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AAMVA's Updated Awards Program

AAMVA's updated awards program fosters a tradition of excellence in the motor vehicle and law enforcement community. The awards allow AAMVA to honor individuals, teams and organizations who have committed their time and resources to safety initiatives, outstanding customer service, and public affairs and consumer educational programs throughout North America. Awards are presented both at the regional and international levels in the categories of:

- Service,
- Safety,
- Security, and
- Public Affairs and Consumer Education.

Submission forms for all of AAMVA's awards programs are now available. Submission forms are due **February 14, 2015**. For more submission forms and more information, visit <http://www.aamva.org/AAMVA-Awards/>

Combined Standing Committees Meet



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AAMVA's Driver, Law Enforcement, and Vehicle Standing Committees met last week at AAMVA Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. Over two days of meetings, the Combined Standing Committees got an update on each committee's activities, sketched out topics for the 2015 Spring Workshop and Law Institute, and discussed changes to AAMVA's awards program, among other activities. They also got a grand tour of AAMVA's brand new offices. For more information on the Standing Committees and their work, visit <http://www.aamva.org/Committees-and-Working-Groups/>.

AAMVA at IACP Conference This Week



AAMVA is pleased to be an exhibitor at the 121st Annual International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference this week in Orlando. AAMVA will also participate in the session, Issuing Driver's Licenses to Undocumented Immigrants: Department of Motor Vehicles & Law Enforcement Perspectives. The Session will be moderated by Ian Grossman and panelists will include AAMVA members Chris Caras, Chrissy Nizer, John Batiste and Ron Replogle, along with AAMVA strategic partner Keith Fowler. AAMVA President & CEO Anne Ferro will also be assisting in the presentation of the National Law Enforcement Challenge Awards during the Awards Breakfast that takes place during the conference. And in addition to attending the conference, AAMVA Director of Law Enforcement Brian Ursino will be attending several IACP committee meetings.

Members-Only Webinar: NMVTIS: When to Add, Undo or Modify a Record

Register now for the webinar, [NMVTIS: When to Add, Undo or Modify a Record](#), Wednesday, November 12, 2014, 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EDT). This webinar is for state titling supervisors and analysts who need to understand how the NMVTIS Business Transactions relate to internal state processes and systems. The presentation addresses state titling scenarios that occur daily and associates them to the appropriate NMVTIS Business Transaction. The presentation assumes that users understand the vehicle titling program area and its terminology. This webinar is for AAMVA jurisdiction members only. [Click here](#) to login and register for the webinar.

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

AAMVA is kicking off the annual IDEC Examiner of the Year nominations process. All active jurisdictional participants in the International Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC) program are asked to recognize an outstanding driver examiner from their jurisdiction by nominating them for the IDEC 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 IDEC 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/IDEC-Examiner-of-the-Year/

Congratulations Newly Elected IACP S&P Executive Committee



AAMVA Director of Law Enforcement, Brian Ursino, has been elected to the IACP S&P Executive Committee. Here's the full committee roster: *General Chair* - Colonel Steve Flaherty, Virginia State Police; *First Vice Chair* - Colonel Tracy Trott, Tennessee Highway Patrol; *Second Vice Chair* - Colonel Craig Price, South Dakota Highway Patrol; *Secretary-Treasurer* - Colonel David Sankey, Nebraska State Patrol; *Advisors* – Colonel Tim Alben, Massachusetts State Police, Colonel Ron Replogle, Missouri State Highway Patrol and Commissioner Vince Hawkes, Ontario Provincial Police; *Alumni Section Chair*

Brian Ursino, Washington State Patrol; *Legal Advisor* Donald Chesworth; *North Atlantic Regional Chair*, Tom L'Esperance, Vermont State Police; *Southern Regional Chair* Michael Oliver, South Carolina Department of Public Safety; *North Central Regional Chair* Colonel Robert Garrison, Iowa State Patrol; *Mountain Pacific Regional Chair*, Assistant Director James McGuffin, Arizona Department of Public Safety.

Region III Information Exchange This Week



The 2014 Region III Information Exchange will be held THIS WEEK 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/>.

New Studies and Reports Posted to AAMVA Website

A new study and a new report have been posted to the AAMVA website:

- [Motorcycle Lane-Share Study Among California Motorcyclists and Drivers 2014 and Comparison to 2012 and 2013 Data | Methodological and Analysis Report](#) (May 2014)
- [Safety Implications of Lane-splitting Among California Motorcyclists Involved in Collisions | Report To California Office of Traffic Safety](#) (August 6, 2014)

For more studies and reports, visit <http://www.aamva.org/Jurisdiction-Studies/>

Share Information With Other Jurisdictions

Please respond to these surveys from Georgia, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Illinois, Arkansas, Kentucky, and South Carolina. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after each survey.

- [Ignition Interlock](#) (Ends 11/12/2014) Responses received from FL, NE, VT.
- [Motorcycle Skills Test](#) (Ends 11/12/2014) Responses received from BC, FL, OR, TX, VT, WA.
- [Branding Ride-Share as Taxi Cabs](#) (Ends 11/11/2014) Responses received from BC, FL, NE, VA, VT.
- [Electronic Proof of Insurance](#) (Ends 11/11/2014) Responses received from BC, FL, NE, NH, PA, VA, VT, WA.

- [Non-Commercial Skills Tests and Safety Measures](#) (Ends 11/05/2014) Responses received from BC, CA, DE, FL, GA, IL, KS, LA, MA, NJ, TX, VA, VT, WA.
- [Online Non-CDL Driver License Renewals](#) (Ends 11/11/2014) Responses received from BC, DE, FL, GA, IL, KS, LA, MO, NE, NJ, OR, SC, SD, VA, VT.
- [Phone and Web Transaction Security Measures](#) (Ends 10/29/2014) Responses received from AB, AL, AR, BC, DC, FL, GA, ID, IL, IN, LA, PA, SD, TN, VA, WI, 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 or call Janice Druzynski at 703-908-5842. All online surveys can be found on the AAMVA Web site at <http://www.aamva.org/Survey/User/SurveyDefault.aspx>.

Michigan Governor Signs Anti-Tesla Bill

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder signed a measure Tuesday that blocks Tesla Motors Inc. from selling cars directly to consumers in the state, siding with auto dealers and General Motors Co. even after other Michigan manufacturers advocated for the Silicon Valley company. The legislation, passed by Michigan lawmakers earlier this month, includes language in support of franchise laws that force auto makers to sell vehicles through the network of dealers rather than directly to buyers. Tesla has employed the direct-sales method to luxury electric sedans even as rivals, including GM, have been compelled to use their existing dealers networks. Tesla can still sell cars in Michigan, but the legislation forces the company to use a third party for distribution. [See the full article in the Wall Street Journal](#)

FMCSA Final Rule: Amendment to Emergency Relief Exemptions Pursuant to the Reliable Home Heating (RHH) Act

FMCSA adopts, as final, certain amendments to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) required by the Reliable Home Heating (RHH) Act. Currently, the FMCSRs include a provision which enables motor carriers providing direct assistance in responding to an emergency declared by a governor to do so without having to comply with certain Federal safety regulations. However, the duration of the relief is limited to 30 days unless FMCSA extends the exemption. This final rule amends the emergency relief provision in the FMCSRs so that the safety requirements in 49 CFR parts 390-399 will not apply if a Governor: Declares a state of emergency caused by a shortage of residential heating fuel; determines at the end of the 30-day exemption period currently authorized by the regulations that the emergency shortage has not ended; and extends the declaration of emergency for up to 2 additional 30-day periods. Because the rule is a non-discretionary, ministerial action as required by the RHH Act, it is issued without prior notice and opportunity for comment, pursuant to the good cause exception in the Administrative Procedure Act (APA). This rule is effective October 22, 2014. For more information, see the [Federal Register](#)

FMCSA Awards \$1 Million to Help Train and Place Veterans in Careers as Commercial Truck and Bus Drivers

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announced it has awarded \$1 million in grants to nine technical and community colleges across the country to help train returning military veterans for jobs as commercial bus and truck drivers. The funding is provided through FMCSA's Commercial Motor Vehicle - Operator Safety Training (CMV-OST) grant program. FMCSA awards CMV-OST grants to organizations that provide truck driving training, including accredited public or private colleges, universities, vocational-technical schools, post-secondary educational institutions, truck driver training schools, associations, and state and local governments, including federally-recognized Native American tribal governments. The funds are used to recruit, train, and provide students job placement assistance after graduation. For more information, visit fmcsa.dot.gov

IIHS Releases Report on Distracted Driving

Using a cellphone while driving is risky and can lead to crashes. A new study by IIHS in partnership with Virginia Tech helps clarify the risk of cellphone use behind the wheel and offers insight into other distracting things drivers do when they aren't using cellphones. The research points to the need for a broader strategy to deal with the ways that drivers can be distracted. New research by the Institute and the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI) examined how drivers' near-crash and crash risk changes as their cellphone usage patterns change and how cellphone use fits in with other driver behavior and affects attention to the road. The research confirms that frequent cellphone users have more near misses or crashes. However, a new finding is that individual drivers' overall near-crash or crash rates don't increase the more they use their phones. That may be because drivers tend to do other things that take their eyes or minds off the road when they aren't engaged in phone conversations. There's also evidence that drivers compensate for the distraction of using cellphones, for example, by making calls while stopped or during less-demanding driving situations. For more information, visit iihs.org

Drug-Impaired Driving: A Fatal Issue for Canadian Teens

While the effects of alcohol consumption when driving are well documented, there is growing concern that drug-impaired driving is just as dangerous, particularly amongst teen drivers. In fact, recent findings indicate that the number of teen fatalities from auto collisions who tested positive for drugs rose significantly between 2000 and 2010 to a level comparable to those who tested positive for alcohol. A new review of secondary research by the Traffic Injury Research Foundation (TIRF) shows that in 2000, a greater percentage of fatally injured 16-19 year old drivers tested positive for alcohol than for drugs (40.3 per cent versus 23.6 percent). However, in 2010, while alcohol related fatalities decreased slightly to 36.6 per cent, drug related fatalities among 16-19 year old drivers increased by roughly 16 per cent to 39.2 percent, suggesting that the two issues have become equally important to address. For more information, visit tirf.ca

