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## 2015 Workshop and Law Institute



AAMVA's [2015 Workshop & Law Institute](#) is coming up **NEXT WEEK** 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!



## Electronic Odometer Disclosure Task Force Completes Report



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The Electronic Odometer Disclosure Task Force has completed the final draft of the report on electronic odometer disclosures. The report was drafted to capture considerations that should be taken when shifting from a time consuming paper process to an electronic process. The Task Force drafted the report while taking into account that NHTSA will be promulgating rules to permit written disclosures or notices and related matters to be filed electronic. States are currently unable to implement an electronic process unless they have an approved petitioned by NHTSA allowing them to perform an alternative method to the current rule. Flexibility was a key

factor in developing the report in order to allow jurisdictions an option to implement within budgetary constraints. The report also considers the specific actions within the process and the importance of authenticating the disclosure. It was really important for the Task Force to consider all stakeholders in the process and the feedback received from the AAMVA community was greatly appreciated. A copy of the report can be viewed or downloaded on the AAMVA website at: <http://www.aamva.org/Solutions-Best-Practices/>. The next phase for the Task Force is to hold a Face-to-Face meeting once the NHTSA rule has been filed and gather input on the impact of the rule on the jurisdictions. The Task Force does not have the agenda finalized, however the intent is to open the second day of the meeting to invite stakeholders to come sit at the table to discuss the proposed rule with the Task Force members. The exact date and location of the meeting has not been determined. The Task Force has set aside tentative dates for the face-to-face meeting in May, June or July. If you are interested in additional information regarding those dates or the information contained in the report please contact Casey Garber at [cgarber@aamva.org](mailto:cgarber@aamva.org).

## 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 ([jdluzynski@aamva.org](mailto:jdluzynski@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.](#)



### Looking for Members to Lend Their Expertise!

Serving on a committee is an ideal way to influence policy, develop best practices and network with your peers. AAMVA is looking for jurisdiction members to lend us their expertise by filling several vacancies on our three standing committees. Details on the vacant positions are available on AAMVA's Web site in the [Committee Opportunities](#) tab on the Committees and Working Group page. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please complete the [Committee Member Application Form](#). All applications must be received by May 4, 2015. (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](#) or phone (703) 908-8267.

### Upcoming Webinars



#### **NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) 3.0 - Understanding the New Data Element**

Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 (EDT)  
Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EDT)  
Tuesday, March 24, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EDT)

In addition to the Title, Brand, Theft and Junk, Salvage and Insurance information currently returned by the SWI, the application will now display State Vehicle Data from the State-of-Title (SOT) titling system. Users of the SWI will learn how to interpret the 40+ data elements that are returned from the SOT and under which conditions State Vehicle Data is provided. They will also learn about screen navigation and how State Vehicle Data is displayed. 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](#).

**Understanding Changes as Part of the CDLIS 5.3 Implementation**  
Wednesday, March 11, 2015, 1:00 - 2:30 PM (EDT)

An overview for jurisdictions that are moving towards implementing the CDLIS 5.3 version. This session will include information regarding what's new in 5.3 vs. 5.2, detail business rules regarding each change and information on structured testing. The primary audience for this solution will be the jurisdictions CDL Managers/Coordinators and Technical Staff that will be responsible for developing, testing and successfully implementing the new version. 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**

Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EDT)

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 correction to their Title and Brand data submitted in error. The system also features a hierarchical role base security model that allow state administrators to manage the addition and removal of users in their DMV community. 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 Best Practices for Title and Registration Program Managers - 2015 Update**

Wednesday, March 25, 2015, 3:00 - 4:00 PM (EDT)

The NMVTIS Business Rules Working Group has developed NEW best practices for title and registration program managers to ensure that NMVTIS works hand in hand with their title program and to ensure jurisdictions are developing policies and practices in a consistent manner. Examples of the new best practices in the 2015 update are: resolving records where two different vehicles appear to have the same VIN, understanding different title transaction types, what to do with brands on non-titled vehicles and much more. [Register Here](#).

### **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.**

## AAMVA Systems Training for AAMVA Members

AAMVA Systems Training aims to develop education, training and learning opportunities that meet the needs of AAMVA's membership in the use of all the systems and procedures to ensure commercial driver safety and compliance with Federal regulations. These web-delivered programs do not require travel and are learner-centered, interactive and guaranteed to produce results. All courses are free for AAMVA members.

Please find the upcoming training schedule below:

March 2015:

17 CDLIS Performance Reports Part A (intermediate)  
18 CDLIS Performance Reports Part B (intermediate)  
19 CD90.4.1 Out-of State Transaction Reports (advanced)  
20 CDLIS Reports- Identifying Potential Issues (intermediate)

24 CDLIS A- Overview (basic)  
25 CDLIS B Inquiry Transactions (basic)  
26 CDLIS C Update Transactions (basic)

Click the link below to view the course catalogue and to register or enroll in a session:

<http://aamva.intevista.com>.

If you experience trouble enrolling, or if you would like more information on any of the courses, please send an email to [trainer@aamva.org](mailto:trainer@aamva.org).

## Virginia Upgrades to NMVTIS Online Release 3.1

Congratulations to Virginia for successfully upgrading to NMVTIS Online Release 3.1. Virginia is the first state completing upgrade to Release 3.1. This release features enhanced New Vehicle Inquiry (NM01) and Used Vehicle Inquiry (NM04) transactions that include Junk, Salvage and Insurance (JSI) data in addition to title and brand data. The upgrade involved integrating the JSI response messages from NMVTIS into Virginia's titling process. We encourage other NMVTIS online states to upgrade to Release 3.1. The NMVTIS Online Specifications and State Procedures Manual for Release 3.1 are available on the AAMVA Web Site <http://www.aamva.org/NMVTIS> (Login required). For further information, contact AAMVA's Mekala Joy ([mjoy@aamva.org](mailto:mjoy@aamva.org)/703.908.2811).

## Share Information with Other Jurisdictions

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

- [Driver Training Vehicles](#) (Ends 03/24/2015) Responses received from FL, MD, NH, NT, TX, VT.
- [Modified Agriculture Vehicles](#) (Ends 03/20/2015) Responses received from AR, ID, KY, LA, MN, NC, NT, UT, VA, VT.
- [DL/ID Image Sharing](#) (Ends 03/20/2015) Responses received from CA, IA, IL, LA, NE, NH, NT, OR, PA, SC, VT, WA.



- [Non-Commercial Skills Test and Parallel Parking](#) (Ends 03/24/2015) Responses received from CA, FL, ID, NC, NE, NH, VA, VT.
- [CDL compliance & administrative license suspension](#) (Ends 03/13/2015) Responses received from AK, AR, CA, CO, IA, KS, LA, MD, ME, MI, MN, NY, OR, RI, SC, SD, TN, VA, VT, WA, WI.
- [Safety Inspection Programs](#) (Ends 03/23/2015) Responses received from AL, AR, AZ, CA, FL, IA, ID, KS, KY, MD, MI, MN, MO, ND, NE, NH, OR, PA, RI, SC, SK, UT, 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](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 Department of Driver Services (DDS) to Recruit March 11-12 at Fort Benning Transition Summit**

Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) will be participating in a two-day hiring fair and transition summit at Fort Benning on March 11-March 12th. Positions for driver examiners throughout the state are available. Sponsored by Fort Benning and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation Hiring our Heroes, this Transition Summit will connect employers of every size and industry with talented service members, veterans and their families. Attendees are invited to participate in a series of town hall-style panel discussions, networking receptions, employment workshops and job fair. DDS Commissioner Rob Mikell says "I am very proud of the thirty-three veterans that are on the DDS team. I know firsthand that hiring a veteran brings a focus on teamwork and reliability. It is a pleasure to be involved with this Summit and assist an exceptionally-talented group of men and women as they make future plans." Registration is recommended for job seekers at [hiringourheroes.org](http://hiringourheroes.org) or <http://www.cvent.com/events/fort-benning-transition-summit/event-summary-572d4bb59c824fd395fc31d211821017.aspx>. To review current DDS available positions, please visit the DDS Careers website at [www.dds.ga.gov](http://www.dds.ga.gov) or <http://ejob.bz/ATS/CompanyPortal.do?refresh=true&companyGK=18695&portalGK=1607>.

### **PennDOT Issues Statement on Vendor Error in Select Driver License Products**

Deputy PennDOT Secretary for Driver and Vehicle Services Kurt J. Myers issued the following statement on actions being taken as a result of a vendor error in some driver license products:

"PennDOT learned late yesterday that laminate supplied by vendors for driver's licenses did not have the proper security image on the front of the license. The image is not visible without use of a black light device.

"PennDOT arranged to have proper laminate available this morning at all Driver License and photo centers. PennDOT will be mailing replacement driver's licenses to affected drivers at no cost to the drivers. When they receive the replacement license, they should destroy the original license.

"Because of the flawed security feature, the original license may not be accepted as proof of identification when scanned by black light devices.

"However, this issue should not impact security checks by the Transportation Security Administration at airports since TSA references a different security feature on the license or identification card in its verification process.

"PennDOT is still determining the number of impacted licenses. At issue are some licenses issued from November to yesterday. PennDOT expects to identify holders of the defective licenses over the next week and will quickly issue free replacements.

"Our vendors, MorphoTrust USA and its subcontractor OpSec, are working closely with PennDOT to address this issue. The replacement products will be replaced free of charge by MorphoTrust."

### **ADOR Further Extends February Deadlines for 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 further extended through March 13 for all Alabama residents affected by county office closings due to severe weather conditions beginning Feb. 25 and again on March 5. 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 13. 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, and March 5 and 6.

### **Minimum Training Requirements for Entry-Level Drivers of Commercial Motor Vehicles: Negotiated Rulemaking Committee Meetings**

FMCSA announces the meeting schedule for the Entry-Level Driver Training Advisory Committee (ELDTAC), established to complete a negotiated rulemaking on Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) for individuals who want to operate Commercial Motor Vehicles (CMVs). ELDTAC is a negotiated rulemaking committee established to develop a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to implement section 32304 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) concerning ELDT standards for individuals applying for a commercial driver's license (CDL) or CDL upgrade. The meetings will be held Thursday-Friday, March 19-20, April 9-10 and 23-24, and May 14-15 and 28-29, 2015. The meetings are open to the public for their entirety. For more information, see the [Federal Register](#).

### **White House Recommendations on Law Enforcement**

On December 18, 2014, President Barack Obama signed an Executive Order establishing the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. The Task Force seeks to identify best practices and make recommendations to the President on how policing practices can promote effective crime reduction while building public trust and examine, among other issues, how to foster

strong, collaborative relationships between local law enforcement and the communities they protect. The Task Force was directed to provide an initial report on recommendations to the President by March 2, 2015. [The report is available here.](#)

### **President Signs Fiscal 2015 DHS Funding Measure**

President Obama signed a \$39.7 billion appropriations measure (HR 240) funding the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for fiscal year 2015. His signature concludes a three-month political standoff over the agency responsible for executing the President's November [executive actions](#) on immigration. Even with a current judicial injunction against the President's actions, the House version of the bill contained amendments that would have prohibited funds being used to affect the actions. Senate Democrats repeatedly demanded that the immigration-related language be stripped from the bill before consideration or a vote. The measure finally passed the House by a vote of 257-167 and was signed by the President on March 4th.

### **USCIS Temporarily Suspends Adjudication of H-2B Petitions Following Court Order**

As of March 5, 2015, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is temporarily suspending adjudication of Form I-129 H-2B petitions for temporary non-agricultural workers while the government considers the appropriate response to the court order entered March 4, 2015, in *Perez v. Perez*, No. 3:14-cv-682 (N.D. Florida, Mar. 4, 2015). Due to this decision, starting March 4, the Department of Labor (DOL) is no longer accepting or processing requests for prevailing wage determinations or applications for temporary labor certifications in the H-2B program. DOL is considering its options in light of the court's decision. (See [DOL Office of Foreign Labor Certification](#) for more details.)