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## AAMVA Leadership Academy Wraps Up



The very first class of AAMVA's Leadership Academy officially completed their training last week, wrapping up a week of professional development, leadership training, and networking. As part of the week-long training course, the 23 up-and-coming jurisdiction leaders heard from industry professionals, met with experienced administrators, and toured the Virginia DMV, among many other activities. To get a glimpse into what the week was like for the Leadership Academy participants, visit [AAMVA's Flickr page](#), or watch this [video wrap-up](#) to hear from the participants themselves.

## CDL Examiner Update Class





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AAMVA conducted two Examiner Update Classes last week at Pinellas Technical College in St Petersburg, Florida from November 17th through 23rd. Twenty six examiners representing eighteen member jurisdictions attended the classes along with eleven FMCSA State Program Managers. For more information on AAMVA's CDL Program, visit <http://www.aamva.org/CDL-Program/>.

### AAMVA At AASHTO Annual Meeting



AAMVA is pleased to have been an exhibitor at the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Annual Meeting, November 20 - November 24, 2014. The AASHTO Annual Meeting is one of the industry's most important gatherings of transportation, government and commercial organizations. The Annual Meeting offers transportation executives the opportunity to network and share the latest in industry policies and innovations. For more information, visit <http://www.aashtoannualmeeting.org/>

### Region III Information Exchange Presentations Now Available



Presentations from the 2014 Region III Information Exchange are now available for download at AAMVA.org. Visit the downloads page to revisit a topic that piqued your interest at the Information Exchange, or catch up on content that you may have missed. For presentations from the Information Exchange, visit <http://www.aamva.org/2014-Region-III-Info-Exchange-Presentations/>

### **DEADLINE APPROACHING: 2014 Examiner of the Year Nominations Now Being Accepted**

All active jurisdictional participants in the 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. Examiner nominations should be based on the exemplary professionalism the examiner's bring to their jobs. 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**.

### **AAMVA At Vehicle Safety Inspection and Maintenance Safety Inspection Forum**



On Friday, Nov. 14, Cathie Curtis, American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators' (AAMVA) Director of Vehicle Programs; Kay Kishbaugh, division manager, Pennsylvania Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV); Scott Clapper, director of vehicle services participated in a panel discussion at the [Vehicle Safety Inspection and Maintenance Safety Inspection Forum](#). They were joined by Anita Wasko, Director Bureau of Motor Vehicles, PA Department of Transportation. The Automotive Service Association (ASA) and the Automotive Aftermarket Suppliers Association (AASA), the light vehicle aftermarket division of Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA), hosted the Forum in East Norriton, Pa. Discussions were held on the importance of periodic motor vehicle inspection programs and what can be done to protect these programs. Forum participants include, Delaware DMV;

Doug Woolverton, Northeast Division Manager and director of Safety Inspection Equipment Division for Hunter Engineering Company; Bill Hanvey, AASA's Senior Vice President Programs and Member Services, Tom Gebbie, shop owner and President of ASA-PA, and other leaders of the automotive industry and law enforcement. Many of the participants praised the Pennsylvania and Delaware safety inspection programs and emphasize not only do safety inspection programs contribute to overall highway safety but they also help to protect consumers.

### Share Information With Other Jurisdictions

Please respond to these surveys from New Hampshire, Arizona, Connecticut, North Carolina, and Ontario. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after each survey.

- [Limited privilege/Hardship license](#) (Ends 12/19/2014)
- [Vehicle Registration/Tab/Title](#) (Ends 12/05/2014) Responses received from CA, FL, IA, IL, KY, MS, NE, NH, NJ, UT, VT, WI.
- [Customer Merge Process](#) (Ends 12/12/2014) Responses received from BC, MO, NH, NJ, PA, VA.
- [My DMV Portal](#) (Ends 12/05/2014) Responses received from AL, BC, FL, MO, NE, NH, NJ, PA, SC, UT, VT, WA, WI.
- [Electronic Knowledge Tests](#) (Ends 12/02/2014) Responses received from AK, BC, CA, DE, FL, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MN, MO, ND, NE, NH, OH, OR, PA, SD, VA, 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](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>.

### Administrator Changes

#### **Former Region I President and AAMVA Board Member Retires**

Frank D'Onofrio, Deputy Minister of ServiceOntario, will retire from Ontario. Frank started his OPS career in 1980 as a researcher in the Ministry of Transportation (MTO). His career spanned a number of progressively responsible positions at the Ministry, including ADM of Road User Safety and as acting Deputy Minister. Frank's public service journey then took him to ServiceOntario, where he served as ADM since 2006, and then Deputy Minister since 2012. Frank has played a leadership role in developing ServiceOntario into a modern, efficient and customer service oriented organization. After visiting a number of frontline ServiceOntario operations, I can attest to the incredible pride and professionalism that ServiceOntario employees bring to their roles thanks to Frank's efforts. Frank has achieved a long list of accomplishments as an excellent OPS leader, and is widely known as a consensus builder and collaborator. His contribution to the public service has been significant, and he will leave a very strong legacy of service and dedication. I have asked Frank if he could be available to provide advice and guidance to the OPS as ministries conduct comprehensive program reviews

to improve outcomes. I would like to thank him in advance for his continued interest in public service. Frank's last day will be December 31, 2014.

#### **Deal Appoints Lynne Riley as Revenue Commissioner**

Gov. Nathan Deal (Georgia) announced that state Rep. Lynne Riley (R-Johns Creek) will succeed Doug MacGinnitie as Department of Revenue commissioner, effective Jan. 11. Riley today submitted her resignation from the House. "Lynne brings three decades of accounting experience and expertise on tax policy from her time on the House Ways and Means Committee," Deal said. "I've seen Lynne's effectiveness and know-how up-close while she served as my floor leader in the House, and I know the department will continue to run smoothly and provide great customer service to the taxpayers of Georgia under her leadership. I appreciate her willingness to take on this new challenge, and I thank Commissioner MacGinnitie for the great job that he has done and wish him the best as he returns to his successful private-sector career." Riley served four terms representing District 50 in the state House of Representatives, where she served as one of Gov. Deal's floor leaders and as a member of the Ways and Means, Natural Resources and Environment, Retirement and the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Oversight committees. She also serves as the chair of the Fulton County delegation and is a member of the American Legislative Exchange Council's Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force. Previously, Riley served six years on the Fulton County Commission. She has worked in accounting for more than three decades and is the principal of her own accounting firm. She and her husband, Mike, live in Johns Creek and have three adult children.

#### **Jerris Brown Retires from USVI**

Jerris Brown, Director of U.S. Virgin Islands Bureau of Motor Vehicles is scheduled to retire on December 31, 2014. A successor has not yet been named. Jerris has been involved with AAMVA for many years and we wish him well.

#### **Steve Dale To Leave West Virginia DMV**

Steve O. Dale, Acting Commissioner of the West Virginia DMV, will leave his position at the end of December. After 32 years at DMV, he will be moving on to explore opportunities in the private sector. His successor has not yet been named. AAMVA wishes Steve all the best as he takes on new opportunities and thanks him for all he has done for the association.

#### **Nevada DMV Wins Two Awards from PRSA**



The Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles' Smog Spotter clean air promotional campaign received two honors at the Nov. 12 Pinnacle Awards sponsored by the Las Vegas chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA). The Pinnacle Awards recognize the best public relations programs, tools and professionals in Southern Nevada,

Northern Arizona and Southern Utah. The Pinnacle Awards are judged by out-of-market, accredited members of PRSA. The program is modeled after the national Silver Anvil and Bronze Anvil Awards from PRSA. DMV and its advertising agency, Penna Powers, won the top-ranked Pinnacle Award for Integrated Communications and an award of excellence for online banner ads developed as part of the Smog Spotter campaign. For more information, visit [SmogSpotter.com](http://SmogSpotter.com)

### **State of Georgia Driver Services Commissioner Announces Motorcycle Safety Grant Award**

Department of Driver Services (DDS) Commissioner Rob Mikell announced that the agency has been awarded grant funds totaling \$99,600 for the Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program (GMSP). The Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) approved the funds to be used for increased share the road and impaired riding initiatives and motorcycle safety awareness. The Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program offers motorcycle training for new riders, as well as, seasoned riders, who want to learn how to ride a motorcycle legally and safely. The Program is based on a continuum of learning and therefore offers three entry points to rider education. Students participating in the Basic Riders Course (BRC) do not need specialized motorcycle equipment, as the GMSP provides both a motorcycle and a helmet to class participants. Upon successful completion of the BRC, participants receive a 90-day license waiver card that exempts them from both the written and on-cycle skills tests needed to obtain a Class M license in the state of Georgia. For more information, visit [www.dds.ga.gov](http://www.dds.ga.gov)

### **President Obama Outlines Executive Actions on Immigration**

On November 20th President Obama outlined a series of executive actions with regards to immigration. AAMVA reminds its membership that executive actions are meant to direct and advise federal executive agencies in the fulfillment of their duties, not to supplant federal or state law. Of particular interest in the presidential strategy is the expansion of prosecutorial discretion for deferred action status holders. AAMVA does not anticipate that the current executive order will constitute major changes for motor vehicle administrators.

At this point, most AAMVA members have made the determination whether deferred action status holders are considered by the state to be legally present. While the presidential directives will increase the population of applicants eligible for deferred status, the process requirements for the states would likely stay the same as they have for previous deferred action status holders - confirmation of legal presence would continue to be provided through appropriate federal immigration documentation. AAMVA does advise consultation with counsel on potential effects to individual state laws. For more information, visit AAMVA's [Legislative Alerts Page](#)

### **NHTSA Leadership**

The White House has selected NTSB board member Mark Rosekind to lead the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Rosekind, a sleep scientist by training, has been on the NTSB's board since 2010. He previously spent 13 years as the president of Alertness Solutions and also worked for NASA for seven years. Rosekind graduated from Stanford and has a doctorate from Yale. For more information, visit [www.nhtsa.gov/](http://www.nhtsa.gov/)

### **Mid-Atlantic Sustainable Transportation Funding Workshop**

On December 5, the Mid-Atlantic Sustainable Transportation Funding Workshop will hold the latest of its workshop series in Wilmington, DE. AAMVA's Vice President of Member Services and Public Affairs, Ian Grossman, will be speaking at *Session IV: How Will the I-95 Corridor Agencies Deal with the Administrative, Technological, and Governance Issues Pertaining to MBUF and Other Alternatives?*. The event will be hosted by the Delaware Center for Transportation and the University of Delaware Institute of Public Administration. More information on the workshop can be found [here](#). To register for the workshop for free, please [click here](#).

### **NTSB To Hold A Symposium on Passenger Vehicle Tire Safety**

The National Transportation Safety Board will convene a symposium December 9–10, 2014, in Washington, D.C., to highlight the importance of tires to the overall safety of passenger vehicles, and to gather facts and expert opinion to assist the agency in four ongoing tire disablement-related investigations. The symposium will be held at the NTSB's Board Room and Conference Center, located at 429 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. More information about the symposium can be found at <http://www.nts.gov/tiresafety>. The public can view the symposium in person or by live webcast on the NTSB's website. As soon as they are available, an agenda and webcast details will be posted.

### **Consumer Product Safety Commission Safety Standards for Off-Highway Vehicles**

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has determined preliminarily that there may be an unreasonable risk of injury and death associated with recreational off-highway vehicles (ROVs). To address these risks, the Commission proposes a rule that includes: lateral stability and vehicle handling requirements that specify a minimum level of rollover resistance for ROVs and require that ROVs exhibit sublimit understeer characteristics; occupant retention requirements that would limit the maximum speed of an

ROV to no more than 15 miles per hour (mph), unless the seat belts of both the driver and front passengers, if any, are fastened, and would require ROVs to have a passive means, such as a barrier or structure, to limit further the ejection of a belted occupant in the event of a rollover; and information requirements. Submit comments by February 2, 2015. For more information, visit the [Federal Register](#)