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Register Now for the 2015 Annual International Conference



Online registration for AAMVA's premier event – the [2015 Annual International Conference \(AIC\)](#), August 25-27 – is now open. Join Chair of the Board Mark Lowe in Des Moines, Iowa and experience a unique networking and educational event. The AIC showcases the latest trends in the motor vehicle and law enforcement community and provides a forum for chief administrators to learn and grow from fellow jurisdiction executives. This year's sessions will cover a wide variety of topics tailored to the AAMVA community. Don't miss

this opportunity to see old faces, meet new friends, and learn from our community's most innovative leaders. [Register now online](#), and watch the [2015 AIC Promo Video](#) to get a taste of what you can expect in Des Moines!

Register for Regional Conferences



The 2015 Region IV Conference will be held in Park City, Utah this year, June 1-4. Register online and prepare to take advantage of the opportunity to discuss today's relevant motor

vehicle and law enforcement related issues. Jurisdictional attendees can learn about the successes and challenges of others, share ideas, build relationships, and discover the many products and services provided by our industry partners. [Visit the Conference Web site](#) for more information, and [register online today](#).



Registration for the 2015 Region II conference is now available. The conference will be held at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center in Montgomery, Alabama, June 21-24. Planning details can be found on the [website](#). Our hosts in



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Alabama, along with Session Leads from throughout Region II, have put together an excellent program with an agenda that will cover a wide range of topics. Take advantage of opportunities to network with your peers, share challenges and opportunities, and learn how industry solutions can help you address your challenges. [Visit the site](#) for more information and [register online](#). Still have questions? Contact Patrice Aasmo at paasmo@aamva.org or 571-435-2861.



Registration is now open for the [2015 Region I conference](#). The conference will be held at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, Pennsylvania July 12-15. Our hosts in Pennsylvania are putting

together a dynamic program on emerging and relevant topics. Join us in Hershey, "the sweetest place on earth", for opportunities to network with your colleagues, and to visit with industry partners to hear about solutions that provide opportunities to solve your business challenges. Visit the site or contact Patrice Aasmo at paasmo@aamva.org or 571-435-2861 if you need additional information.

Upcoming Webinars



Central Fulfillment of License Plates & Registration Cards: How One State Did It

Wednesday, May 27, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EDT)

This webinar will include an in-depth discussion on how Indiana's Bureau of Motor Vehicles successfully moved to central issuance, central fulfillment, of license plates and registration cards. Note: This webinar is for AAMVA jurisdiction 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](#).

AAMVA at Association of Ignition Interlock Program Administrators (AIIPA) Conference



AAMVA Director of Law Enforcement Brian Ursino attended the annual conference of the [Association of Ignition Interlock Program Administrators \(AIIPA\)](#) in St. Paul, Minnesota May 17 – 20, 2015. During the conference, Brian presented the progress on the AAMVA Ignition Interlock Program Best Practices Guide scheduled for publication this August. This presentation included a sneak preview of the law enforcement training video that will be part of the Ignition Interlock Best Practices Guide deliverable. While in St. Paul, Brian also met with Minnesota Department of Public Safety Deputy Commissioner Mark Dunaski to discuss multiple operational facets of DPS and Minnesota Highway Patrol operations and AAMVA member services.

Share Information with Other Jurisdictions

Please respond to these surveys from New York, Quebec, Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, and AAMVA. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after each survey.

- [Covered Farm Vehicle Operators](#) (Ends 06/08/2015) Responses received from IL, KS, MN, ND.
- [DL Transaction Data](#) (Ends 06/11/2015) Responses received from FL, ND, NH, OR, SC, VA, WA.
- [Licence Plate Material](#) (Ends 06/08/2015) Responses received from CO, FL, IL, LA, PA, VA, WA.
- [Homeless Applicants for DL/IDs](#) (Ends 05/29/2015) Responses received from AB, AK, AR, DC, FL, GA, ID, IL, IN, KS, LA, MB, MI, NC, ND, NH, NM, OR, RI, SC, TX, WA.
- [Out of State Title with Liens](#) (Ends 06/05/2015) Responses received from AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MB, ME, MI, ND, NH, NV, PE, TX, UT, VT, WA.
- [Agency Hours of Operation](#) (Ends 06/05/2015) Responses received from AR, CO, FL, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, ME, MI, MN, MO, ND, NE, PA, RI, SC, SK, TN, TX, UT, 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 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>.

New Mexico Implements US Passport Verification Service (USPVS) and Verification of Lawful Status (VLS) in Production

On May 25, 2015, the State of New Mexico successfully migrated both the US Passport Verification Service (USPVS) and Verification of Lawful Status (VLS) into production. NM is now operational with USPVS and joins 20-fellow participating jurisdictions. They are also operation with VLS and join 19-fellow participating jurisdictions. Both applications are available via AAMVAnet and provide the implementing jurisdiction with the information to verify US Passports and US Passport Cards and immigration documents. For information on USPVS and VLS, contact AAMVA's Nalini Rangaraju (nrangaraju@aamva.org / 703.908.5784). AAMVA congratulates NM!

GA Driver Services Receives International Honor for Community Service

Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) Commissioner Rob Mikell announced that the Agency has received a Communitas Award for Excellence for outstanding community service efforts. DDS raised over \$33,000 for charities during the most recent Georgia State Charitable Contributions Program (SCCP). The Communitas Awards program is an international effort to recognize the spirit of communitas – a Latin word referring to people coming together for the good of a community. The Communitas Awards program is an outgrowth of the pro bono recognition program of the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals (AMCP). Other 2015 Communitas Excellence winners include Assurant, Atlanta, GA.; Toyota and Discovery Education, Silver Spring, MD; and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston, TX. DDS team members throughout the state, including the 66 regional customer service centers that serve the public, contributed \$6,216.00 through payroll pledges. In addition, nearly \$28,000.00 was raised through more than forty scheduled events held during the two-month campaign. The ALS ice bucket challenge between centers, managers and administrators contributed to a total of \$19,989.23 that was raised by the individual field offices.

Job Opportunity: Director of the Office of Investigative Services, MI Department of State

The following job opportunity is available:

- [Director of the Office of Investigative Services, Michigan Department of State](#)

Please see the posting on the [Michigan Civil Service Commission](#) website for more details. The deadline for submissions is 6/7/15.

Obama Signs 'Blue Alert' Law to Protect Police

President Obama has signed into law a measure that will require instant nationwide "Blue Alerts" to warn about threats to police officers and help track down the suspects who carry them out. The Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu National Blue Alert Act of 2015 is named for the two New York Police Department officers killed in an ambush attack last December. For more information, visit usatoday.com

NHTSA Issues NPRM on Motorcycle Helmets

On May 21st, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration issued a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) (NPRM) that would set forth an interpretation of the definition of "motor vehicle equipment" as amended by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Act. The NPRM requests comment on two proposed changes to the motorcycle helmet safety standard (FMVSS No. 218). First, NHTSA is proposing to add a definition of "motorcycle helmet." Secondly, NHTSA is proposing to modify the existing performance requirements of the standard by adding a set of dimensional and compression requirements. These requirements and the associated test procedures would identify those helmets whose physical characteristics indicate that they likely cannot meet the existing performance requirements of the standard. The NPRM would also incorporate an optional alternative compliance process for manufacturers whose helmets do not comply with the proposed dimensional and compression requirements but do comply with the performance requirements and all other aspect of the FMVSS. Comments to NHTSA-2015-0045 are due by July 20, 2015. If your jurisdiction submits comments to the docket, please consider providing a copy to governmentaffairs@aamva.org so that AAMVA can incorporate those comments into their own submission.

Senate Appropriators Disclose Spending Allocations

Senate appropriators have narrowly determined how they would like to divide the \$1 trillion in fiscal year 2016 discretionary spending among the 12 annual spending bills by adopting subcommittee allocations. That vote was 16-14. The breakdown by title (in billions) is: Agriculture - \$20.51; Commerce-Justice-Science - \$51.068; Defense - \$489.131; Energy-Water - \$35.368; Financial Services - \$20.556; Homeland Security - \$40.213; Interior-Environment - \$30.010; Labor-HHS-Education - \$153.188; Legislative Branch - \$4.309; Military Construction-VA - \$77.573; State-Foreign Operations - \$39.010; Transportation-HUD - \$55.646.

CVSA Bulletin: Enforcement of Medical Examiner's Certificate Integration with the Commercial Driver's License

This Inspection Bulletin is provided to enforcement personnel who stop commercial driver license (CDL) and commercial learner permit (CLP) drivers for a Driver/Vehicle Examination (a.k.a. roadside inspection). This bulletin applies to CDL and/or CLP holders only. Currently, CVSA's 2014 North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria (OOSC) refers to "valid medical certificate in possession" in Part I section 4b(3) and (4). The new Final Rule effective January 30, 2015 for CDL and CLP drivers will no longer require the physical possession of one's medical certificate. Without enforcement guidance on this rule, drivers could be declared out-of-service (OOS) when: 1) a CDL/CLP driver operating a passenger-carrying vehicle is not in possession of a valid medical certificate, or 2) a CDL/CLP driver operating a property-carrying vehicle having a previous history of not being in

possession of a valid medical certificate is not in possession of a valid medical certificate. On or after January 30, 2015, if at the time of a roadside inspection a check of the CDL driver's information via CDLIS or NLETS indicates that the driver is medically qualified, this shall constitute "possession of a valid medical certificate" and compliance with §391.41(a)(1). This applies to the operation of all commercial motor vehicles (CDL and non-CDL alike) being driven by a CDL holder. On or after July 8, 2015, this will also apply to a CLP driver. While there are numerous combinations of the CDL medical requirement scenarios, personnel shall base their enforcement on the CDLIS or NLETS response(s). For more information and a basic guide for the proper identification and documentation of medical certificate violations, [see this document](#).

Motorcyclist Fatalities Projected to Drop for 2nd Straight Year

The Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) is projecting that motorcyclist fatalities decreased for the second straight year in 2014, based on preliminary state data. However, this latest [Spotlight on Highway Safety](#) report also notes that there is much more work to do: motorcyclist fatalities are 26 percent higher than a decade ago, while other motor vehicle fatalities are 28 percent lower. GHSA has produced motorcyclist fatality trend reports annually since 2010, which provide an early look at current data and developing issues. Adjusting the numbers to account for underreporting, GHSA projects the final motorcyclist fatality total for 2014 will be 4,584 – approximately 1.8 percent less than the 4,668 recorded in 2013. This will be the second straight year in which this number has decreased, and only the third decrease since 1997. All 50 states and the District of Columbia provided preliminary motorcyclist fatality counts for the first nine months of 2014. Compared with the first nine months of 2013, motorcyclist fatalities decreased in 27 states, increased in 19 states, and remained the same in four states plus the District of Columbia. The report was authored by Dr. Allan Willams, former chief scientist at the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. For more information and to see the full report, visit ghsa.org