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## 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.

**Session Spotlight**  
**License to Drive: Suspensions for Non-Driving Violations**  
Wednesday, August 26th  
9:00 am - 10:30 am

Join the conversation about how suspending driver licenses for non-driving related violations impacts your agency and other highway safety partners. This session includes a presentation by Washington State, who has implemented recommendations from AAMVA's Best Practice Guide to Reducing Suspended Drivers and has early success metrics to share.

[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.

## Wisconsin Becomes the First State to Use AAMVA's State-to-State Verification Service (S2S)

AAMVA congratulates Wisconsin on successfully implementing S2S during the weekend of August 8th and becoming the 1st participant using the new service. Wisconsin will now be able to use SPEXS to perform its CDLIS and S2S functions. Wisconsin can now track pointer information related to its Base Driver Licenses, Permit for Base Driver Licenses, and Identification Cards. This supports, among other things, limiting any person to only one driver's license. Other jurisdictions will also begin using the State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) in the upcoming months and AAMVA looks forward to supporting them during their onboarding process.



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## Law Enforcement Gets Improved Access to NMVTIS Information!

The latest version of the NMVTIS Law Enforcement Access Tool (LEAT) was launched on August 5th. The LEAT has been updated with a new look and additional features and is available to law enforcement personnel. The new features were recommended by the AAMVA NMVTIS Law Enforcement Working Group. If you are from a law enforcement agency that is interested in obtaining access to the LEAT, please contact the DOJ at [NMVTIS@usdoj.gov](mailto:NMVTIS@usdoj.gov). For further information – please contact Brian Ursino, Director, Law Enforcement [bursino@aamva.org](mailto:bursino@aamva.org)

## D20 Data Dictionary Update

AAMVA is preparing a new edition of the D20 Data Dictionary. In addition to bringing element definitions up to date, AAMVA is reviewing how it manages D20. Currently two items are being reviewed:

1. the benefits of keeping the ANSI accreditation for the D20 Traffic Records Systems Data Dictionary; and
2. the need to maintain Accident/Crash and Roadway elements in D20.

Please contact Mark Pritchard ([MPritchard@aamva.org](mailto:MPritchard@aamva.org)) if your jurisdiction has any concerns about changes in these areas. For details of the items under review, see [ANSI-D20 2015 Review](#).

## Registration Open for Region III Information Exchange



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, 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](#).

### **Facial Recognition Program Best Practices**

Wednesday, September 9, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (EDT)

This webinar will provide an in-depth overview of the recently published (August 2015) Facial Recognition (FR) Best Practices Guide. Areas of focus include FR Program Development and Enhancement; Operations, Technology, Training, Privacy Considerations, Image Sharing, and more. Note: This webinar is for AAMVA 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](#).

## **Share Information with Other Jurisdictions**

Please respond to these surveys from Florida, Maryland, New Jersey, Idaho, Illinois, Montana, and Wisconsin. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after each survey.

- [Driver Education](#) (Ends 08/31/2015) Responses received from GA, MD, MN, MO, TN, WI.
- [Dealer Advertising](#) (Ends 08/31/2015) Responses received from FL, LA, NH, PA, VA, WA, WI.
- [Electronic Reassignment](#) (Ends 08/31/2015) Responses received from AL, AR, FL, LA, MN, NE, NH, NM, PA, UT, VA, VT, WY.
- [Driver's License or ID Card Interim Documents](#) (Ends 09/04/2015) Response received from GA, VT.
- [DL Reinstatement Fees](#) (Ends 08/28/2015) Responses received from AK, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, LA, MD, MN, MO, MS, NE, NH, NM, SC, SD, VA, VT.
- [Non-repairable Vehicles](#) (Ends 08/20/2015) Responses received from AL, CA, ID, KY, LA, MD, MN, MO, MS, NC, NE, NH, PA, SC, UT, VA, VT, WI.
- [Purchasing Driving Records](#) (Ends 08/25/2015) Responses received from AB, AK, BC, CA, CT, GA, HI, IA, IL, LA, ME, MI, MN, MS, NE, OR, PA, SK, VT, WA, WI.
- [Document Management](#) (Ends 08/31/2015) Responses received from AB, AK, AL, AR, CA, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MB, MI, MO, NH, NV, PA, RI, SC, UT, 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>.

### **Delaware DOT Secretary Cohan to Chair the I-95 Corridor Coalition**

Jennifer Cohan, Secretary of the Delaware DOT and former Chair of the AAMVA Board of Directors, will be the new Chair of the I-95 Corridor Coalition's Executive Board. Secretary Cohan's public service experience and her leadership positions with transportation agencies (and related organizations) are well-suited to guide the Coalition as it works with member agencies to meet our mutual goals for the corridor's transportation system. Jennifer Cohan was appointed to be only the third woman to lead the Delaware Department of Transportation after serving as the Director of the Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles since 2007. Her state public service career has spanned over 25 years. She is also an adjunct professor at Wilmington University, teaching leadership and public policy in the Masters program, and is the president of the Greater Dover Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors. Secretary Cohan currently serves as a member of the AASHTO Board of Directors, the Diamond State Port Corporation Board of Directors, the Northeast Corridor Commission, the Northeast Association of State Transportation Officials, the Transportation and Climate Initiative, and the Transportation Research Board Executive Committee. "The I-95 Corridor Coalition's member agencies recognize the importance of advancing transportation initiatives through coordination with and in consideration of neighboring jurisdictions. This multistate perspective is essential to further the safety and efficiency of long-distance freight and passenger movement. I am honored to accept the position of Executive Board Chair and look forward to working with the member agencies and the Vice Chairs – Charles Kilpatrick (Virginia DOT), Rich Biter (Florida DOT), Dennis Schrader (Maryland DOT), Thomas Tinlin (Massachusetts DOT), and Ron Patton (South Carolina DOT) – to further the Coalition's initiatives," said Jennifer Cohan.

### **New Jersey and Washington Administrators Meet in Seattle**



New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commissioner Ray Martinez took the opportunity last week to visit the Seattle office of the Washington Department of Licensing. Ray toured the office and talked to DOL staff about their processes and procedures. On hand for the tour and pictured above are Sherry English, Field Assistant Administrator, Ray Martinez, NJ MVC Commissioner, Derek Mau, Licensing Services Representative 4, Pat Kohler, Director, WA DOL, and Sheila Prior, AAMVA.

### **SLC Selects Virginia DMV's Vital Records Program as Winner of the State Transformation in Action Recognition (STAR)**

A panel of policy experts selected the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles' Vital Records Program as one of two winners of the 2015 State Transformation in Action Recognition (STAR) program. The STAR Program of the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC) identifies and promotes state government solutions to regional problems, focusing on policy innovations that are creative, impactful, transferable and effective. Virginia's Vital Records at DMV increases residents' access to state records—such as certificates of birth, death, divorce, and marriage—by leveraging a partnership of the state DMV and Department of Health, and utilizing the DMV's extensive service footprint. The Southern Legislative Conference, the Southern Office of the Council of State Governments (CSG), has a long history of highlighting exceptional state government programs. The CSG Innovations Awards Program has recognized and promoted creative and successful state government programs and initiatives for nearly 40 years. Begun in 1975 as the Innovations Transfer Program, refined and renamed the CSG Innovations Awards in 1986, the program transitioned to the regional level in 2013. The SLC STAR Program is the Southern regional adaptation of the former, national CSG Innovations Awards program. For more information, visit <http://www.slcatlanta.org/STAR/>

### **NHTSA Preliminary Theft Data**

NHTSA is requesting comments on data about passenger motor vehicle thefts that occurred in calendar year (CY) 2013, including theft rates for existing passenger motor vehicle lines manufactured in model year (MY) 2013. Comments must be submitted on or before October 5, 2015. For more information on how to submit comments, see the [Federal Register](#).

### **Obama Taps Darling to Be FMCSA Administrator**

President Obama nominated Scott Darling for Senate consideration to be the fifth head of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, where he is currently chief counsel. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx confirmed the nomination of Darling, who has also served as FMCSA's acting administrator, in an Aug. 5 statement. "Through strong and effective management as chief counsel and acting administrator of FMCSA, Scott has already demonstrated his ability to lead the agency. He is committed to making our roads safer for motorists, passengers and professional truck and bus drivers, and is constantly working with all sides to find solutions to challenges facing the industry and the motoring public," Foxx said. If confirmed, Darling will succeed Anne Ferro, administrator from November 2009 to August 2014. When Ferro stepped down, the administration selected Darling to lead FMCSA ahead of then-Deputy Administrator William Bronrott. Darling's formal tenure as acting administrator expired in March, in accordance with federal law. In February



the agency gained a new deputy administrator, DOT official Daphne Jefferson. Read more at <https://ttnews.com/articles/basetemplate.aspx?storyid=39089>

### **NHTSA Older Driver Cognitive Research**

NHTSA is undertaking an older driver study on cognitive ability and self management. This research effort is focused on determining how much older drivers self-regulate their driving through changes in behaviors or by reducing exposure. The project involves an initial questionnaire collecting information from licensed drivers about their age, driver license status, driving habits, vehicle type and age, and the extent to which they self-limit their driving exposure. For more information, see the listing in the [Federal Register](#).

### **Nadeau Confirmed as FHWA Administrator**

The Senate unanimously confirmed Greg Nadeau as Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration on August 5. He was nominated by President Obama for the post back in May. Nadeau has served as the agency's Deputy Administrator since 2009. From July 2014 to February 2015, he also served as FHWA's Acting Administrator. Prior to joining FHWA, Nadeau held executive positions with the Maine Department of Transportation from 2002 to 2009, including Deputy Commissioner for Policy, Planning and Communications. His other governmental experience includes holding a seat in the Maine House of Representatives from 1978 to 1990 and serving as a Senior Policy Advisor to Maine Gov. Angus King from 1995 to 2002. Nadeau is a native of Lewiston, Me. For more information see [Truckinginfo.com](http://Truckinginfo.com)

### **GHSA New Report Identifies 21 Actions to Help States Address Pedestrian Safety**

Wherever you go, your journey always begins and ends on foot. But how safe is that walk? A new report released today by the Governors Highway Safety Association examines the current pedestrian safety data and research and outlines 21 steps states can take to address pedestrian safety. According to the [most recent data](#), pedestrian deaths remain stubbornly high. In fact, they have increased 15% since 2009. The most recent full year of data indicates that 4,735 pedestrians died in 2013, which translates to one pedestrian in the United States killed every two hours. The report, *Everyone Walks Understanding and Addressing Pedestrian Safety*, looks at legislative, enforcement and educational initiatives at the national, state and local level that work in tandem with engineering solutions to foster safe mobility. Funded through a grant by State Farm®, it provides 21 key takeaways for states and others to consider to help curb pedestrian-involved motor vehicles crashes, injuries and fatalities. An interactive PDF version of the new report, and infographics, are [available online](#). GHSA will hold a webinar on the report on August 12 at 2 p.m. EDT. Register at <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/7605797286416351233>.