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2015 Workshop and Law Institute Wrap-Up



AAMVA's [2015 Workshop & Law Institute](#) has come and gone, but there are plenty of ways to re-visit our time in Fort Worth - or catch up on content you may have missed! Check out the [Downloads Page](#) throughout this week to see presentations from the Workshop, and visit [AAMVA's Flickr page](#) to see photos. You can view the three Standing Committee Update videos that were presented at the Opening General Session on [AAMVA's YouTube Channel](#) and at these links:

- [Driver Standing Committee](#)
- [Law Enforcement Standing Committee](#)
- [Vehicle Standing Committee](#)

And view the [Workshop Wrap-Up video here!](#) We'll see you next year in Cincinnati, March 9-10, 2016.





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New Additions to AAMVA's Solutions and Best Practices Library



Two new additions have just been added to the library of [Solutions and Best Practices](#) on AAMVA's Website:

- [AAMVA Motorcycle Operator Manual](#)
- [Best Practices for the Deterrence and Detection of Fraud](#)

The AAMVA Motorcycle Operator Manual includes an updated motorcycle operator's manual and knowledge test question pool. The MOM will help ensure motorcycle riders know what they need to know to safely operate on the roads, while promoting uniformity in the way jurisdictions test rider knowledge. [Watch the video executive summary here.](#)

The Best Practices for the Deterrence and Detection of Fraud is a comprehensive document that addresses both internal and external fraud. In addition to presenting ways to deter and detect fraud, the document gives background on different types of fraud and the psychology of those who seek to perpetrate fraud. It also discusses the impact fraud can have on national security and highway safety as well as the personal impact identity theft can have on the customers DMVs serve. [Watch the video executive summary here.](#)

AAMVA at National Lifesavers Conference



AAMVA was present and active at the [National Lifesavers Conference](#) held March 15 – 17, 2015, in Chicago. Staff members Rob Stershic and Eric Dunn manned the AAMVA booth in the Exhibition Hall and reported excellent foot traffic and conversations with conference attendees, many of whom were not at all familiar with AAMVA. AAMVA Director of Law Enforcement Brian Ursino also served as moderator and presented a Drugged Driving session during the conference. As an official conference sponsor, AAMVA received a great deal of brand recognition throughout the conference.

2015 National Law Enforcement Challenge - Apply Now

Every year, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) holds the National Law Enforcement Challenge (NLEC), a traffic safety enforcement recognition program that recognizes law enforcement agencies nationwide for their outstanding work in keeping the roadways in their community safe. AAMVA is an official partner in this IACP program along with the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), and the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA), through a cooperative agreement with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). For more information on the National Law Enforcement Challenge, visit <http://www.theiacp.org/NLEC>

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 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](#).

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:

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.

Share Information with Other Jurisdictions

Please respond to these surveys from Texas and Connecticut. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after each survey.

- [Title Security and Issuance Process](#) (Ends 04/10/2015) Response received from AL, KS.
- [Titling Boats and Vessels](#) (Ends 04/01/2015) Responses received from AB, AL, AR, CO, DC, FL, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, ME, MN, MS, ND, NH, NT, OR, RI, SK, UT, VA, VT, 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 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>.

NCDMV & NCDENR Debut New State Implementation for Inspection and Maintenance Program

The North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles, in conjunction with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, will debut a new emissions exemption pertaining to the North Carolina Inspection and Maintenance program on Wednesday, April 1. [Read the North Carolina DMV press release for more details.](#)

NY RFI for System Mod

The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has issued an RFI to solicit information regarding the implementation of a Customer Systems Modernization solution. The purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) is to gather information from vendors with experience in the development of a customer-centric transaction system to replace DMV's legacy transaction processing application, Windows Information Systems Environment (WISE).

This RFI Closes on April 17, 2015 (COB). For more information on this and other open RFP/RFIs, visit <http://www.aamva.org/Open-RFPs/>

U.S Transportation Secretary Foxx Announces \$10 Million Civil Penalty Against Child Car Seat Manufacturer

U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx announced that Graco Children's Products has been fined \$10 million after the company failed to provide timely notification of a defect in more than 4 million car seats. Graco must pay a fine of \$3 million immediately to the Federal Government and an additional \$7 million is due in five years unless they spend at least the same amount on new steps to improve child safety. The penalties close an investigation launched last year by the Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) into whether the company failed its obligations, under the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act, to begin what ended up as the largest ever recall of child seats. The seats had buckles that could stick or become stuck in a latched position, potentially placing child occupants at risk in an emergency. For more information, visit transportation.gov

Supreme Court to Hear Confederate Flag Dispute

The Supreme Court soon will decide whether Texas can refuse to issue a license plate featuring the Confederate battle flag without violating the free-speech rights of residents who want one. The justices hear arguments today in a challenge brought by the Texas division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Texas commemorates the Confederacy in many ways, from an annual celebration of Confederate Heroes Day each January to monuments on the grounds of the state Capitol in Austin. Among the memorials is one that has stood for more than a century, bearing an image of the Confederate battle flag etched in marble. But you're out of luck if you want to put that flag on your license plate. The Sons of Confederate Veterans sued about the state's decision not to authorize its proposed license plate with its logo bearing the battle flag, similar to plates issued by eight other states that were members of the Confederacy. The First Amendment dispute has brought together some unlikely allies, including the American Civil Liberties Union, antiabortion groups, and Americans United for Separation of Church and State. A state motor vehicle board rejected the Sons of Confederate Veterans application because of concerns it would offend many Texans who believe the flag is a racially charged symbol of repression.

President Obama Discusses Mandatory Voting

At an event in Cleveland, Ohio President Obama discussed how compulsory voting could help counteract the influence big money has on the American political landscape. While mentioned casually, the discussion continues alongside other parallel conversations that continue to put emphasis on the importance of aligning voter registration rolls. This week, according to [an article](#) published in Governing, Oregon became the first state to automatically register people to vote. Oregonians would be automatically registered to vote any time they obtained or renewed a driver's license or state identification card. Those citizens would then be notified by mail of their registration and given three weeks to take themselves off the voting rolls. If they do not opt out, the secretary of state's office will automatically mail them a ballot 20 days before any election.

FMCSA Announces New Smartphone App Providing Safety Data on Interstate Commercial Truck and Bus Companies

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announced a new Smartphone app that will allow for more convenient access to currently available online safety performance information for interstate truck and bus companies. Called "QCMobile," (QC standing for "Query Central"), the new app is expected to be a particularly valuable tool for state and federal law enforcement personnel, as well as insurers, brokers, freight-forwarders, and others interested in reviewing the USDOT registration and safety performance information of motor carriers. Law enforcement officers and commercial motor vehicle safety inspectors use customized software at the roadside to log-into national safety databases to obtain highly detailed safety information on all interstate truck and bus companies. The new QCMobile app, which requires no log-in, immediately reveals whether the federal operating status of the carrier is authorized while helping to expedite an "inspect/pass" decision by a certified commercial vehicle safety inspector. QCMobile retrieves data from a number of FMCSA sources and provides a clear summary of the results. Law enforcement officers and safety inspectors then have the option of retrieving more detailed information on carriers covering their seven Behavior Analysis and Safety Improvement Categories (BASICS) that are a part of FMCSA's cornerstone safety program, Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA). For more information, visit [fmcsa.dot.gov](https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov)