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AAMVA Leadership Academy

The AAMVA Leadership Academy provides professional development opportunities for future leaders in the AAMVA community. This program is designed for jurisdiction employees who have demonstrated leadership potential and the ability to succeed in positions of greater responsibility within their agencies. **The program will take place May 11 - 14, 2015.** Attendees must have the approval and support of their Chief Administrator to apply. All expenses will be paid by AAMVA. This week-long program will include modules on defining leadership, working with legislators, team work and collaboration, media relations, and more. It is an intense training opportunity focused on the unique characteristics of leading and managing a motor vehicle or law enforcement agency. The draft [course outline](#) provides more information on what topics will be included. If you are interested, please [fill out the application form](#) and send it along with your resume to Janice Dluzynski (jduluzynski@aamva.org). Class size is limited to 20 participants and we can accept only one application from each member agency. Applications are due by March 20, 2015. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Janice Dluzynski via [email](#) or at 703-908-5842. [See what prior participants had to say about the AAMVA Leadership Academy in this video.](#)



Autonomous Vehicle Best Practices Working Group Holds Its Kick-off Meeting

The recently established Autonomous Vehicle Best Practices Working group met last week in Orlando, Florida. The group is made up of 18 U.S. and Canadian jurisdictional representatives with expertise in driver, vehicle, law enforcement, legal and policy along with information technology. Bernard Soriano PhD, Deputy Director, California DMV and working group chair lead the meeting, joined by Jude Hurin, DMV Services Manager III, Nevada DMV the working group vice chair.



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AAMVA's president and CEO, Anne Ferro and vice president Ian Grossman welcomed the group along with Michelle Atwell, NHTSA Highway Safety Specialist, Enforcement & Justice Services. Cem Hatipoglu, PhD, Division Chief, Electronic Systems Safety Research, NHTSA discussed NHTSA's Autonomous Vehicles Policy Statement. Bryant Walker Smith, Assistant Professor, University of South Carolina School of Law and Christopher Nowakowski, Human Factors Research and Development Engineer, California PATH, University of California, Berkeley spoke to the group.

The group's purpose is 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 vehicles and testing the drivers who operate them will be developed. It is anticipated that the best practices will be published in the fall 2016. The AAMVA team is led by Cathie Curtis, Director of Vehicle Programs and supported by Casey Garber, Manager of Vehicle Programs, Brian Ursino, Director, Law Enforcement, and Karen Morton, Program Director, Driver Licensing. Stay informed of the group's activities on the [AAMVA website](#) and also find additional information on Autonomous Vehicles on AAMVA's [Autonomous Vehicle Library](#).

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!



New NMVTIS Advisory Board Convened in Washington, DC



The Department of Justice (DOJ) hosted the first in person meeting of its 2014-2016 NMVTIS Advisory Board (NAB) on February 24, 2015 at the offices of the Bureau of Justice Assistance, in Washington, D.C. Participants included AAMVA President and CEO, Anne Ferro, representing AAMVA as the System Operator, Chair of the Board, Mark Lowe of Iowa, and Charles Hollis of Rhode Island along with representatives from other system stakeholder groups. The membership of this NAB includes representation from other federal agencies, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Trade Commission, and U.S. Department of Transportation. The NAB is chaired by Bill Brauch, Office of the State of Iowa Attorney General. During the meeting, system-related updates were provided, strategic planning discussions held, and activities reported from the Awareness and Compliance Subcommittees. Further information about the Board can be found on the [NMVTIS website](#).

E-Odometer Task Force Vacancy

The E-Odometer Task Force currently has a vacancy. AAMVA is seeking a volunteer to help work toward a solution for an electronic odometer disclosure process that would protect consumers and allow enough flexibility for jurisdictions to evolve from a time consuming paper process to an electronic process. The Task Force is scheduled to meet in person twice in 2015 and meets by conference call on a weekly, as-needed, basis. AAMVA is looking for a candidate with experience on the business side of vehicle operations who is forward thinking and willing to think outside of the box for solutions. Experience in modernizing vehicle systems and processes is preferred. Applications must be received by March 6, 2015 and should be submitted to committees@aamva.org. Contact Casey Garber at CGarber@aamva.org or (573) 632-0245 if you have questions or need additional information. Download the application [here](#).

Looking for Members to Lend Their Expertise!

AAMVA is looking for jurisdiction members to lend us expertise. Serving on a committee is an ideal way to influence policy, develop best practices and network with your peers. The charts below show the specific positions that we are seeking jurisdiction members to fill on our three standing committees. If you would like to serve on one of our committees, please complete the [Committee Member Application Form](#). **All applications must be received by May 4, 2015.** Positions are typically two-year terms. The charts below show the positions that will be vacant beginning September 1, 2015. If a region is indicated, the applicant chosen will be from that region. If the region is shown

as N/A, the applicant chosen could be from any region. We attempt to maintain jurisdictional and regional balance on all committees and working groups. If we are unable to place you on a committee or working group right away, your application will be kept on file for consideration when vacancies arise. If you have previously submitted an application, you do not need to reapply provided your information is up to date. If you have questions, please contact Dianne Graham, director, Member & Conference Services via email dgraham@aamva.org or phone (703) 908-8267.

AAMVA Meets with NTSB to Discuss Safety Product Improvement

AAMVA joined federal safety partners to actively participate in a listening session with the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). The purpose of the session was to provide NTSB's safety partners with an opportunity to supply recommendations on how NTSB could improve their information products. Specifically, NTSB is looking to better enable timely safety improvements based on incident lessons learned and then clearly communicate safety messages throughout an incident investigation. AAMVA provided numerous recommendations, including consistent messaging in the concept of a "crash" (rather than "accident") report being delivered following an incident; providing earlier notification to affected safety partners prior to issuance of safety recommendations; compartmentalization of expected outcomes of safety recommendations, such as providing outcome classifications in terms of enforcement, programmatic, and policy alongside safety recommendations; development of an organizational flowchart that can allow for consistent issuance of safety recommendations to appropriate safety partners; and improved ability to celebrate successful partnership in safety collaborations. Questions or additional comments on feedback provided to NTSB can be sent to AAMVA's Director of Government Affairs at ccashin@aamva.org.

Share Information with Other Jurisdictions

Please respond to these surveys from Georgia, Maine, Arkansas, Nebraska, North Carolina, Indiana, and Maryland. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after each survey.

- [Motorcycle Learner's Permit](#) (Ends 03/17/2015) Responses received from LA and RI.
- [DL/ID Image Sharing](#) (Ends 03/20/2015) Responses received from NE and NT.
- [Is Sales Tax Collected in Dealership?](#) (Ends 03/11/2015) Responses received from FL, MS, NH, VA, WI.
- [CDL compliance & administrative license suspension](#) (Ends 03/13/2015) Responses received from AK, AR, CA, CO, MN, OR, RI, SD, WA.
- [Safety Inspection Programs](#) (Ends 03/23/2015) Responses received from AR, CA, FL, KY, MN, NE, NH, OR, PA, RI, SC, UT, WA.
- [CDL Skills Test from Another State](#) (Ends 03/16/2015) Responses received from AR, CO, IA, KS, MA, MN, MT, NC, ND, NT, OH, OK, OR, SD, VA, WA, WI.

- [Software for online customers](#) (Ends 03/13/2015) Responses received from AB, AR, CA, FL, IA, IL, KY, LA, MS, ND, NE, NH, OK, OR, PA, QC, RI, SC, TX, VA.

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>.

Alaska Becomes 3rd State with Legal Marijuana

Smoking, growing and possessing marijuana becomes legal in America's wildest state Tuesday, thanks to a voter initiative aimed at clearing away 40 years of conflicting laws and court rulings. Making Alaska the third state to legalize recreational marijuana was the goal of a coalition including libertarians, rugged individualists and small-government Republicans who prize the privacy rights enshrined in the state's constitution. [For the full story, see the Seattle Times.](#)

February Deadlines Extended for Alabama Motor Vehicle Registration, Renewal, and Transfer, and Vehicle Property Tax Payment

Alabama State Revenue Commissioner Julie P. Magee has announced that the February motor vehicle registration, renewal, transfer and vehicle property tax payment deadlines have been extended through March 6 for all Alabama residents affected by county office closings due to severe weather conditions beginning Feb. 25. Alabama vehicle owners whose registration month is February will not be subject to delinquent penalties and interest for late vehicle registration or for late payment of vehicle property tax, provided the registrations are completed during the extension period which runs through March 6. The extension also applies to the payment of property taxes on vehicles registered under the International Registration Plan (IRP); however, it does not apply to IRP motor vehicle registrations and renewals for Alabama-based vehicles, as these registrations and renewals are processed by the ADOR. The February registration renewal extension also applies to individuals who have recently purchased or otherwise acquired a vehicle, but have not registered their newly-acquired vehicle within the 20-day registration period. This affects vehicles purchased or otherwise acquired, whereby the 20-day registration requirement falls during the period of Feb. 25 through Feb. 27.

Important Opportunity to Match Vets with Jobs and Employers to Hire Heroes

A free hiring fair and transition summit for service members, veterans, and military spouses will be held March 11-12, 2015 in Fort Benning, Georgia. The event will feature key federal and state agencies, influential military leaders, innovators in the business and employer community, and local community leaders. The summit features participation by and speakers from Fort Benning, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the U.S. Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Services, U.S. Army's Installation Management Command and Soldier for Life Program, the U.S. Department of

Defense's Transition to Veterans Program Office, the U.S. Small Business Administration, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Hiring Our Heroes, and local chambers of commerce.

The two-day summit will feature informative and interactive panel events, recruiter training, and facilitated discussions focused on improving competitive employment for service members, veterans, and spouses in addition to a networking reception for employers, senior leaders, and job seekers. All of the lessons learned will bring together job seekers and employers and culminate in a hiring fair and career forum on March 12. Employers and job seekers can register for free at www.hiringourheroes.org. For registration questions, please contact hiringourheroes@uschamber.com or call 202-463-5807.

SSA Publishes NPRM of Social Security Number Card Applications

On February 26th, the Social Security Administration (SSA) published a [notice of proposed rulemaking](#) on Social Security Number (SSN) card applications. SSA is revising current regulations to allow applicants for a SSN card to apply by completing a prescribed application and submitting the required evidence, rather than completing a paper application for a social security card. The intent of the SSA is to provide flexibility in the ways in which the public may request SSN cards and allow the SSA (in the future) to develop an online SSN replacement card application system currently under development. Only adult U.S. citizens who are not reporting any changes to their record would have the option to file for an SSN replacement card online after registering through the "my Social Security Portal." SSA also notes that "eligible individuals would also be required to have a U.S. mailing address and a valid U.S. state-issued driver's license or U.S. state-issued identity card." Comments on the notice are due by April 27, 2015.

GAO Reports About Justice and Law Enforcement

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) released the following reports, testimony, and correspondence:

LETTER REPORT

Drug-Impaired Driving: Additional Support Needed for Public Awareness Initiatives, GAO-15-293, February 24

<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-15-293>

The latest information from GAO is available at <http://www.gao.gov>.

Summary of Literature of the Effective Components of Graduated Driver Licensing Systems

Austroroads published a report with the results of a review of literature examining the effectiveness of different components of graduated driver licensing (GDL). Components examined included: minimum learner age, minimum learner period, minimum learner supervised driving hours, supervisory driver requirements, formal education requirements, licence tests, minimum provisional age, minimum provisional period, night driving restriction, peer passenger restriction, blood alcohol concentration limit, mobile phone or other technology restriction, vehicle power restriction and specific sanctions for speed, alcohol or other offences. For more information, visit <https://www.onlinepublications.austroroads.com.au/items/AP-R476-15>

