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## Happy Holidays from AAMVA



From all of us at the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, we wish you and your family a very happy and healthy holiday season.

## Awards Program Updated

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. Learn more about the new AAMVA Awards Program and download submission forms online at [www.aamva.org/AAMVA-Awards/](http://www.aamva.org/AAMVA-Awards/). **Submission forms for the awards are due February 14, 2015.**

## Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety

The Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety is presented annually to an AAMVA member jurisdiction employee, or other individual whose primary function is directly associated with highway and traffic safety efforts. An award is presented for achievement in highway safety in Motor Vehicle Administration and one for achievement in highway safety in Law Enforcement. For more information and to download the nomination



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form, visit <http://www.aamva.org/Martha-Irwin-Award/>. **Nomination forms are due April 15, 2015.**

### 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) representatives **from US and Canadian jurisdictions** 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 at 2014 Automated Vehicle Summit





Cathie Curtis, Director of Vehicle Programs at AAMVA, along with Julie Baker and Dana Reiding from the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, attended the [2014 Automated Vehicle Summit](#) in Florida last week. The summit included discussions on the work Florida is doing to prepare for automated and connected vehicles in the short term and in the long term. Attendees gained a better understanding of emerging technologies and the challenges and opportunities the technologies pose. There were demonstrations of several vehicles that are currently in development and testing, that will expand automation in vehicles in the future.

### Share Information With Other Jurisdictions

Please respond to these surveys from South Dakota, Oregon, Florida, Maryland, Texas, and North Dakota. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after each survey.

- [Driver Re-evaluation Procedures and Training](#) (Ends 01/09/2015)  
Responses received from FL, IL, NH, NJ, OH, VT.
- [Skills Testing Hearing Impaired Applicants](#) (Ends 01/07/2015)  
Responses received from KY, NH.
- [Moped Driving Privileges](#) (Ends 01/05/2015) Responses received from DC, FL, IA, IL, KY, LA, MN, NH, NJ, VA, VT.
- [Homebound Issuance Procedures](#) (Ends 12/31/2014) Responses received from AK, CO, DC, NE, NH, UT, VT, WA.
- [Review Driving Ability Cases/Medical Diagnosis](#) (Ends 12/31/2014)  
Responses received from CT, DC, FL, IL, NE, VA, VT.
- [Plastic/laminated Birth Certificates](#) (Ends 12/29/2014) Responses received from AK, BC, DC, ME, MN, NH, NY, QC, UT, WI.
- [Titling Freightliner SportChassis Pickup](#) (Ends 12/31/2014)  
Responses received from AL, CT, FL, KY, ME, NC, NE, NH, NJ, OH, PA, SC, TX, UT, VT, 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](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>.

### **Barbara Fiala Announces Retirement from New York DMV**

New York DMV Commissioner Barbara Fiala has announced her resignation, effective December 31st. During her four-year stint as Commissioner, the New York DMV has succeeded in achieving its Customer Service Initiative by decreasing wait-times and improving customer service. We wish Barbara the best as she begins this new chapter in her life.

### **GM 1999-2007 Full Size Trucks: Underbody Inspection & Brake System Maintenance**

General Motors has developed a one-page informational summary regarding winter-car care, the importance of underbody inspections for rust and corrosion, and proper brake-line repair procedures. [The summary is available here.](#)

### **GHSA: States Strive to Stop Impaired Drivers**

Across the country, Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) member [State Highway Safety Offices](#) are working with law enforcement officials and other community partners to keep impaired drivers off the roads this holiday season. The annual national [Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over](#) mobilization, December 10-31, comes at a particularly dangerous time of year for roadway users. On average, more than 800 people lose their lives in vehicle crashes involving a drunk driver during the month of December. For more information, visit [ghsa.org](http://ghsa.org)

### **Rosekind Confirmed to Head NHTSA**

The Senate also confirmed the nomination of Mark R. Rosekind to lead the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration by voice vote, capping a surprisingly quick confirmation process. Rosekind, who was nominated by President Barack Obama on Nov. 19, did not generate any opposition. Senators have said they were eager for somebody to take charge of the troubled agency, which has struggled in the wake of the General Motors and Takata recalls. "I expect him to be relentless in the pursuit of safety on behalf of the American people," said Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx, in a statement after Rosekind's confirmation. Rosekind, in a statement, thanked the Senate for the "quick action." "I plan to work closely with Congress as I work to advance Sec. Foxx's vision to raise the bar on safety," he said.

### **Supreme Court Denies Arizona Request on 'Dreamers' Case**

The Supreme Court declined to halt an appeals court order that requires Arizona to provide licenses to so-called Dreamers who live in the United States. Republican state officials in Arizona had told the justices the state would be harmed if it must issue driver's licenses to immigrants who do not have full legal status. The case involves immigrants who live in the United States under the controversial Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, which Obama announced in 2012. The state officials cited Obama's announcement on immigration executive action in November, telling the high court that it means the state "could be forced to issue driver's licenses en

masse to thousands of people." The court issued the order without explanation. Three justices — Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas and Samuel A. Alito Jr. — would have granted Arizona's request for a stay of the order from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The case, Janice K. Brewer, et al. v. Arizona DREAM Act Coalition, et al., started with five plaintiffs who sought to stop Arizona from enforcing its law. The plaintiffs argue the state deprives them licenses for no rational reason, and therefore violates the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution. For more information, visit [cq.com](http://cq.com).

### **OMB Incorporates Uniform Administrative Requirements for Federal Awards**

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has issued a [joint interim final rule](#) that applies to all federal award-making agencies, implementing the [final guidance](#) "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards" published by OMB on December 26, 2013. This action incorporates the regulation and brings into effect the uniform guidance as issued by OMB for financial assistance awards. OMB cites that the action will help reduce administrative burden and risk of waste, fraud, and abuse for the approximately \$600 billion per year awarded in federal financial assistance. The section relating to the Department of Transportation begins on page 76049 and supersedes and repeals the requirements of 49 CFR 18 – Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments and 49 CFR 19 – Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and other Non-Profit Organizations (except those executed prior to December 26, 2014). This action provides revised definitions and information on the administration of grant programs, including the standardization of application requirements by awarding agencies. This interim final rule is effective on December 26, 2014; any comments must be received by February 17, 2015.