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## Checking In With The Chair



Visit [movemag.org](http://movemag.org) to read the latest Checking In With The Chair - we caught up with Mark Lowe, Chair of the AAMVA Board of Directors, to see what he's been up to, what he's looking forward to this summer, and get more details on what you can expect at the 2015 Annual International Conference, hosted in Des Moines, Iowa!

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## 2015 Region IV Conference Wraps Up





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The 2015 Region IV Conference has come and gone, but it was a great four days of engaging sessions and networking. The Region IV Board, led by President Brad Simpson, joined AAMVA Chair Mark Lowe and AAMVA President & CEO Anne Ferro in welcoming nearly 350 people to Park City, Utah. Attendees also had plenty of opportunities to check in with our industry partners in the exhibit hall to get the latest information on products and solutions.



At the awards luncheon, the outstanding work by jurisdictions was recognized - [click here for a full list of award winners](#). Keep an eye on the AAMVA website - presentations from the 2015 Region IV Conference will be posted throughout the week.

## DADSS Technology Offers Big Leap Forward in Drunk Driving Prevention

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) joined with members of Congress, safety advocates and industry representatives at the U.S. Department of Transportation's headquarters to highlight advances in the Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety (DADSS) program, a research partnership between NHTSA and an industry consortium to develop technology to prevent alcohol-impaired drivers from operating their vehicles while under the influence. AAMVA's Senior Manager of Government Affairs, Cian Cashin, attended the event which featured the unveiling of a test vehicle equipped with mock-up DADSS technology that researchers will use to examine driver interactions with the system. During the event, U.S. Transportation Deputy Secretary Victor Mendez and NHTSA Administrator Mark Rosekind discussed the future of DADSS technology with U.S. Senator Tom Udall, U.S. Representatives Peter DeFazio and Nita Lowey, President and CEO of the Automotive Coalition for Traffic Safety (ACTS) Rob Strassburger, and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) National President Colleen Sheehey-Church. [Watch the DADSS video animation](#). [View the DADSS fact sheet](#). Get more information at [nhtsa.gov](http://nhtsa.gov).

## 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!

## 2015 Regional Conferences



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 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](mailto: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](mailto:paasmo@aamva.org) or 571-435-2861 if you need additional information.

## Upcoming Webinars



**Report Out of State Test Results (ROOSTR) Training Session**

Wednesday, June 17, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EDT)

Report Out of State Test Results (ROOSTR) Lite solution will support the Federal Regulation 49 CFR §383.79(a) of reporting CDL skills Test Results for out of state applicants. The purpose of this webinar series is to train jurisdiction members who are interested in utilizing ROOSTR Lite. It is important to note that CSTIMS jurisdictions will not be impacted by ROOSTR Lite as the functionality will be covered by CSTIMS. 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](#).

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

Tuesday, June 9, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EDT)

Tuesday, June 16, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EDT)

Tuesday, June 23, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EDT)

Tuesday, June 30, 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 and Using: Disqualifying Convictions Rejected and CDLIS Problem Ticket Reports**

Wednesday, June 11, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (EDT)

The purpose of this webinar is to provide an overview of the new Disqualifying Convictions Rejected Report and the new Quarterly CDLIS Open Problem Ticket Report. The webinar will also review the new reports added to the CDLIS Report Matrix that is available on the AAMVA website. 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: A New Direction**

Wednesday, July 29, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EDT)

As NMVTIS gets closer to 100% participation, there is a need to look at ways and methods to improve the system as a tool as part of your state's title system. Join us as we discuss concepts to map a new direction for NMVTIS to help improve vehicle safety and reduce fraud in your jurisdiction. 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](#).

**AAMVA is Now Accepting Candidate Nominations for the July 2015 CDL Train-the-Trainer Class**

On behalf of James Barwick (SC), Chair, AAMVA Test Maintenance Subcommittee, we would like to announce that a Commercial Driver License (CDL) Train-the-Trainer Class has been scheduled for Monday, July 27, 2015 through Friday, July 31, 2015 in St. Petersburg, Florida. The session is 40 hours in length and the class size is limited to twelve (12) persons. **Nominees must have a thorough knowledge of the CDL program, current experience conducting the CDL Skills Tests; as well as experience training State Examiners or Third Party Examiners on CDL test administration.**

Due to class size limitations, priority will be given to nominees from jurisdictions that have not yet implemented the 2005 CDL Testing System; or who implemented the test system after July 1, 2014.

The class is designed to be a hands-on training class for lead examiners, or trainers, who conduct examiner and refresher training in their jurisdiction as required. The training class will utilize the curriculum as published in the Certified Commercial Examiner (CCE) Instructor Manual developed by the AAMVA International Driver Licensing Examiner Certification Executive Board. There is no tuition or registration fee for this training. All travel, room and board expenses will be paid by AAMVA. It is important to note that this curriculum meets all of the Examiner training and certification requirements as defined in 49 CFR §384.228 – Examiner Training and Record Checks. Accordingly, all jurisdictions are encouraged to utilize these training materials regardless of their participation in the IDEC CCE Program. All of the training materials and videos are provided to our jurisdictional members free of charge.

Please complete the [Nominee Form](#) for each individual being nominated and submit them Karen Morton no later than **Wednesday, June 10, 2015**, as class sizes are limited. Please email completed nominations to [kmorton@aamva.org](mailto:kmorton@aamva.org). If you are unable to do so, nominations may be faxed to (703) 908-5890. You will need to provide the following information:

- position held within the department
- name as it would appear on certificate
- address of person for correspondence
- telephone and fax number of person for correspondence
- email address of person for correspondence
- # of years experience conducting CDL Skills Tests
- summary of experience as a trainer

· name, telephone number and email address of the departmental contact person

After the nominations are reviewed, detailed information will be sent to those persons selected to attend. If you have questions or need additional information, please email [kmorton@aamva.org](mailto:kmorton@aamva.org).

### VLS 3.0

The Verification of Lawful Status (VLS) application allows Motor Vehicle Agencies (MVAs) to verify that immigration documents match the electronic record of the document held by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program. VLS has been operating since 2010. The latest DHS enhancements (compliant with ICA version 35) have been incorporated into a new release of VLS, referred to as VLS 3.0. The documentation describing VLS 3.0 can be downloaded from <http://www.aamva.org/VLS/#Documentation>. VLS has a three step verification process. MVAs may select if they wish to use VLS or a DHS web page to conduct the verification of a specific step. AAMVA has completed building the support for VLS 3.0 step 1 and anticipates completing the support for steps 2 and 3 by Spring of 2016. The infrastructure is now available for any MVAs who only use VLS for step 1, to upgrade to VLS 3.0. For additional information, contact [HelpDesk@aamva.org](mailto:HelpDesk@aamva.org)

### AAMVA Systems Training

#### Course I

- Course Name: Introduction to the National Driver Register
- Course Description: This introductory session provides history, background, purposes and uses on NDR and PDPS, State's Responsibility, and the Relationship between NDR, PDPS, States, and AAMVA.
- Training Session: Tuesday, July 21th, 2-4 ET
- [Register Here](#). You will have to register if you are new to the training site by clicking on "Register"

#### Course II

- Course Name: PDPS Inquiry Transactions
- Course Description: This is a detail session that will clarify the relationship between driver's license and driving privilege. It will also provide detail information on the different types of PDPS Inquiry Transactions; when, how and by whom these transactions are used.
- Training Session: Wednesday, July 22, 2-4 ET
- [Register Here](#) You will have to register if you are new to the training site by clicking on "Register"

### Share Information with Other Jurisdictions

Please respond to these surveys from Iowa, New Jersey, Georgia, Arizona, and New York. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after each survey.

- [Call Center Improvements](#) (Ends 06/25/2015) Responses received from AL, FL, GA, IL, LA, ME, RI, SK, TN, VA, VT, WA.

- [Driving School Instructors](#) (Ends 06/25/2015) Responses received from AB, AR, CT, GA, IA, IL, KS, LA, ME, MN, NH, OK, QC, TX, VA, WI.
- [Certification Application Fees](#) (Ends 06/24/2015) Responses received from AB, FL, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, NH, VT.
- [Wholesale Motor Vehicle Dealers](#) (Ends 06/25/2015) Responses received from AL, CA, IL, LA, M, NH, NV, OH, PA, SC, UT, VA, VT, WA.
- [Covered Farm Vehicle Operators](#) (Ends 06/10/2015) Responses received from AR, FL, IL, IN, KS, MB, ME, MI, MN, MO, ND, NE, NH, NJ, PA, TX, VA, VT.

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>.

### **NSC: Cell Phone Policy Assessment Tool**

The National Safety Council has launched a new tool for helping your workplace reduce its crash liability. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of workplace death. Studies show that both handheld and hands-free cell phone use (through earbuds or car dashboards) increase distraction and injury crash risk. Even if your organization already has a cell phone policy, most policies reported to NSC have loopholes that expose employees to crash risk and place your organization at a higher liability risk. Our new, FREE Cell Phone Policy Assessment Tool will help you to find out if your policy has any dangerous loopholes and reveal how it compares to recommended best practices for keeping employees safe and preventing distracted driving crashes. Take the FREE NSC Cell Phone Policy Assessment Tool survey at [nsc.org/policytool](http://nsc.org/policytool) and get a customized report with feedback about your policy.

### **Senate Republicans Pitch Year-End Highway Extension**

Senate Finance Chair Orrin Hatch (R-UT) and Environment and Public Works Chairman James Inhofe (R-OK) have informally indicated that they are again considering a funding patch that would extend highway programs through December to allow them more time to develop a long-term highway bill that is tied to tax legislation. Paired with the monumental task of revising the tax code, the two Senators said in interviews that they would need the additional time, and an \$11 billion patch to bolster the current extension that lasts through July 31st. Hatch and Ways and Means Chairman Paul Ryan (R-WI) promoted this idea last month prior to the two month extension both chambers ultimately settled on. Congressional reporting has indicated that not all Republican caucus members agree with this strategy, and that some Senators would prefer either an extension only through the end of the fiscal year (September 30th) or questioning the need for an extension through December outright. Senate Democrats have vocally pushed for Congress to develop and pass a long-term transportation bill over the course of the current extension.

### **House Clears Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Bill**

The U.S. House of Representatives has passed its fiscal year 2016 spending bill (HR 2578) by a vote of 242-183. The \$51.4 billion measure would provide approximately \$27.9 billion for the Justice Department, including \$8.5 billion for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, \$7.2 billion for the federal prison system, and roughly \$2 billion for state and local enforcement and crime prevention programs. The bill represents \$661 million less than the Presidential request, but includes more than \$1.3 billion more in discretionary spending than 2015 levels. Of interest in the measure are policy riders, including one by Representative Steve King which would deny funding to the Justice Department to fight the states' challenge to the president's executive action to temporarily defer deportation of nearly 5 million undocumented immigrants. That amendment passed 222-204. This bill also, for the second year in a row, approved language that would bar the Justice Department from using funds to interfere with state marijuana laws in 39 states, the District of Columbia and Guam by a vote of 242-186. This approval came after an amendment that would have broadly prevented the Justice Department from using funds to interfere with state laws that allow cultivation, distribution and use of marijuana – defeated by a vote of 206-222. The multiple amendments regarding relaxation of federal enforcement of state marijuana laws has been seen as a reflection of the shifting perception regarding the drug and the narrowing of priorities for federal Justice programs. The House, by voice vote, also added \$10 million to increase police use of body cameras in the new community trust program for criminal justice reform by removing those funds from the Drug Enforcement Agency. Another voice vote would shift \$100 million from the Census Bureau to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for grants to local governments for hiring and training new police officers. The legislation has incurred a veto threat from the Obama Administration for its decreased funding for certain programs. The President has also issued numerous veto threats on numerous spending bills for their discretionary funding caps being set at sequestration levels, including for both this bill and the Transportation – Housing and Urban Development appropriations measures.

### **USDOT Releases Technical Reports on Truck Size and Weight**

The U.S. Department of Transportation released today a series of technical reports on truck size and weight for peer review and public comment as a major step moving toward the completion of the comprehensive study called for in the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). Specifically, MAP-21 directed the Department to study the issues associated with trucks operating within and in excess of current size and weight limits and assess the impacts on safety, pavement and bridge deterioration, enforcement, and shifts to other modes of transport such as rail. The five technical reports released today cover the study areas. While pointing to significant data limitations to complete a comprehensive study, the technical reports provide an opportunity for experts in the field to comment in anticipation of the final report to Congress. Importantly, the Department finds that the data limitations are so profound that no changes in the relevant laws and regulations should be considered until these limitations are overcome. The Department will meet with an independent peer review team managed by the Transportation Research Board (TRB) and seek public comment as it works to develop the Final Report to Congress. For more information, [visit here](#).

### **4th of July Drunk Driving Prevention Campaign Materials Now Available**



We all love to celebrate Independence Day with family and friends, food and fireworks - but all too often the festivities turn tragic on the nation's roads. The fact is, this iconic American holiday is also one of the deadliest holidays of the year due to drunk-driving crashes. According to data from NHTSA, during July 4th holidays over the last five years (from 2008 to 2012), 765 people lost their lives in crashes involving drivers with a BAC of .08 or more. These fatalities account for 40% of all motor vehicle traffic fatalities over this same five-year period. These marketing tools can be distributed to fit your local needs and objectives while, at the same time, partnering with other States, communities, and organizations on this drunk driving prevention initiative. So, [click here and get your campaign materials now](#).

### **FY2016 Border Enforcement Grant Notice of Funding Availability**

The Border Enforcement Grant program is a Federal discretionary grant program focused on reducing crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving commercial motor vehicles (CMV) by ensuring that motor carriers and drivers operating in international commerce are in compliance with U.S. CMV safety standards and regulations, financial responsibility regulations, registration requirements, and that the drivers of those vehicles are qualified and properly licensed to operate a CMV in the United States. [For more information, visit here](#).