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Combined Standing Committees Meet



AAMVA's Driver, Law Enforcement, and Vehicle committees came together last week in Reston, VA for the Combined Standing Committees Meeting. Each committee gave a report on their accomplishments over the past year, and gave an update on the big projects they'll be tackling in the coming year. The committees also brainstormed ideas for working groups and projects, as well as session topics at the 2016 Spring Workshop and Law Institute in Cincinnati, OH. Visitors from the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute gave the committees a demonstration of connected vehicle technology. For more information on AAMVA's Standing Committees, visit <http://www.aamva.org/committees-and-working-groups/#Committees>

FMCSA Grants

AAMVA has been awarded a series of grants from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) to support U.S. jurisdictions complying with federal regulations pertaining to commercial drivers. Among them is a grant for the 2016 CDL Coordinators & IT Meeting, which includes funding for all costs for designated jurisdiction attendees; funding to hold hands-on [training](#)



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for [CDL Examiners](#); and a grant to continue [web-based training](#) on the [Commercial Driver License Information System](#).

Anne Ferro and Rick Holcomb Attend Washington, D.C. Launch of "MyCarDoesWhat?"



AAMVA President and CEO Anne Ferro, and Virginia DMV Commissioner and Chair of AAMVA's International Board of Director Rick Holcomb, joined others to help the National Safety Council and the University of Iowa launch the new "My Car Does What" Web site in Washington D.C. There are so many safety technologies already and soon to be in use by the vehicles on our roads, it's no wonder that most of us are feeling a bit "behind the curve." MyCarDoesWhat.org was developed through a partnership between the National Safety Council and the University of Iowa to help educate consumers about new automotive safety technologies and how they work. For more information, visit [MyCarDoesWhat.org](#).

Looking for a PACE Discipline Member to Lend Expertise

AAMVA is looking for a PACE discipline jurisdiction member to join the [Driver Standing Committee](#). Serving on a committee is an ideal way to influence policy, develop best practices and network with your peers. If you would like to apply for this vacancy, please complete the [Committee Member Application Form](#). This position is a two-year term with the potential to be reappointed for an additional two years. If you are interested in the position, please submit an application by November 2, 2015. If you have questions, please contact Dianne Graham, director, Member & Conference Services via email dgraham@aamva.org or phone (703) 908-8267.

Hotel Registration Deadline for the 2015 Region III Information Exchange is October 19



Register now for the 2015 Region III Information Exchange, November 3-5, 2015 at the [Hilton Chicago/Oak Brook Hills Resort & Conference Center](#).

Hotel registration deadline is October

19th! 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, October 20, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (EDT)
Tuesday, October 27, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (EDT)
Tuesday, November 3, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (EDT)
Tuesday, November 10, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (EDT)
Tuesday, November 17, 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 Webinar page here](#).

Open RFP/RIFs

The following RFP/RIFs have been posted to the AAMVA Website:

Oregon DOT RFP #31151A: Service Transformation Program (STP) Processes, Needs, Business

Description: ODOT is seeking a consultant to identify business needs (functional requirements) and business rules. Information developed under this contract will be integrated into a separate RFP for a system modernization vendor, and will document DMV's current business processes and make recommendations to improve DMV's business processes. Due October 27, 2015, 5:00 pm (Pacific Time). Document: [Find the document on ORPIN](#)

Pennsylvania Department of Pennsylvania RFP 3514R03: Digital Video Network

PennDOT seeks a vendor that will provide and maintain a series of flat screen displays to be viewed by our customers awaiting Driver and Vehicle services and products. Programming will include PennDOT specific messaging such

as new laws, safety initiatives, holiday site schedules, real-time traffic, traffic cameras, weather conditions, "Amber Alerts", and public service announcements in English and foreign languages. The vendor will supply all hardware, software, programming, networking, and PennDOT approved advertising to cover the costs associated with the project. Due November 4, 2015. [Access the RFP here.](#)

For these and other open RFP/RFIs, visit <http://www.aamva.org/Open-RFPs/>

Share Information with Other Jurisdictions

Please respond to these surveys from Saskatchewan, Florida, Indiana, Virginia, Texas, Arizona, Rhode Island, and Alberta. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after each survey.

- **Transfer of Licenses - Puerto Rico or Territories** (Ends 11/13/2015)
- **Vehicle Inspection Station Monitoring** (Ends 11/03/2015) Responses received from CA, FL, IL, NC, NE, NH, RI, UT, VT, WY.
- **Interpreter Fraud** (Ends 11/04/2015) Responses received from MD.
- **Frontline Employee Involvement in Improvement** (Ends 11/04/2015) Responses received from BC, RI, VT.
- **Mechanic Liens on Vehicles** (Ends 11/06/2015) Responses received from MD, NC, ND, NE, NH, TX, VT, WI.
- **Drive Away Tags** (Ends 11/03/2015) Responses received from AL, FL, KY, LA, NC, NE, NH, PA, UT, WI, WY.
- **Call Center Metrics** (Ends 10/30/2015) Responses received from BC, GA, IL, KS, MD, MN, WA.
- **Facial Recognition** (Ends 11/02/2015) Responses received from BC, CA, IL, LA, MD, ND, NE, NH, OR, QC, TX, VA, WA.
- **Single Owner Title Requirement** (Ends 10/27/2015) Responses received from AL, AR, AZ, CA, FL, IA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MN, NC, ND, NE, NH, OR, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WY.
- **Voice Biometrics Technology** (Ends 10/16/2015) Responses received from BC, FL, GA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MB, MD, ME, MN, MO, NE, NM, OR, PA, QC, RI, SK, TN, TX, 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 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>.

Ontario's Pilot Regulation to Test Automated Vehicles

Ontario is pleased to announce the implementation of a 10-year pilot program and regulatory framework that would permit on-road testing of automated vehicles (AVs) under certain conditions to start on January 1, 2016. Automated vehicles is an area of ongoing priority for the ministry, as laid out in the Ontario [Minister of Transportation's mandate letter](#). This pilot program will allow Ontario to establish and refine rules, and monitor and evaluate the safety of automated vehicles prior to them potentially becoming widely

available to the public. Ontario's automated vehicle pilot project is a first for Canada. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Claudio DeRose, Director, Safety Policy and Education Branch, Road User Safety Division at (416) 235-4050. For more details on the pilot, see a [letter from Heidi Francis](#), Assistant Deputy Minister, Road User Safety Division, Ontario Ministry of Transportation on the [AAMVA Autonomous Vehicle Information Library](#).

Terri Albertson Named Interim-Director of Nevada DMV

Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval today announced the appointment of Terri Albertson as Interim-Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, effective October 26, 2015. Albertson will replace retiring Director Troy Dilliard. Terri Albertson has more than 30 years in administrative and managerial leadership which includes almost 10 years at the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles. In her current capacity, she serves as the Administrator for the Management Services and Programs Division where she serves on the executive management team which develops and establishes strategic planning and budgeting processes, coordinates projects including system modernizations, next generation kiosks, and helps manage the legislative process for the Department. Albertson earned her Associates Degree from Reedley College and a Bachelor of Arts from Fresno Pacific University. She is also a Certified Public Manager from the State of Nevada, and is a member of the AAMVA Vehicle Standing Committee and a 2015 graduate of the AAMVA Leadership Academy.

Christine Nizer Sworn in as Maryland MVA Administrator

Christine (Chrissy) Nizer was sworn in as Maryland's Motor Vehicle Administrator by Robert Duckworth, Clerk of the Court for Anne Arundel County, October 6, 2015. Nizer is only the second woman to hold this post in the agency's 105-year history. She comes to the position with a deep experience in motor vehicle and systems administration, having served as the agency's Chief Deputy Administrator, and currently as Chair of the DL/ID Verification Systems (DIVS) Board. Congratulations, Chrissy!



DeFazio Hints at Highway Markup

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Ranking Member Peter DeFazio (D-OR) has indicated that the Committee is hoping to markup a multi-year surface transportation bill near the end of October. Unfortunately, this schedule would not allow sufficient time for full consideration of a long-term surface transportation reauthorization measure before the current extension of authority expires on October 29th. This means Congress would likely pass another short-term extension at the end of the month allowing more time for the House and Senate to evaluate and conference the other chamber's proposals. The Senate has already passed a six-year authorization, known as the DRIVE Act (HR 22), which AAMVA has digested into a member-specific [legislative analysis](#). While this legislation initially carried bipartisan momentum towards a path forward for transportation

programs, it has met serious problems in development of appropriate funding levels to support the bill. The funding measures provided in HR 22 would only equate to sustainable levels of funding for three years of a six-year bill. Earlier this week, House and Senate tax writers gave up on using an international tax overhaul to help pay for highway funding, further complicating the DRIVE Act's future.

DHS Provides Updates On REAL ID Enforcement

As first announced in December 2013, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) continues to provide updates for states, local law enforcement, and federal facilities on the ongoing enforcement of the REAL ID Act as passed by Congress. Starting October 10, visitors seeking access to military bases and almost all Federal facilities using their state-issued driver's licenses or identification cards must present proper identification issued by REAL ID compliant states or a state that has received an extension. When planning a visit to a Federal facility or military base, visitors should contact the facility to determine what identification will be accepted. To be clear, this update does not affect identification shown at airports in the United States. Until announced otherwise, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will continue to accept valid driver's licenses and identification cards issued by all states. DHS continues to work with noncompliant states to determine whether they will be eligible to receive extensions to comply with REAL ID standards as mandated by Congress. DHS will allow for a three month grace period before the expiration of current extensions become effective. During this period, federal agencies may continue to accept driver's licenses and identification cards issued by states whose extension has expired. For more information, visit dhs.gov

FMCSA Publishes NPRM on Safety Operations and Inspection Amendments

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has issued a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) (NPRM) that amends the regulations for "Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation" and "Inspection, Repair and Maintenance" of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. Specifically, FMCSA's notice proposes to add a definition of "major tread groove;" revise the rear license plate lamp requirement to provide an exception for truck tractors registered to states that do not require tractors to have a rear license plate; provide specific requirements regarding when violations or defects noted on roadside inspection reports need to be corrected; amend the Minimum Periodic inspection Standards"; and amend the periodic inspection rules to eliminate the option for motor carriers to use a violation-free roadside inspection report as proof of completing a comprehensive inspection at least once every 12 months. Comments are due December 7. If your jurisdiction submits comments, please consider copying governmentaffairs@aamva.org.

Congress to Take Up Sanctuary Cities Legislation

Congress is expected to take up legislation following the Columbus Day recess that would make "sanctuary cities" ineligible for federal funding. Besides the removal of funding, S 2146 introduced by Senator David Vitter (R-LA) would include mandatory minimum sentencing for unauthorized immigrants who have been convicted of an aggravated felony or after they have been deported twice. This legislation is scheduled for a cloture vote next

Tuesday. Another Vitter bill would revoke federal grants from sanctuary cities. Sanctuary cities are generally referred to as a city that has policies designed to not prosecute unauthorized immigrants, and by restricting law enforcement and inquiries based on an individual's immigration status.

Schumer Casts More Doubt on Big Highway and Tax Deal

Sen. Charles E. Schumer is "not optimistic" about getting a big deal on international taxes to fund a robust highway bill. The New York Democrat, who is No. 3 in caucus leadership, has been working with House Ways and Means Chairman Paul D. Ryan, R-Wis., and Republican Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio to find revenue from an overhaul of international taxation that could fund a surface transportation bill. For the full story, visit [Roll Call](#)

FMCSA Releases Additional Analysis on Alternatives for Safety Measurement System

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) released a Congressionally directed report confirming that the amount of data used in the agency's Safety Measurement System (SMS) is clearly sufficient to allow FMCSA to identify high-risk truck and bus companies. The report found that SMS effectively identifies the truck and bus companies involved in 90 percent of the more than 100,000 crashes that occur each year, and those that are identified as high-risk carriers continue to have crash rates that are twice the national average. In examining commercial motor vehicle crash rates, FMCSA looked at carriers of various sizes in accordance with the Congressional directive. The analysis revealed no significant difference in actual crash rates between small carriers and those with 20 or more roadside inspections. [Visit here](#) for a copy of today's report.

Hack Brief: Hackers Steal 15M T-Mobile Customers' Data From Experian

For hackers looking for fraud victims, few targets are as tempting as the data brokers that make a business out of assembling millions of people's private information. That's a lesson T-Mobile is learning now that its partnership with one such data collector, Experian, has resulted in the theft of 15 million T-Mobile customers' private details. For the full story, visit [Wired](#).