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## 2015 Region I Conference Wraps Up



The 2015 Region I Conference has officially wrapped up, but it was a great conference filled with informative sessions and fun networking - especially being near Hershey Park! Presentations and information from the conference are available for download in the [2015 Region I Conference Download Center](#). Take a second look at a presentation that sparked your interest in Hershey, or catch up on what you might have missed! See you next year in Burlington, Vermont for the 2016 Region I Conference, July 17-20, 2016.

## Register Now for the 2015 Annual International Conference



Register now for AAMVA's premier event – the [2015 Annual International Conference \(AIC\)](#), August 25-27. Join Chair of the Board Mark Lowe in Des Moines, Iowa, and experience a unique networking and educational event.

[View the preliminary program and session topics here](#). [Register now online](#), and watch the [2015 AIC Promo Video](#) to get a taste of what you can expect in Des Moines!

## Registration Open for Region III Information Exchange



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Registration is now open for the 2015 Region III Information Exchange, November 3-5, 2015 at the [Hilton Chicago/Oak Brook Hills Resort & Conference Center](#). Visit <http://www.aamva.org/2015-Region-III-Exchange/> for more information and to register online.

**Upcoming Webinars**



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

Tuesday, July 21, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (EDT)  
Tuesday, August 4, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (EDT)  
Tuesday, August 11, 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](#).

**Wisconsin Joining State to State (S2S) and the Impact on CDLIS Users**

Wednesday, July 22, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (EDT)  
Thursday, July 30, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (EDT)

The State Pointer Exchange Services platform (SPEXS), which supports both CDLIS and the new State-to-State (S2S) requirements, recently went live earlier this month. From time to time, individual states will upgrade to take benefit of the expanded S2S functionality. The first state coming on board will be Wisconsin. This will occur over the weekend of August 8th. Regular Central Site availability between the evening of Saturday, August 8th and early morning of Monday, August 10th will be affected. More specifically, there may be periods during which the Central Site is in

inquiry-only mode, and there may be periods during which the Central Site is unavailable (over and above the regularly scheduled maintenance window of 2:00 am to 5:00 am on Sunday). This webinar will cover in detail the impact to the CDLIS users. 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: 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's MOVE Magazine - Readership Survey**

Help us improve your membership magazine, MOVE, and take a [quick readership survey](#). Share your opinion with AAMVA and help us improve our flagship publication, MOVE Magazine. Your feedback is very important to us and will ultimately help us provide AAMVA members with an enhanced magazine. [Please take a few minutes to answer these quick questions](#). Your information will remain strictly confidential and will be reported only in total along with the opinions of other respondents. Thank you for your participation.

### **State to State Update**

As has been communicated previously, the State Pointer Exchange Services platform (SPEXS), which supports both CDLIS and the new State-to-State (S2S) requirements is live. All CDLIS States have been using the new system for the last two weeks.

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The Central Site should be fully operational again on the Monday, August 10th 5am ET. All other systems will be up and running during their usual available hours.

Status and History requests between states should be unaffected by the work

at the Central Site, with the exception of inquiries directed to Wisconsin. WI's availability will be shared with all States as soon as they are finalized. States that are scheduled to implement CDLIS 5.3.2 during this weekend will still be able to do so. Webinars are scheduled to discuss WI's implementation on July 22 and July 23 at 2pm ET. Please [click here](#) to register. Following WI, several states are in the process of joining the S2S program between August 2015 and March 2016. AAMVA will provide updates as soon as we have implementation dates from each state. If you have any questions please contact the AAMVA Operations Help Desk at [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 21, 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"

## CDLIS Timeliness and Accuracy - Summary Workbook Reports for Jurisdictions

At the direction and support of FMCSA, AAMVA produces monthly reports on the CDLIS Timeliness, Data Quality, and Capabilities of all jurisdictions. The reports for June are now ready for viewing. To request a copy of these reports, please click on the following link [REQUEST](#)

## Share Information with Other Jurisdictions

Please respond to these surveys from Nebraska, Missouri, Quebec, Florida, and Wisconsin. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after each survey.

- [CDL Testing Changes and Employment Authorization](#) (Ends 07/31/2015) Responses received from AR, IA, LA, ME, MI, MN, NM, PA, RI.
- [Korea Defense Service Medal Specialty Plate](#) (Ends 07/31/2015) Responses received from AL, CA, FL, MD, NC, NJ, NV, OH, VA, VT, WI.

- [Vehicle Registration Fees Based Upon GVWR](#) (Ends 07/31/2015) Responses received from AB, AL, AR, AZ, BC, CA, FL, IA, ID, NC, NE, NH, NV, RI, UT, VA, WY.
- [Salvage Rebuildable Titles](#) (Ends 07/30/2015) Responses received from AL, AR, CA, ID, KS, KY, MN, NE, NH, NJ, NV, OK, OR, PA, TX, UT, VA, VT, WY.
- [Document Management](#) (Ends 08/31/2015) Responses received from AB, AK, AL, AR, CA, FL, GA, ID, KY, MO, NH, NV, RI, SC, UT, 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>.

### **AAMVA Remembers Gilbert L. Holmes - Past AAMVA Chair**



AAMVA remembers Gilbert Lewis Holmes, former Chair of the AAMVA Board, who passed away June 24, 2015. He was born in Sparta, Illinois, to Gilbert and Emma Holmes on October 24, 1935. Among the many accomplishments in his long and distinguished career, Holmes served as Commissioner, Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles and Chairman, BMV Commission. A champion of justice, liberty, freedom of speech, empowerment of the disenfranchised, and the U.S. Constitution, Gilbert accepted his final position of leadership as Executive Director of the ACLU-Indiana, from which he retired March, 2012 before moving to Phoenix, AZ where he lived out this last year enjoying his family and the warmth of the western sun. During his tenure at the Indiana BMV, Holmes was an active member of AAMVA

and AAMVANET ultimately becoming board chairman of both organizations. During this time he frequently testified before Congress in support of various automobile regulatory initiatives. His civilian career contributed to his involvement on many local and national industry boards. Among these are The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Committee of States, the Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine, Governors' Task Force to Reduce Dangerous and Impaired Driving and National Motor Vehicle Title Information System Task Force. A memorial service will take place in Indianapolis, IN at 3:00 p.m. July 24, 2015 at the Indiana War Memorial Pershing Auditorium. At a yet-to-be-assigned date, Gil will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery during a ceremony in which he will be granted full military honors. Memorial contributions may be made to The ACLU of Indiana or The Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library.

### **AAMVA Mourns Christopher Kerns**

AAMVA joins the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in mourning the loss of Christopher Kerns, a Driver Licensing Examiner stationed at the

Williamsport Driver License Center. Christopher was with the traveling team and heading to the Monroeton Driver License Center when the van he was driving was involved in a crash. Sadly, Christopher passed away on Thursday morning. Christopher was a valued member of the PennDOT team for the last eight years, and he will be missed. Funeral arrangements have not been set as of this time. AAMVA extends our deepest sympathy to all those who knew and loved Christopher Kerns. For more information see the [dailyreview.com](http://dailyreview.com).

## **Georgia Driver Services Commissioner Welcomes New Board Chairman**

Rob Mikell, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) has announced that David Connell has been reappointed by Governor Nathan Deal to the DDS Board of Directors and also will serve as Chairman. Connell will assume his new responsibilities at the next monthly DDS Board Meeting. Connell is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce. Since joining the Chamber in November 2010, Connell has championed job creation and driving economic development to new levels throughout his county. DDS is governed by a nine-member Board of Directors, comprised of appointees from the Governor, Lt. Governor and Speaker of the House. It is the general policy-making body for the department, approving all rules and regulations set forth by the Commissioner. Connell has received numerous awards including The Secretary of State's Outstanding Georgia Citizen (2006), the U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award (2008) and he was named to the 2015 Georgia Trend's 100 Most Influential Georgians, the third time to receive this recognition. He is a graduate of Leadership Cobb, Honorary Commanders, and the Regional Leadership Institute (RLI). David and his wife Pam have three children and three grandchildren.

## **GAO Report on State Commercial Driver's Licensing**

In a newly-released report, [COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSING: Federal Oversight of State Programs Could Be Improved](#), the Government Accountability Office recommends that FMCSA (1) clarify agency policy on oversight of states' CDL programs and (2) improve or obtain a mechanism to track oversight activities. The Department of Transportation agreed with GAO's recommendations. AAMVA is referenced on pages 6-8 of the report regarding CSTIMS, as well as on pages 12, 42, and 44. Visit <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-15-607> for the full report.

## **Congress Scrambles to Find Path Forward on Long-Term Transportation Measures**

This week represented a busy week on Capitol Hill for transportation policy issues. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) has been working to find a way forward for a multiple year surface transportation bill, but is struggling to find a consensual way to scrape up enough funding to pay for any of the competing measures. This week the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee provided their Committee Report on [S 1647](#), their infrastructure heavy legislation that would reauthorize highway programs through 2021. Separately, on July 15th, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee marked up its own legislation ([S 1732](#)) providing a six year reauthorization of highway safety programs. S 1732 contains numerous provisions of interest to the AAMVA community, including a pilot program for notification of recall status at the time of vehicle registration and

provisions for voluntary interstate compacts that would lower the age requirement for CDL operators in interstate commerce. Both bills are lengthy, and AAMVA has produced a descriptive legislative analysis for both measures available through the "Legislative Analysis" link on the [Government Affairs](#) section of the AAMVA Web site. As Congress deliberates over the long-term measures, they are simultaneously moving an extension package ([HR 3031](#)) in case they are not able to muster the support, or the means of financing, the long term bills before current funding lapses on July 31st. AAMVA welcomes comment or input on these measures. Please direct jurisdictional input on this, or any, pending legislation to [governmentaffairs@aamva.org](mailto:governmentaffairs@aamva.org).

### **Hearing Exemption Applications**

On July 13th, FMCSA announced that 15 individuals have applied for a medical exemption from the hearing requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). In accordance with the statutory requirements concerning applications for exemptions, FMCSA requests public comments on these requests. Comments must be received on or before August 12, 2015. This exemption announcement and all other regulatory announcements AAMVA follows can be found on our [Federal Rules](#) page. States that file comments are encouraged to copy AAMVA's Government Affairs department at [governmentaffairs@aamva.org](mailto:governmentaffairs@aamva.org).

### **IACP Article - NMVTIS Law Enforcement Access Tool: A Free Resource for Vehicle-Related Investigations**

The July 2015 issue of the IACP Police Chief magazine contains the article titled "[NMVTIS Law Enforcement Access Tool: A Free Resource for Vehicle-Related Investigations](#)" This is the article was written by Chris McDonald, Chair of the AAMVA NMVTIS Law Enforcement Working Group. To read the full article, visit <http://www.theiacp.org/Police-Chief-Magazine>