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## New Administrators Meet At AAMVA HQ



Fifteen new administrators came to AAMVA headquarters last week for New Administrators' Orientation. AAMVA President & CEO Anne Ferro and AAMVA staff gave the new administrators a briefing on how the association works and the resources AAMVA provides to help in their home jurisdictions. It was a great way to welcome the new administrators and help them get more familiar with the association.

## Fall 2014 Issue of MOVE Magazine Out Now



The newest issue of MOVE magazine is out and hitting mailboxes worldwide. The Fall 2014 issue features articles on the safety impact of legalizing marijuana, and on the role of specialty license plates in raising awareness and revenue. If you can't wait for the hard copy to show up in your mailbox, go online to [www.movemag.org](http://www.movemag.org) where you'll find web exclusive articles and multimedia components not seen in the print edition.



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## State-To-State Update

AAMVA is pleased to inform you that Maryland is the first state to be set up in the Agile test environment for the State-to-State (S2S) Verification Service project and has been successfully operating in the environment for the last two weeks. Maryland is one of the pilot states on the S2S project and is currently scheduled to go live in July 2015. Wishing Maryland all the best, as they move ahead in their project. For more information on the State-to-State Verification Service, visit [aamva.org](http://aamva.org)

## System Modernization Working Group Volunteers Needed

AAMVA is soliciting volunteers for a System Modernization Working Group. The Working Group will develop a best practices document related to the procurement, design, development, database migration and purification, testing, implementation, and maintenance of a system modernization effort. Lessons learned will be solicited from those with system redesign experience. The Working Group is funded by AAMVA and the commitment is two (2) years with two (2) face-to-face meetings per year. AAMVA is seeking thirteen (13) US jurisdiction representatives with experience on either the IT or business side (driver/vehicle operations) of a system modernization project. We are looking for two applicants from applying jurisdictions – one IT person and one operational (drivers/vehicles/project sponsor/agency administrator, etc.). Applications must be received by December 29, 2014 and should be submitted to [committees@aamva.org](mailto:committees@aamva.org). Contact Sheila Prior at [sprior@aamva.org](mailto:sprior@aamva.org) or 480-275-4584 if you have questions or need additional information. [Download the application here.](#)

## AAMVA Webinars



### NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) Training

Register now for the webinar [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) Training](#), December 16, 2014, 2:00-3:00 PM (EST) featuring Neil Pitt, Lead Business Analyst, AAMVA and Sujatha Lingineni, Lead Business Analyst, AAMVA. 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-based security model that allows state administrators to manage the addition or 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.

### **Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) A Tool for Law Enforcement and DMV Investigators**

Register now for the webinar [Regional Information Sharing Systems \(RISS\) - A Tool for Law Enforcement and DMV Investigators](#), Wednesday, December 17, 2014, 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EST) featuring:

- Brian Ursino, Director of Law Enforcement, AAMVA
- Matthew McDonald, National Coordinator, RISS
- Owen McShane, Director, Office of Field Investigations, New York DMV
- Paul Steier, Director, Bureau of Investigation & Identity Protection, Iowa DOT

The Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) Program provides services and resources that directly impact law enforcement's ability to successfully resolve criminal investigations and prosecute offenders, while providing the critical officer safety event deconfliction to keep the men and women of our law enforcement community safe. RISS serves thousands of criminal justice agencies, yet only nine state DMVs have a RISS account. Through its RISS Secure Cloud (RISSNET™), information and intelligence sharing resources, investigative support and analytical services, and deconfliction, RISS has enabled agencies and officers to increase their success exponentially. This success can be experienced by applicable DMV investigative units as well! **This webinar is for AAMVA members only.** [Click here](#) to login and register for the webinar

### **Regulatory Dockets Provide Opportunity for Important AAMVA Member Input**

AAMVA reminds its members that multiple AAMVA-germane dockets remain open and have impending comments due. These serve as an opportune way to prevent unintended consequences from adversely affecting jurisdictional members.

- [FMCSA-2014-0196-001](#) – FMCSA is requesting the perspectives of its state partners who support operation, regulation and enforcement of safety programs. They are specifically asking state members for suggestions on how they may address strengths and weaknesses of these grant programs. Comments are due December 8th.
- [FMCSA-2014-0105](#) – While this notice provided information on hearing exemptions granted, by FMCSA, it more importantly included language stating "the Agency asks for comments on whether a driver who cannot meet the hearing standard should be limited to operating only certain types of vehicles in interstate commerce." Comments are due December 24th.
- [FMCSA-2014-0133](#) – This request is needed to ensure that the states are complying with notification and recordkeeping requirements for information related to testing, licensing, violations,

convictions and disqualifications. Comments are due January 12, 2015.

- [FMCSA-2014-0406-002](#) – C.R.England, Inc. has applied for an exemption from the Federal minimum training requirements to allow CLP holders who have passed the CDL skills test but not yet received the CDL document to drive a commercial motor vehicle without being accompanied by a CDL holder, provided the driver has documentation of passing the skills test. Comments are due December 29, 2014.

As always, AAMVA requests that if you provide comments to the docket, you provide a copy of those comments to AAMVA's Director of Government Affairs, Cian Cashin, at [ccashin@aamva.org](mailto:ccashin@aamva.org) so that the association can reflect those comments in their own.

### Share Information With Other Jurisdictions

Please respond to these surveys from Ontario, Connecticut, Illinois, and Arkansas. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after each survey.

- [Providing Plate Ownership Information](#) (Ends 12/18/2014)  
Responses received from FL, IL, LA, NE, VT.
- [Customer Merge Process](#) (Ends 12/12/2014) Responses received from AL, AZ, BC, FL, KY, LA, MO, MT, ND, NH, NJ, PA, VA.
- [Driving Manuals](#) (Ends 12/29/2014) Responses received from DC, LA, SD, VA.
- [Providing Samples of DL/IDs to Businesses](#) (Ends 12/19/2014)  
Responses received from FL, KS, LA, MO, NE, NJ, OH, SD, VA, WA.
- [E-Titling](#) (Ends 12/24/2014) Responses received from DC, FL, IL, KS, KY, LA, MN, MO, NE, NH, VT.

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>.

### Québec Issues New Class 6E Driver's Licences

The Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ) will gradually issue new driver's licences to Class 6E attestation holders between December 8, 2014 and late March 2015. From now on, Class 6E, which authorizes its holder to drive three-wheeled motorcycles, will be indicated directly on Québec driver's licences. [Read the brief for more details.](#)

## Heidi Francis Named Assistant Deputy Minister, Road User Safety Division, MTO

Heidi Francis has been selected for the position of Assistant Deputy Minister, Road User Safety Division, Ministry of Transportation, Ontario. Francis was formerly the Director of the Safety Policy and Education Branch in the Road User Safety Division, where she provided leadership to her team in advancing Ontario's road safety agenda. While there, she was part of a core team formed by the Institute for Public Administration of Canada (IPAC), working on a strategic partnership between Uganda and the Ontario Public Service to develop human resources management capacity in Uganda. Francis joined the Provincial Government in 2003 as the Legal Director of MTO. Prior to coming to MTO, Heidi was Portfolio Director within the Ministry of the Attorney General, managing a cluster of legal branches within various ministries. Congratulations from all of us at AAMVA.

## FY 2015 CDL NOFA Available on Grants.gov

The Fiscal Year 2015 Commercial Driver's License Program Implementation Grant Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) has been posted on Grants.gov. You can view the announcement by clicking the link below or by searching by CFDA number 20.232 in Grants.gov.

### **CDL (CFDA 20.232) – Application due date is January 6, 2015:**

<http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=269608>

The FMCSA will also conduct pre-funding conferences for all prospective applicants. FMCSA will offer two sessions and the conference is open to the public (including Federal staff). At this conference, FMCSA staff will review the NOFA requirements and answer questions. Information regarding the conferences will be posted on Grants.gov.

## FMCSA Seeks Director, Office of Safety Programs

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration is seeking a Director of Safety Programs. FMCSA's mission is to reduce traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities involving large trucks and buses. If you would like to join an organization that carries out a broad portfolio of safety programs and initiatives that improve commercial motor carrier and highway safety, consider this opportunity. For the full job listing, visit <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/388297400>

## I-95 Corridor Coalition - Helping You Prepare for the Holidays

The I-95 Corridor Coalition has added enhancements to travel information on the I-95 Corridor Coalition website ([www.i95coalition.org](http://www.i95coalition.org)) that AAMVA members may find of assistance as they prepare for the holiday travel season. The [Travel App Page](#) is a one stop location, developed by the Coalition and hosted on the I-95 Corridor Coalition website, where travel applications can be accessed for the states along the I-95 Corridor from Maine to Florida, including Vermont and the District of Columbia. [This page](#) provides a single page that includes agencies' links for traveler information on mobile operating systems, public agency Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest, Flickr, YouTube, and RSS sites – as well as connections for e-mail and text alerts. The [CVO Portal](#) is a resource for truckers traveling the I-95 corridor. Through this Portal, truckers can access information for each of the member states

(from Maine to Florida) on Commercial Vehicle Operating, Credentialing, Registration, Taxation, and Permitting Requirements; Commercial Driver Licensing, Traveler Information, Truck Parking and Weigh Stations, Tolling Information, and Motor Truck Associations. The Coalition also continues to maintain the [511 Travel Information Page](#), which contains a map that links to all of the 511 websites along the I-95 corridor. 511 provides current information about travel conditions, allowing travelers to make better choices.