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### NMVTIS Business Rules Working Group Meets in San Diego, California



The NMVTIS Business Rules Working Group met in San Diego, California on January 13 and 14, 2015. They are pleased to announce the 2014 updated edition of the [NMVTIS Best Practices for Registration and Title Managers](#) which can be found on [AAMVA's website](#). As you will see, the document has been reorganized and several new best practices have been added.

The group continues to address and resolve issues brought forward by jurisdictions concerning NMVTIS and has already begun to work on the next edition of the best practices. The group said farewell to Anita Wasko from Pennsylvania, Shannon Dickson from Indiana and Karen Dudenhoeffer from Missouri and welcomed Penni Bernard from Pennsylvania and Tony Hall from Texas.

### Autonomous Vehicle Best Practices Working Group

AAMVA working group members have been selected to work with the AAMVA jurisdictions, law enforcement, federal agencies and other stakeholders to gather, organize and share information with the AAMVA community related to the development, design, testing, use and regulation of autonomous vehicles and other emerging vehicle technology. Based on the group's research, a best practices guide to assist member jurisdiction in regulating autonomous



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vehicles and testing the drivers who operate them will be developed. The working group's first face-to-face meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida February 25 and 26. Thank you to all of the applicants who applied to be a part of the working group. If you were not selected, we encourage you to continue to participate and provide your input in the quarterly Autonomous Vehicle Information Sharing Group teleconferences. The working group will provide an update each quarter and continue to get input from the Information Sharing Group. If you are not a part of this conference call and would like to be, please e-mail Casey Garber ([cgarber@aamva.org](mailto:cgarber@aamva.org)) or Cathie Curtis ([ccurtis@aamva.org](mailto:ccurtis@aamva.org)).

AAMVA is also seeking a consultant to provide support for this working group. The services are outlined in the RFP available on AAMVA's website at: <http://www.aamva.org/Open-RFPs/> and responses to the RFP are due by January 28, 2015.

### AAMVA at TRB Committee Meetings

The [Transportation Research Board](#) (TRB) held its annual meeting in Washington, DC January 12 – 14, 2015. AAMVA Vice-President Ian Grossman is a member of and attended the TRB Transportation Safety Management Committee, while Director of Law Enforcement Brian Ursino is a member of and attended the TRB Committee on Traffic Law Enforcement. Both committees discussed transportation research priorities (current research as well as future research needs). Many topics of importance to the AAMVA Community were included in the research conversations.

### 2015 Workshop & Law Institute Online Registration is Now Open



Registration is now open for AAMVA's 2015 Workshop & Law Institute, in Fort Worth, Texas, March 18-19. Take advantage of this unique opportunity to network with colleagues from other member jurisdictions across the U.S. and Canada, as well as industry organizations that provide the products and services you may need. Visit the [Workshop & Law Institute Web site](#) for more details and get a taste for what you can expect in [this video!](#)



## Upcoming AAMVA Webinars



### **2015 Fraud Detection & Remediation (FDR) Training Update**

Join us Wednesday, January 21, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EST) for the webinar, 2015 Fraud Detection & Remediation (FDR) Training Update. Find out what's new in the FDR training curriculum for 2015, including document updates, new resources, and implementation strategies. Note: This webinar is for AAMVA jurisdiction and federal government members only. If you are a member and wish to register for this webinar, please login to the site, and go to the [Members Only webinars page here](#).

### **NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) Training**

Register now for the webinar, NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) Training, Thursday, January 22, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EST). 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. Note: This webinar is for AAMVA jurisdiction and federal government members only. If you are a member and wish to register, please login to the site, and go to the [Members Only webinars page here](#).

## **Fraud Detection and Remediation (FDR) e-Learning Has Been Updated for 2015!**

FDR is our most widely-accessed voluntary program. The updated courseware package (January 2015 version) is now available to member jurisdictions!

### **Courseware Updates and Enhancements**

The 2015 Annual Update features a number of important enhancements and new information including:

- **NEW** NMVTIS Investigation Tools Supplement
- **NEW** FDR Resources Supplement
- UPDATED US and Canadian federal documents, including the new US Border Crossing Card
- UPDATED Administrator's FIFTEEN content (Secure Card Design Principles)
- UPDATED Mexican CDL content
- UPDATED Puerto Rican Birth Certificate content
- UPDATED indexed, searchable, and comprehensive job aid for print or electronic use
- UPDATED Jurisdiction Document Authenticity Contact List, including local NAPHSIS Fraud contacts

- Improved navigation capabilities for standalone format users
- 2015 Update Only Module for refresher training

Please visit the AAMVA website and follow the [FDR Training path](#) to review program details, examine the change documentation and access the download page. Please remember that you will need to use your AAMVA User ID and Password to access the material. **Individual students should not attempt to retrieve the courseware from the AAMVA website. Instead, downloads are designed so that single training contacts can access the courseware on behalf of their agencies and then deploy the training throughout their organizations.**

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

### **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.**

### **Arizona Implements the Commercial Skills Test Information Management System (CSTIMS)**



In December 2014, Arizona began using CSTIMS for day-to-day management of their commercial skills testing. Arizona becomes the sixteenth jurisdiction using CSTIMS joining Virginia, Michigan, Idaho, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Arizona has begun using CSTIMS for all of its State Examiners, and will be implementing it with Third Party Examiners in 2015. CSTIMS is a valuable tool for monitoring examiners and will be a great asset in complying with the Commercial Learner's Permit rules which go into effect on July 8, 2015. When asked about what CSTIMS provides to Arizona, Commercial Driver License and Medical Review Program Manager Tom Opalka replied: "It would be easier to say what CSTIMS has NOT done for us." CSTIMS is helping Arizona with:

- Two-day rule for scheduling
- Electronic submission of test results by a Third Party
- Out of State testing submission
- Tracking Third Party Bond and Insurance information
- Training Requirements
- Audit Monitoring
- Closer tracking of test locations and test routes
- Enforcement of the 14-day permit holding period
- Preventing tests from being administered if an Examiner is not certified/authorized to do so
- Tracking if an Examiner is not administering 10 tests in one year

Arizona says CSTIMS is very user-friendly, and both Greg McNally and Parisa Gropper at AAMVA have given superior customer service. Arizona says if they ever have a question or problem, AAMVA is right there to help. Jurisdictions with any questions about CSTIMS should contact Parisa Gropper [[pgropper@aamva.org](mailto:pgropper@aamva.org); (703) 908-2884] or Greg McNally [[gmcnally@aamva.org](mailto:gmcnally@aamva.org); (703) 908-8296].

### **CDLIS Timeliness and Accuracy - Summary Workbook Reports for Jurisdictions**

At the direction and support of FMCSA, AAMVA produces monthly reports on the CDLIS Timeliness, Data Quality, and Capabilities of all jurisdictions. The reports for December are now ready for viewing. To request a copy of these reports, please click on the following link [REQUEST](#)

### Share Information With Other Jurisdictions

Please respond to these surveys from Tennessee, South Dakota, Indiana, Ontario, Virginia, North Carolina, New Hampshire and AAMVA. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after each survey.

- [Driver License Reinstatement Fees](#) (Ends 01/30/2015) Responses received from AB, AK, CO, FL, IA, ID, KY, LA, ME, MN, MS, NT, SC, TX, VT, WI.
- [Equipment to make vin/serial plates](#) (Ends 01/30/2015) Responses received from KY, ME, MN, NT, PA, VT.
- [Truck Driver Training Courses](#) (Ends 01/30/2015) Responses received from KS, ME, MN.
- [Red Light Camera](#) (Ends 02/03/2015) Responses received from Vermont.
- [Selling State Park Passes](#) (Ends 02/03/2015) Responses received from LA, VT.
- [School Bus Driver Requirements](#) (Ends 02/14/2015) Responses received from New Hampshire.
- [Residency](#) (Ends 01/23/2015) Responses received from AB, AL, AR, CA, FL, IA, IL, KY, LA, MD, NC, ND, NE, NJ, NY, PA, VA, VT, WA, WI.
- [Matricula Consular](#) (Ends 01/27/2015) Responses received from AL, AR, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MB, MO, ND, NE, NJ, NY, OR, PA, SC, 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>.

### GA DDS Seeks Information Technology Solution

In early 2015, the Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) will be advertising a partnering opportunity to assist the agency with planning and acquisition of an Information Technology solution through the State of Georgia's Team Georgia Marketplace website. Parties interested in being notified and responding to solicitations from DDS are encouraged to register with Team Georgia Marketplace in advance. To register, please visit <http://doas.ga.gov/TGM/Pages/TGMSuppliers.aspx> and follow the instructions under the "Registration" section to become a Team Georgia Marketplace "Supplier" or "Sourcing Bidder". The site provides details on both and quick reference guides for each registration process.

If assistance is needed with the registration process, the State Purchasing Help Desk is available during normal business hours at 404-657-6000.

## FDA Publishes Draft Guidance on Drug Effects on Ability to Operate a Motor Vehicle

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) published a draft guidance document for its industry entitled, "[Evaluating Drug Effects on the Ability to Operate a Motor Vehicle](#)." The document was published to assist in the evaluation of the effects of psychoactive drugs on the ability to operate a motor vehicle. As provided in the notice, driving is a complex activity involving a wide range of cognitive, perceptual and motor activities. The FDA confirms the fact that numerous federal agencies are aware of, and addressing, the increasing number of "drugged driving" incidence endangering the nation's roadways. Reducing the incidence of motor vehicle accidents that occur because of drug-impaired driving is a public health priority that is gaining broader recognition across federal agency lines. If you do have comments on this guidance document, the comment period is open until March 17th.

## NTSB's Most Wanted List for 2015

Rail tank cars that carry crude oil, ethanol and other hazardous materials across the country must do it more safely. That's one of four new issues on the NTSB's Most Wanted List for 2015. Also new to the list of top 10 areas that need safety improvements are: Requiring that transportation operators be medically fit for duty; strengthening commercial trucking safety; and requiring pilots to strengthen procedural compliance. Distraction and impairment are still key issues for the NTSB, and both are on the list again this year. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2012, about one in 10 drivers in fatal crashes were distracted. In almost a third of fatal crashes, a driver was impaired by alcohol. Also on the list this year is safety of helicopters operated by local, state, and federal governments. Pilots who fly search and rescue and law enforcement missions require safer operations. And this year the NTSB is focusing on all modes of mass transit for greater operational safety. For more information, and to see the full Most Wanted List, visit [ntsb.gov](http://ntsb.gov)

## MADD 2015 Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving Report to the Nation

MADD is sharing its [2015 Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving Report to the Nation](#). The report provides an overview of legislative accomplishments, highlights state-by-state drunk driving reform, and provides a glimpse of what's on the horizon as MADD enters its 35th year. A key feature of the report is the five-star rating of each state, based on the adoption of five proven DUI countermeasures:

1. Requiring ignition interlocks for all convicted drunk drivers
2. Conducting sobriety checkpoints
3. Creating enhanced penalties for those who drive drunk with children in the vehicle
4. Participating in "no-refusal" activities for those suspected of drunk driving
5. Utilizing Administrative License Revocation for drunk driving offenders

The Campaign's impact is evident. This year, 13 states were awarded five stars for their enactment of drunk driving laws or implementation of proven countermeasures.

## **DHS Moves Real ID Document Enrollment Date to October 2020**

On Thursday, the Mexican government began issuing birth certificates to its citizens at its consulates in the United States. That will make it a little easier for Mexicans hoping to obtain U.S. work permits, driver's licenses and protection from deportation. Up until now, Mexico required its citizens to get birth certificates at government offices in Mexico. Many of those living in this country had to ask friends and relatives back home to retrieve the paperwork. For more information [visit here](#).

## **GAO Report: DOT Is Progressing toward a Performance-Based Approach, but States and Grantees Report Potential Implementation Challenges**

According to a new report from the Government Accountability Office, the Department of Transportation (DOT) has made progress moving toward a national performance-based approach since the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) was enacted in July 2012. DOT has undertaken extensive outreach efforts with states and other grantees and is developing nine rules that, among other things, are to establish national performance measures, and target-setting and reporting requirements for grantees. Five of the rules have been released for public comment, and none has been finalized. (See figure.) DOT has missed five of six deadlines established by MAP-21. However, given the extent to which MAP-21 transformed surface transportation programs and the length and complexity of the rulemaking process, these deadlines may have been ambitious. DOT's progress has also been affected by the varying experiences within its operating administrations in implementing a performance-based approach. For example, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has been implementing such an approach in its grant programs since 2008, while other DOT operating administrations started more recently. For the full report, visit <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-15-217>