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ACF TECHNOLOGIES
AAMVA’s new Chair of the Board and the Commissioner of the Virginia DMV, Richard Holcomb, visited AAMVA headquarters last week. He addressed the entire staff for a few minutes, took a few questions, and discussed his thoughts for the year ahead, including the importance of positioning the AAMVA community for the future. Holcomb stressed the importance of customer service, shorter wait times, and expanded online services. He also focused on the importance of Canada’s presence within the AAMVA Community, and discussed the role AAMVA plays in motor carrier services.

**Autonomous Vehicle Best Practices Working Group Meets**

The Autonomous Vehicle Best Practices Working Group met in Newark, California on September 16th and 17th to continue their work on developing guidance for the regulation of autonomous vehicles. The meeting was also attended by Jean Shimoto, Director of California DMV and Vice-chair of the AAMVA International Board. Also attending from California DMV were Brian Soublet, Legal Counsel and Stephanie Dougherty, Chief of Enterprise Planning and Performance. John Marshall, NHTSA, Director of the Office of Safety Programs, and Michelle Atwell, NHTSA Highway Safety Specialist, Enforcement & Justice Services and the NHTSA Project Officer for the AAMVA Autonomous Vehicle Working Group also attended the meeting. The working group had the opportunity to meet with The Volkswagen Group to learn more about their research and approach to increasing automation in vehicles and had the opportunity to ride on a busy highway in a vehicle, in self-driving mode! The following day the group visited the Google campus and meet with Google’s government relations team to discuss their development plans for automated vehicles. While there they saw several autonomous vehicles operating around the campus and was able to get a much closer look at one of the self-driving low speed test vehicles. Bernard Soriano, Deputy Director, California DMV and Chair of the working group and Jude Hurin, Manager, Nevada’s DMV Services and Programs Division and Vice-chair of the working group, were very pleased that these demonstrations and presentations provided very valuable information to the group members as they gained firsthand knowledge of NHTSA level 3 and level 4 automated vehicles. The working group is scheduled to complete the work on their report in the Fall 2016.
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eID Conference Coming Up – Secure ID News Coverage

World leaders in the identity management industry will be in Washington D.C. September 28 and 29 for the 7th edition of the eID Conference. Some 300 delegates are expected for panel discussions and keynotes speeches about the global eID infrastructure, driver license technology and the digitalization of citizen ID documents. "It’s an opportunity for both government and industry to come together to talk about how electronic identity is going to assist us in getting to the next level in our identity management related efforts," says Geoff Slagle, identity management director for the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA). Visit Secure ID News to listen to Geoff Slagle speak about eID and read more.

Upcoming Webinars

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This webinar will provide an overview of the recently published Ignition Interlock Program Best Practices Guide as well as a look at the law enforcement training video on roadside encounters with ignition interlocks. Register now.

CDL Permit Rule Compliance Deadline Coming Up
U.S. jurisdictions must meet a September 30th deadline to submit a plan to FMCSA signifying the jurisdiction’s compliance with ALL CDL requirements set forth in Section 32305 of the MAP-21 legislation (see page 388 of the MAP-21 legislation). The plan must include assurances that the jurisdiction will take the necessary actions to comply with the requirements no later than September 30, 2015, and maintain compliance for a period beginning on the date the plan is submitted and ending on September 30, 2016.

To assist members in implementing these requirements, AAMVA has provided a series of tools and resources online at www.aamva.org/CDL-Requirements/

**Register for Upcoming NDR & PDPS Training Courses**

**Course I: Introduction to the National Driver Register**
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. Tuesday, September 22, 2-4 ET | [Register Here]*

**Course II: PDPS Inquiry Transactions**
This session provides information on PDPS Inquiry Transactions, which return pointer information on individuals who have been convicted of driving violations. The course details types of inquiries, information used, participants, and flow of each transaction. Wednesday, September 23, 2-4 ET | [Register Here]*

**Course III: PDPS Update Transactions**
This session provides information on PDPS Update Transactions, which allow the addition, removal and change of pointer information at the PDPS Central Site. The course details types of updates, information used, participants, and flow of each transaction. Thursday, September 24, 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 August 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 New Jersey, South Carolina, and North Carolina. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after each survey.

- **Real ID and Photo First** (Ends 10/09/2015) Responses received from NH, SC, TX, VT.
- **Signature & Fee Requirements under the ELT Program** (Ends 10/13/2015) Responses received from ID, ME, MI, MN, NC, NE, NH, NV, OK, OR, VA, VT.
- **Driving Records (MVR)** (Ends 09/30/2015) Responses received from AB, IA, IL, LA, MB, MS, NE, OH, RI, WA, WI, WV.

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 Website at [http://www.aamva.org/Survey/User/SurveyDefault.aspx](http://www.aamva.org/Survey/User/SurveyDefault.aspx).

**A New Generation of Québec Driver's Licences**

As of August 24, 2015, the Société d’assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ) has been issuing new driver’s licences that are even more secure and difficult to counterfeit. The new licence was designed using the most recent security features applicable to official pieces of identification issued by public authorities. The new driver’s licence has the same credit card shape and size as the previous licence. The personal information that it contains is printed by laser engraving. Heat fusion bonding is used to seal the different polymer layers into a single polycarbonate card that is impossible to separate. This technology allows the use of high-resolution black-and-white photos of exceptional quality. The new licence looks similar to the old one, but several security features have been added, included some that are visible or can be touched. These allow a person checking the licence to make sure that the licence was issued by the SAAQ. [See this document](#) for more information on the new design and security features.

**Upcoming REAL ID Deadline**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office of State-Issue Identification Support is requesting jurisdictions wishing to be considered for a first time or an additional REAL-ID extension provide DHS with information regarding progress made towards -- or plans for -- implementing any unmet standards and the reasons that these standards remain unmet. All current extensions for REAL ID expire on October 10, 2015. In preparation for this deadline, DHS has begun the review process for granting the next round of extensions (i.e., extension that expire on October 10, 2016). Extensions are made at the discretion of the Secretary for Homeland Security. Although it is not necessary for a jurisdiction to formally request an extension to be considered for one, if a State wishes DHS to include a jurisdiction’s update in their review, a prompt response will help prevent any delays in renewing or issuing new extensions. At any time a state may submit a compliance package for DHS review. In addition to the extensions, Phase 3b of the phased enforcement schedule will begin on October 10, 2015. This phase covers Federal facilities with a Facility Security Level of 3 or greater, including military bases and large multi-tenant facilities. Contact Ted Sobel ([Ted.Sobel@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:Ted.Sobel@hq.dhs.gov)) or Steve Kozar ([steven.kozar@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:steven.kozar@hq.dhs.gov)) with any questions.

**FMCSA Top Five Priority Initiatives**

Acting Administrator for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration T.F. Scott Darling, Ill has identified FMCSA's top five priority initiatives for the year:
- **Safety Fitness Determination (SFD)** - FMCSA is in the final stages of publishing a Proposed Rule that would increase the use of inspection data in making Safety Fitness Determinations for motor carriers.

- **Inspection Modernization** - FMCSA has launched a new version of their inspection software program – Aspen 3.0. It features a new look and feel and enhanced capabilities.

- **Unified Registration System (URS)** - FMCSA will implement a new, revamped system designed to improve the accuracy and timeliness of the information in their database of registered motor carriers based on their 2013 Final Rule.

- **Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA) Phase III** - In preparation for a successful launch of the final two CSA interventions – offsite investigations and cooperative safety plans – FMCSA is lining up the necessary training for Federal and State investigators and outreach to the industry.

- **Electronic Logging Devices (ELD)** - A Final Rule on ELDs is being reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget and is scheduled to be out later this year.

**Toward Zero Deaths PSA**

A video PSA is now available for your use to extend the reach of the Toward Zero Deaths vision. Visit [http://www.towardzerodeaths.org/](http://www.towardzerodeaths.org/) to view and download the PSA.

**Finance Chair May Seek Shortening Term of Highway Bill**

In the latest movement to find a practical way to fund a highway reauthorization measure, Senate Finance Chair Orrin Hatch (R-UT) has started discussions on shortening the term of the highway bill under consideration (HR 22) from six years to three. That difference would mean coming up with an estimated $15 billion annual shortfall of the Highway Trust Fund over the term of the bill. House leaders are continuing to eye additional options, such Ways and Means Chair Ryan’s (R-WI) on-again, off-again plan to find highway funding through the repatriation of $2.1 trillion in overseas corporate earnings. With all options on the table, and the current funding patch expiring on October 29th, another short-term extension may be needed.

**Clock Ticking with No Clear Funding Proposal**

With a week and a half remaining until federal government funding expires, the United States Congress spent the majority of the week working on two issues that have been disassociated with the legislative vehicle for continued funding. One of those issues, a resolution disapproving of the U.S. brokered Iran nuclear deal, ultimately ended in a Senate cloture vote defeat. A second issue had been closely associated with the stopgap spending measure at one time – defunding Planned Parenthood. In positive news towards passage of a continuing resolution, that issue has since been decoupled from the measure that would keep government operations funded past September 30th. Late last week, the U.S. House of Representatives approved an amendment to a rule that waives the requirement that two-thirds of lawmakers vote to allow the House Rules Committee to bring a report to the floor the same day it is advanced out of the panel. This “martial law” procedure would allow Congress to fast-track consideration of legislation such as a continuing resolution on September 24th or 25th. The maneuver was presumably done to accommodate a papal visit to the Capitol as well as the six remaining days on the House schedule for the remainder of the month. With little time remaining, no official funding measure has been introduced.

**Connected Vehicle Pilot Programs Seek a Safer Transportation Future**
From U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx:
"Over the past year I have been visiting research labs, technology companies, and manufacturers to deliver a simple message: The U.S. Department of Transportation wants to roll out the red carpet, not red tape, for new technologies in transportation. If an emerging technology can improve safety and improve how we move, we want to see it on the market as quickly as possible. So today we are vastly expanding on DOT's efforts by investing up to $42 million in three new connected vehicle pilot efforts—in New York, Florida, and Wyoming..."

You can read more on DOT's Fast Lane blog.