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THIS WEEK: Members-Only Webinar: NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) Training

Register now for the webinar, NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) Training, October 15th from 2:00-3:00 PM (EDT). Learn the quick and easy benefits of the NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) Training. The SWI application allows state users to perform instant title verification against NMVTIS, using a web browser and an internet connection. The SWI application also has a Help Desk feature that allows state users to make data corrections to their Title and Brand data submitted in error. The system also features a hierarchical role base security model that allow state administrators to manage the addition and removal of users in their DMV community. This webinar is for **AAMVA jurisdiction and federal government members only**. [Click here](#) to login and register for the webinar.

Nominations for AAMVA's 2014 IDECE Examiner of the Year Award are Now Being Accepted

AAMVA is kicking off the annual IDECE Examiner of the Year nominations process. All active jurisdictional participants in the International Driver Examiner Certification (IDECE) program are asked to recognize an outstanding driver examiner from their jurisdiction by nominating them for the IDECE Examiner of the Year Award. The Examiner of the Year honor is awarded to a driver examiner who consistently performs the duties and responsibilities of a certified examiner and diligently upholds the Examiner Professional Code of Ethics. After all nominations have been submitted, the AAMVA IDECE Board will select one examiner of the 2014 Outstanding Examiner of the Year Award. Please send a nomination letter and photo of your examiner to [Denise Hanchulak](#) by December 1, 2014. To read more about the past exceptional examiners, visit AAMVA's Website at www.aamva.org/IDECE-Examiner-of-the-Year/

Facial Recognition Working Group Meets



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The [Facial Recognition Working Group](#) held its third meeting October 7 – 8, 2014 in New Orleans, LA. Significant progress was made on the project deliverables: A Best Practices Guide for Facial Recognition (FR) Programs; and model enabling legislation for jurisdictions that need legislative authority to implement and utilize FR to deter and detect identity theft and fraud. Publication of the deliverables is anticipated in August 2015. Questions should be sent to Brian Ursino, AAMVA Director of Law Enforcement, at bursino@aamva.org

Courtesy Verification Program (CVP) Expansion

AAMVA is pleased to announce the expansion of its Courtesy Verification Program (CVP) with the addition of a new laboratory partner that will now be offering a base set of tests aimed at assisting in assessing card durability and predictive service life. Exponent, Inc. (NASDAQ - EXPO) will now be providing a valuable service, which is free to the issuing authorities, that has long been needed to assist them with better understanding what potential performance issues their cards may encounter. Core tests will include: visual examination; cross-hatch tape; static stress; surface abrasion; UV exposure; and, corner impact tests. Similar to the existing CVP testing a report will be generated that will then be sent to the issuing authority outlining the performance results and possible recommendations. For more information on the CVP contact Geoff Slagle, Director of Identity Management, gslagle@aamva.org – (703) 342-7459. About Exponent - <http://www.exponent.com/>

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 South Carolina, Florida, Virginia, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, and Connecticut. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after each survey.

- [Phone and Web Transaction Security Measures](#) (Ends 10/29/2014)
- [Driver License and ID Card Production Survey](#) (Ends 10/28/2014)
Response received from Georgia.
- [Ride-Share Programs](#) (Ends 10/31/2014) Responses received from AK, DC, FL, ID, LA, ME, MO, NE, NH, NJ, PA, SC, TX, VT, WA.
- [Queue Management Solution](#) (Ends 10/28/2014) Responses received from FL, GA, ID, MD, NH, NV, PA, SC, UT, WA.
- [Streamlining Fees](#) (Ends 10/24/2014) Responses received from AR, AZ, BC, FL, ID, LA, MD, MO, NH, NJ, OH, SC, VA, VT, WA.
- [Retention and Purge of Records](#) (Ends 10/24/2014) Responses received from CO, KY, VT, WI.
- [CDL Medical Waiver](#) (Ends 10/24/2014) Response received from AZ, BC, HI, IL, IN, KY, LA, MD, MN, MO, NH, NJ, NY, SD, TX, VA, VT, WA.
- [3-Wheeled Motorcycle Endorsement](#) (Ends 10/23/2014) Responses received from AK, BC, DC, DE, FL, IA, IN, LA, MD, MN, MO, NH, NJ, OH, SC, SD, TX, VA, VT, WA.

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>.

Schrank to Head Driver Licensing Program

Jane Schrank of Pierre has been selected to head the South Dakota Driver Licensing Program, Public Safety Secretary Trevor Jones announced today. Schrank, a California native, has been with the program for 18 years. Most recently she directed staff training statewide. Prior to that, she was assistant program manager for Driver Licensing. Schrank replaces Cindy Gerber, who resigned as director of the program in August to take a position with the federal government. Schrank assumed duties as program director on Thursday, Oct. 9. Jones said Schrank's experience of nearly two decades with the program will assure a seamless transition in leadership of an agency that serves about 613,000 South Dakotans who hold driver licenses or non-driver identification cards. Schrank said her goals are to maintain the best possible service for South Dakotans and to seek new ways to use technology to make driver licensing services even quicker and more convenient. [Read the DPS press release](#)

Courts Lift Voter ID Laws as Election Nears

Voter identification laws in two states suffered legal setbacks on Thursday night, the latest in an unusual flurry of court decisions on voting rights that could affect turnout in November's midterm elections. The Supreme Court [stopped Wisconsin's voter identification law](#) — which would require that voters produce a photo identification — from becoming effective until the

justices decide whether to hear an appeal in the case. The order late Thursday put a hold on a decision from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit that would have allowed the state to implement its new law for the elections in less than a month. Three justices dissented from the move: Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas and Samuel A. Alito Jr. Those justices said the case did not meet the legal standard for Supreme Court intervention, but they also expressed concern with implementing the state law so close to the election. Lower courts had barred Wisconsin's law until the 7th Circuit's ruling on Monday. The order is the third time in less than a week that the Supreme Court decided how states can run elections in November. The justices allowed more restrictive voting laws to stand in Ohio and North Carolina. At about the same time Thursday, a Texas federal district judge struck down that state's voter identification law. The ruling found the law creates an unconstitutional burden on the right to vote, discriminates against Hispanics and African-Americans and constitutes an unconstitutional poll tax.

GAO Publishes Report on Issues Related to State Voter Identification Laws

On October 8th, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) published a [report](#) on issues related to state voter identification laws. The studies GAO reviewed on voter ownership of certain forms of identification documents show that most registered voters in the states possessed the selected forms of state-issued ID, and that the direct costs of required ID varied by state. GAO identified 10 studies of driver's license and state ID ownership, which showed that estimated ownership rates among all registered voters ranged from 84 to 95 percent. Another 10 studies GAO reviewed showed mixed effects of various forms of state voter ID requirements on turnout. Five of these ten studies found that ID requirements had no statistically significant effect on turnout, 4 studies found decreases in turnout, and 1 found an increase in turnout when statistically significant. With midterm elections approaching, this report could provide perspective on existing literature review and the subject as reported by the federal government.

Free Harvard Business Review Webinar: Closing the Skills Gap

David DeLong, guest speaker from the 2014 AAMVA Annual International Conference, will present in a webinar, "Closing the Skills Gap: Making Innovative Talent Solutions Pay Off in a Changing Workforce," sponsored by Harvard Business Review on Tuesday, October 28 at 12:00PM EST. [Sign up for this free webinar here](#). You can also access it after the event at <http://hbr.org/multimedia/webinars>.

Request for Comments: Automotive Electronic Control Systems Safety and Security

This notice presents the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's research program on vehicle electronics and progress on examining the need for safety standards with regard to electronic systems in passenger motor vehicles. The agency undertook this examination pursuant to the requirements of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) Division C, Title I, Subtitle D, Section 31402, Subsection (a). In addition, and in accordance with MAP-21, we are seeking comment (through this document) on various components of our examination of the need for safety

standards in this area. As MAP-21 also requires this agency to report to Congress on our findings pursuant to this examination, we intend to submit a report to Congress based in part on our findings from this examination and public comments received in response to this document. You should submit your comments early enough to ensure that Docket Management receives them no later than December 8, 2014. For more information, visit the [Federal Register](#).

NOYS Social Scene: Share Seat Belts Save

Nationally, more than 50% of all teen drivers and more than 60% of all teen passengers who die in car crashes are not wearing their seat belts. NOYS' Seat Belts Save Challenge, in partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Association and The National Road Safety Foundation, is working to change that. You can be part of this life-saving initiative by using social media to spread the word about Seat Belts Save, encouraging high school students, teachers, and administrators to register for the Challenge by October 17th.

Here's how:

- Connect with Seat BeltsSave on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). "Share" and RT our messages.
- Follow and join the conversation using #seatbeltssaveu.
- Use creative social media ideas, plus sample tweets and Facebook posts, from the Seat Belts Save [Implementation Guide](#).
- Link to www.seatbeltssave.org to share Challenge incentives - including the \$10,000 in prizes to be awarded to winning schools.

Chairman Goodlatte Applauds Launch of "My E-Verify"

The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) today launched "My E-Verify," which helps prevent identity theft by providing a mechanism for individuals to lock their Social Security numbers so that it cannot be used by another person to get a job. "My E-Verify" is now available in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Mississippi, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. and will soon be rolled out to the rest of the country. [Read the full story at Judiciary.House.gov](#).

FMCSA Posts Information Request on Effectiveness of Annual Grant Program

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is conducting a survey of its State partner grant recipients who support the operation, regulation and enforcement of various mutually beneficial safety programs. This knowledge will improve the federal government's understanding of the effectiveness of commercial motor vehicle safety related grant programs. FMCSA is interested in surveying grant recipients to collect information on the strengths, weaknesses, and effectiveness of FMCSA grant programs. FMCSA proposes to collect the data for this project via e-mail surveys and conducting clarifying interviews as appropriate. This [notice](#) of Agency Information Collection Activities is available through the Federal Register. AAMVA members should note that this does not represent the survey itself, but instead is an effort to ensure the necessity and accuracy of the questions that

will be included. If your state submits comments to the docket (FMCSA-2014-0196) please provide a copy of those comments to governmentaffairs@aamva.org so that AAMVA can submit collective comments on the association's behalf.