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2015 CDL/CDLIS Coordinators Meeting



AAMVA and FMCSA held the 2015 CDL Coordinators/IT meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina last week. US Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx joined by video to welcome attendees to his home city, and both he and FMCSA Acting Administrator Scott Darling emphasized the important safety role jurisdictions play in achieving CDL uniformity and compliance. AAMVA President & CEO Anne Ferro along with the executive leadership of FMCSA highlighted the important role the partnership between state driver licensing agencies and federal regulators plays in saving lives on our nation's roads. The 3-day meeting provided a forum for federal and state officials to share expectations, challenges, and achievements regarding the CDL program. More than 300 state and federal CDL experts were in attendance to discuss national CDL issues such as compliance with the CDL Permit & Testing Rule, upcoming Medical Certification rulemakings, and other MAP-21 requirements. Presentations and materials from the meeting will soon be available on [AAMVA's download page](#).

Kevin Lewis Appointed to FMCSA Committee to Update Truck and Bus Driver Training

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announced the formation of a 26-member advisory



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committee that is tasked with updating classroom and new behind-the-wheel training requirements for professional truck and bus drivers. AAMVA Director of Driver Programs Kevin Lewis has been selected as a member of this committee. The [Entry-Level Driver Training Advisory Committee](#) comprises a diverse cross-section of motor carrier interests, including training organizations, the intercity bus and trucking industries, law enforcement, labor unions, and safety advocates. The committee is tasked with negotiating the issues to be addressed in a proposed training rule, which the agency intends to issue by the fall of 2015, with a final rule expected in 2016.

Register for 2015 Workshop and Law Institute



Register now 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!



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.**

Upcoming Webinar



Partner Program Highlight: IACP National Law Enforcement Challenge Awards

Wednesday, February 25, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EST)

This webinar will provide an overview of the IACP National Law Enforcement Challenge Award Program, including a historical perspective on IACP State & Provincial agency program participation. The NLEC is a national traffic safety awards program that recognizes excellent law enforcement traffic safety programs. Following a general overview of the NLEC, the California Highway Patrol and Tennessee Highway Patrol will talk about their participation and benefits they have received. Tips for a successful 2015 application will also be provided. For more information about the NLEC program, click [here](#). [Register here](#).

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 January are now ready for viewing. To request a copy of these reports, please click on the following link [REQUEST](#)

AAMVA Addresses State Election Directors on Undocumented Licensing



AAMVA Vice President Ian Grossman and AAMVA Director of Government Affairs Cian Cashin briefed the [National Association of State Election Directors](#) (NASSED) Executive Board on the latest status and developments of

states licensing undocumented immigrants. Members of NASED also expressed their desire to collaborate with AAMVA members on the issue of aligning voter registration rolls with DMV data. Election Directors were especially interested in learning how states can help differentiate legal presence and citizenship status so that voter registration records align truly with those that are eligible to vote. AAMVA continues to encourage both the NASED and AAMVA membership to enter into state-level discussions as expanded immigration statuses complicate not only the driver's license issuance process, but compliance with the National Voter Registration Act as well.

Share Information with Other Jurisdictions

Please respond to these surveys from Virginia, California, Quebec, Montana, Connecticut, District of Columbia, New Jersey, and Indiana. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after each survey.

- [Non-CDL Knowledge Testing](#) (Ends 03/06/2015) Responses received from IA, KS, LA, NE, NT.
- [Covered Farm Vehicles](#) (Ends 02/27/2015) Responses received from IL, IN, NE, NT, VA, WY.
- [Minors and Vehicle Registration](#) (Ends 03/06/2015) Responses received from FL, NT, UT, VA, VT, WA.
- [Plate Replacement](#) (Ends 03/06/2015) Responses received from FL, IL, LA, NT, UT, VA, VT, WY.
- [10-year History Check on CDL Applicants](#) (Ends 03/06/2015) Responses received from IA, KS, ME, MN, NE, NH, OH, OR.
- [Accommodations for Driver Knowledge Testing](#) (Ends 03/09/2015) Responses received from CA, IA, IN, KS, LA, MN, ND, NE, NH, NT, OR, VT, WA.
- [Driving School Plates](#) (Ends 03/03/2015) Responses received from AB, CA, DE, FL, LA, MD, MI, ND, NT, NU, OH, SC, SK, UT, VA, VT, WY.
- [Driver's License Statuses](#) (Ends 02/27/2015) Responses received from AK, AR, AZ, CO, FL, IA, LA, ME, MN, MO, ND, NE, NH, OR, VA, VT, WA, WY.

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 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>.

Georgia Driver Services Prepares for Reinstatement Influx

A new year and income tax season brings a seasonal influx of customers needing to reinstate their driving privileges at the Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS). DDS Commissioner Rob Mikell reminds reinstatement customers of a way to save valuable time – the Agency's Online License Reinstatement Services available at www.dds.ga.gov. Eligible customers may request that a free replacement of their original license be mailed directly to them. The license will be mailed within 7-10 business days eliminating the

need to visit the DDS in person. Online Reinstatement saves those who choose to use it time and money. It also helps improve customer service for those that must visit a DDS center in person. For more information, visit www.dds.ga.gov.

Foxx Continues to Press Congress for Long-Term Highway Bill

For the second time in as many weeks, Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx testified before Congress requesting Congressional support for enacting a long-term highway bill this year. Secretary Foxx indicated to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee that he expects to release a six-year \$478 billion measure in the next few weeks – he has also scheduled a multi-state bus tour stumping for support for the measure. As Foxx provided continued momentum for a long term measure prior to expiration of highway programs May 31st, the House Committee provided support for a long-term measure, but deliberated about the best way in which to fund the measure. Representative Don Young described it as "wild dogs circling a skunk. That skunk is how to fund this program." The Administration is looking towards a one-time infusion of overseas corporate taxes to pay for the six-year bill while other Congressional leaders are looking for a more stable long term solution including a modified gas tax or other (possible vehicle miles traveled) user fee. Congress has passed 11 short-term extensions over the past six years.