helpdesk@aamva.org in as timely a fashion as possible.

Webinar Archive: Impact Teen Drivers



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Visit AAMVA's [Webinar Archives](#) to see content from last week's webinar, [Impact Teen Drivers](#). 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 archived webinar includes an introduction to ITD's background and mission. Visit AAMVA's [Webinar Archives](#) to see this and other archived webinar content.

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 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. 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 or 703-908-5842

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/>.

Law Enforcement Memorial Video Posted



The Law Enforcement Memorial video that was shown at this year's Annual International Conference has been posted to the [Law Enforcement section](#) of AAMVA's website. AAMVA honors law enforcement officers of member jurisdictions who make the ultimate sacrifice while performing their duties. Our deepest respect and sympathy goes out to the families and agencies of those fallen officers. To view the video, visit <http://www.aamva.org/law-enforcement/>

Ursino Visits Missouri Highway Patrol



AAMVA Director of Law Enforcement Brian Ursino visited the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) Friday and Saturday, September 19 & 20. On Friday, Brian met the entire morning with MSHP Colonel Ron Replogle who is also on the AAMVA International Board of Directors, and members of his executive staff. They were joined-mid morning by partners from the Immigration & Customs Enforcement including Kim Preski, Supervisory Special Agent (St. Louis, MO); Mark Fox – Supervisory Special Agent (Kansas City, MO); and Keith Fowler, National Program Manager, ICE HQ-Homeland Security Investigations (pictured). After having lunch at the MSHP Academy, Colonel Replogle invited Director Ursino to make some remarks to the MSHP recruits of the 99th trooper basic training class. The afternoon was spent touring various MSHP operations including Aviation and Water Enforcement operations.



On Saturday, Director Ursino and Colonel Replogle participated in the security operations for the University of Missouri Football game. Security is handled by

many partners, but primarily the MSHP and the University of Missouri Police Department. They even spent some time on the sidelines with Missouri Governor Jay Nixon (pictured).

PIRE Seeks AAMVA Participation in DUI Survey

The [Pacific Institute for Research & Evaluation \(PIRE\)](#) is seeking AAMVA membership participation in a survey they are conducting to determine the feasibility of new technology aimed toward detecting DUI suspended drivers who drive. AAMVA members are encouraged to participate as it will also benefit AAMVA's ongoing partnership with NHTSA to increase compliance of suspended drivers. According to a study published by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), between 36% and 88% of impaired driving offenders with suspended drivers licenses continue to drive on our highways (McCartt, Geary & Nissen, September 2002, Observational Study of the Extent of Driving While Suspended for Alcohol-Impaired Driving, DOT HS 809 491). New technology has been developed that may deter suspended DUI offenders from driving. The feasibility of this new system, called NO-DRIV®, is currently being evaluated by PIRE. As part of this evaluation, we are asking professionals such as you to take an anonymous, 3-minute web survey to help determine the potential of NO-DRIV®. Your responses will provide valuable information in assessing the feasibility of this new technology in reducing impaired driving and, in particular, driving while suspended (DWS). To participate in this voluntary survey, and to obtain information on NO-DRIV and our evaluation, [visit here](#). If you have any questions about the evaluation, please contact Mr. Jim Fell at 301-755-2746 or fell@pire.org.

NMVTIS Annual Report and Financial Audit

The National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) Final Rule requires AAMVA, as the system operator, to prepare an annual report and procure an independent financial audit. The online [NMVTIS Annual Report 2013](#) is the fifth publication and was published by the Department of Justice on August 22, 2014. It covers October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013 and details the performance of NMVTIS during the twelve month reporting period. A print version is also available on the [NMVTIS website](#). Future annual reports will be published in August of the following year.

Share Information with Other Jurisdictions

Please respond to these surveys from Connecticut, California, and Wisconsin. 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, IN, MN, MO, ND, OR, WA.
- [Special Interest License Plates](#) (Ends 10/03/2014) Responses received from AB, AK, AL, AR, BC, CO, FL, ID, IN, MN, MS, ND, NE, OH, UT, VA, WI, WY.
- [Online Duplicate Title](#) (Ends 10/06/2014) Responses received from AL, CA, FL, ID, IN, LA, MD, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, NJ, OH, OK, PA, UT, VA, VT, WA, WY.

- [Access to personal property from towed vehicles](#) (Ends 09/25/2014)
Responses received from AZ, CA, FL, IA, ID, IL, KY, MD, ME, MN, MO, ND, NJ, NY, OK, OR, PA, QC, UT, VA, WA, WY, YT.

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>.

Manitoba Public Insurance Launches Distracted Driving Simulator

Manitoba Public Insurance is taking its anti-distracted driving 'Your Last Words' campaign to the next level - a texting and driving simulator. The simulator will be available both on-line and as a portable, event version. The simulator is interactive, sending scripted texts to participants who respond via their smartphone, while encountering vehicles, intersections and obstacles. When participants are finished they will see their driving errors and have the option of pledging to not text while driving, and sharing their experience via social media. The on-line simulator available via <http://www.yourlastwords.ca> is designed to be like a typical driving experience with the user controlling an onscreen vehicle with their keyboard. The event version - which will be taken to various community events in the province - will allow people to get behind the steering wheel, complete with multiple screens and gas/brake pedals. For more information, visit mpi.mb.ca

U.S. Congress Passes Government Funding Extension

The U.S. Senate voted to pass a \$1.012 trillion measure (H.J. Res 124) making continuing government appropriations for fiscal year 2015. The legislation would carry approximately the same funding levels as previously provided for fiscal year 2014 under the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-76). The legislation would provide continued funding until December 11, 2014. Congressional passage was imperative to avert another government shutdown and allow Congress to return to their home districts to continue campaign efforts prior to the midterm elections. Tuesday evening, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the measure by a roll call vote of 319-108. This vote carried a potentially contentious amendment that would provide short-term authorization for the military to train and equip Syrian rebels to fight against the Islamic State terrorist group, meaning the Senate would not have to hold separate votes on the issue.

Surface Transportation Project Delivery Program Application Requirements Final Rule

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT have published a final rule amending the application requirements for the Surface Transportation Project Delivery Program (Program). This rulemaking is prompted by enactment of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), which converted the Surface Transportation Project Delivery Pilot Program into a permanent program, allowed any State to apply for the Program, created a

renewal process for Program participation, and expanded the scope of the Secretary's responsibilities that may be assigned and assumed under the Program to environmental review responsibilities for railroad, public transportation, and multimodal projects, in addition to highway projects. This final rule is effective on October 16, 2014. For more information, see the [Federal Register](#).

FMCSA Requests Comment on CDL Passenger Endorsement Requirements

On Tuesday, September 16, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) posted [a request for public comment](#) concerning the knowledge and skills testing requirements for a commercial driver's license (CDL) passenger endorsement to determine whether improvements to the knowledge test, the examination of driving skills, and the application of the requirements are necessary to ensure the safe operation of commercial motor vehicles designed or used to transport passengers. This request is in response to Section 32709 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). Jurisdictions interested in providing comment should visit www.regulations.gov and enter FMCSA-2014-0284 to post comments to the docket. AAMVA requests all jurisdictions providing comment also submit a copy of those comments to governmentaffairs@aamva.org so that AAMVA may include those submissions in their own submitted to FMCSA.

FMCSA FY 2015 SaDIP Notice of Funding Availability Grant

FMCSA has posted the FY 2015 SaDIP Notice of Funding Availability Grant. The Safety Data Improvement Program is a Federal discretionary grant program that provides financial and technical assistance to States to facilitate the collection of accurate, complete, and timely data on all large commercial truck and bus crashes and roadside inspections. For full information, [visit here](#).

Notice of Bad Medical Exams

On Friday, September 12, New Mexico resident Dr. Paul Martin Bateman was arrested by New Mexico Department of Public Safety, Motor Transportation Police for practicing medicine without a license. Dr. Bateman was previously arrested for the same reason. Both arrests were the result of undercover investigations which, to date, have identified more than 650 drivers who were examined by Dr. Bateman for the purpose of obtaining a CDL medical certificate. The on-going investigation has found that Mr. Bateman has issued medical cards to drivers from at least 30 States. Authorities in New Mexico have recovered a significant number of boxes containing records of the CDL medical exams. The New Mexico Division of FMCSA, in cooperation with the OIG and New Mexico State Driver Licensing Agency (SDLA), are compiling a list of drivers who were provided a medical certificate by Dr. Bateman. It should be noted that Dr. Bateman also previously held or applied for a medical examiner license in Illinois, California and Wisconsin. New Mexico has already issued notices to drivers domiciled in New Mexico who were certified by Dr. Bateman, advising them they have 30 days to provide a valid medical card or their CDL will be automatically downgraded. More information will be made available as the investigation proceeds. Once we have provided a list of drivers in your State that were examined by Dr. Bateman, FMCSA asks that you contact those drivers and request a new valid medical exam from a medical examiner on the National Registry. For more information,

States may contact: Cynde Teetzen, Division Administrator, New Mexico Division, FMCSA, 505-346-2595, cynde.teetzen@dot.gov or Selden Fritschner, Chief, Commercial Driver License Division, FMCSA, 202.366.0677, selden.fritschner@dot.gov