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AAMVA Leadership Academy



The [AAMVA Leadership Academy](#) provides professional development opportunities for future leaders in the AAMVA community. This program is designed for jurisdiction employees who have demonstrated leadership potential and the ability to succeed in positions of greater responsibility within their agencies. The program will take place May 9 - 12, 2016. Attendees must have the approval and support of their Chief Administrator to apply. All expenses will be paid by AAMVA. This week-long program will include modules on defining leadership, team work and collaboration, organizational performance management, and more. It is an intense training opportunity focused on the unique characteristics of leading and managing a motor vehicle or law enforcement agency. The [draft course outline](#) provides more information on what topics will be included. If you are interested, please fill out the [application form](#) and send it along with your resume to Janice Dluzynski (jduluzynski@aamva.org). Class size is limited to 18 participants and we can accept only one application from each member agency. Applications are due by **December 14, 2015**. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact [Janice Dluzynski](#) via email or at 703-908-5842. See what prior participants had to say about the AAMVA Leadership Academy [in this video](#).

2015 Region III Information Exchange THIS WEEK



Oak Brook, IL | November 3-5

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



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[Conference Center](http://www.aamva.org/2015-Region-III-Exchange/). Visit <http://www.aamva.org/2015-Region-III-Exchange/> for more information and to register online.

Nominations for AAMVA's 2015 IDEC Examiner of the Year Award are Due December 1st

AAMVA is kicking off the annual IDEC Examiner of the Year nominations process. All active jurisdictional participants in the International Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC) program are asked to recognize an outstanding driver examiner from their jurisdiction by nominating them for the IDEC Examiner of the Year Award. Each member jurisdiction nominates one examiner for outstanding performance as a driver's license examiner. The Examiner of the Year honor is awarded to examiners who consistently perform the duties and responsibilities of a certified examiner and for their excellence in adhering to the principles and recommended practices of driver examining and for their high level of conduct in their profession. Each examiner's name, photograph and nomination letter will be posted to the AAMVA Web site and they will also receive a certificate of recognition. Please send a nomination letter and photo of your examiner to [Denise Hanchulak](mailto:Denise.Hanchulak@aaamva.org) by **December 1, 2015**. For more information, visit www.aamva.org/IDEC-Examiner-of-the-Year/.

AAMVA Members Win IACP Highway Safety Awards



The IACP held their annual Highway Safety Awards breakfast on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, in Chicago. Numerous AAMVA member agencies and individuals were recognized in the following categories: National Law Enforcement Challenge, Looking Beyond the License Plate, and Vehicle Crimes Awards of Merit. For a complete list of AAMVA members who won awards, go to <http://www.aamva.org/law-enforcement/> and click on the "2015 Highway Safety Award Winners" link under the Related Content column on the right side of the page. Pictured here are Brian Ursino, AAMVA Director of Law Enforcement and National Law Enforcement Challenge Subcommittee member; and Chief Howard Hall, Chair of the National Law Enforcement Challenge Subcommittee presenting a Highway Safety Award to Lt. Colonel Dereck Stewart of the Tennessee Highway Patrol. Lt. Colonel Stewart also sits on the AAMVA Law Enforcement Standing Committee.

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.

Volunteers Needed for Electronic ID Working Group

The Electronic Identity (e-ID) Working Group is seeking a Law Enforcement Representative. The eID WG has been charged with the review and potential leveraging of existing identity credential standards and recommend standards for the AAMVA membership relating to the emergence and rising popularity of electronic identity. The Working Group's near-term goals include:

- Deliver a higher level of security and assurance for online transactions
- Web-enable additional services by enabling e-Signing of transactions
- Position guidance for mobile DL
- Analyze jurisdictional legislative efforts to promote/hinder eID

Interested candidates can [complete the application](#) and return it to Dianne Graham, committees@aamva.org, by **November 3, 2015**. If you need further information, please contact [Geoff Slagle](#).

Upcoming Webinars



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

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](#).

Overview of CDLIS Changes Being Implemented in December 2015

Wednesday, November 4, 2015, 2-3:30 (ET)
Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 2-3:30 (ET)

An overview for jurisdictions that will provide information regarding changes that will be included in the CDLIS December 2015 Release. In addition, jurisdictions will be introduced to the SPEXS version of the Master Specification, and given a high level overview of how to read it. Jurisdiction CDL Managers/Coordinators and Technical Staff that will be responsible for developing, testing and successfully implementing the new version are encouraged to attend this webinar. 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 Webinar page here](#).

Share Information with Other Jurisdictions

Please respond to these surveys from Massachusetts, Indiana, Vermont, Rhode Island, New Jersey, and New Hampshire. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after each survey.

[Road Test Fee Structures](#) (Ends 12/02/2015)

[Replacing Driver's License Numbers](#) (Ends 11/20/2015) Responses received from DE, FL, GA, ID, KS, NE, NH, PA, SD, VA, VT.

[Customer Access to your Agency Website](#) (Ends 11/27/2015) Responses received from DE, GA, ID, LA, SD, SK, VT, WA.

[License Plate Mailing](#) (Ends 11/24/2015) Responses received from AB, AL, CO, FL, IA, KY, MT, ND, NE, NH, OH, PA, SC, UT, VA, VT, WA, WY.

[Frontline Employee Involvement in Improvement](#) (Ends 11/11/2015) Responses received from BC, CT, FL, KS, LA, MN, MO, MS, ND, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, WA.

[Transfer of Licenses - Puerto Rico or Territories](#) (Ends 11/13/2015) Responses received from AK, BC, CA, DE, FL, IL, KS, LA, MN, MO, ND, NE, NH, SC, SD, TX, WA.

[License Plate Surrender Survey](#) (Ends 11/17/2015) Responses received from AB, AL, AR, BC, CA, CO, GA, ID, IL, KY, LA, ME, MI, ND, NE, NH, OH, SC, UT, VA, VT, WA, WY.

Non-resident registrations (Ends 11/17/2015) Responses received from AB, AL, AR, CA, DE, GA, IA, ID, IN, KY, LA, ME, NE, NJ, NV, SC, SK, TX, UT, VA, VT, WY.

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>.

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Launches a One Stop Driving Website

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) has launched a new [portal](#) that provides citizens and driving professionals a one-stop shop for everything related to driving in the Commonwealth. [Drive.ky.gov](http://drive.ky.gov) offers information on driver's licensing, driving history, as well as vehicle and watercraft registration. The portal also provides information for motor carriers and driving professionals. The portal was built with responsive design, so users can view the information from a variety of devices. Additionally, in-page search navigation and quick links to page translation and assistance allows users to quickly find the information they are seeking. [For more information, visit here.](#)

New KY Website Creates Online Access to Commercial Driver License Documents

Commercial vehicle drivers now can go online to quickly and conveniently verify that their certifications for a commercial driver license (CDL) are up to date. It's all thanks to a new website (drive.ky.gov/CDL/verify), launched by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Division of Driver Licensing. Kentucky requires multiple documents in order to be issued and hold a CDL. The website, which is for informational purposes only, will allow drivers to ensure everything has been received and on file, keeping them current on all requirements. Checking a driver's status on the website requires the driver's name, Kentucky license number and date of birth. User instructions can be found on the website.

KY Granted Extension Status Under Federal REAL ID Act

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has granted Kentucky a one-year extension for meeting requirements of the stringent new identification security law known as REAL ID – meaning a Kentucky driver's license is still sufficient for gaining access to the vast majority of federal installations. The extension runs through Oct. 10, 2016, and is renewable. Without the extension, those with a Kentucky driver's license would have had to produce another form of identification, such as a birth certificate or U.S. passport, for access to federal properties. More information about REAL ID is available at <http://www.dhs.gov/real-id-public-faqs>.

WTSC Report on Marijuana in Fatal Crashes

Since Washington legalized the adult use of recreational marijuana, many have asked the Washington Traffic Safety Commission how this change may impact traffic safety. The Commission took the first step toward understanding

the issue by releasing a new report providing a detailed examination of marijuana positive drivers involved in deadly crashes. This is the first time in Washington that crash data on marijuana positive drivers has distinguished between drivers who test positive for THC, the impairing substance in marijuana, and those who have residual marijuana, called carboxy, in their system from prior use which may have occurred days ago. This study categorizes marijuana positive drivers into mutually exclusive categories based on the total results of their blood tests. In Washington, impaired driving is the leading factor in traffic deaths. This includes drivers who are impaired due to alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs—prescription or illegal. The full report, "Driver Toxicology Testing and the Involvement of Marijuana in Fatal Crashes, 2010-2014," is available at www.wtsc.wa.gov.

GA Driver Services Commissioner Welcomes New Board Member

Commissioner Rob Mikell, Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS), is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Hubert B. Parker to the DDS Board of Directors. Parker is a Gilmer County native and was recently appointed by Speaker of the House David Ralston. He will assume his new role at the Agency's December Board Meeting. For more information visit <http://www.dds.ga.gov/>

President Signs Short-Term Highway Extension

One day before the current authorization for highway programs was set to expire (October 29, 2015), the United States Congress has passed legislation ([HR 3819](#)) to extend those programs until November 20, 2015. President Obama signed the measure on October 29th. The Senate previously passed their six-year reauthorization measure in July ([HR 22](#)) and the House has marked up their own version ([HR 3763](#)) which is expected to make it to the chamber's floor at some point in the next two weeks. The House and Senate will then need to satisfy differences between the measures in conference prior to the new November 20, 2015 deadline.

DOJ Issues Notice on Flood Damaged Vehicles

DOJ issued a [notice to all NMVTIS Reporting Entities](#), meaning any business that takes into its possession vehicles that maybe considered junk/salvage or total loss. The notice references the recent flood events across and the effect of severe water damage can have on a vehicle' electrical systems. It reminds the Reporting Entities of their obligation to report and how that reporting has an impact on consumers making informed used-car purchases decisions. DOJ also encourages the Reporting Entities to submit their reports daily, if possible.

CVSA Releases 2015 Brake Safety Week Results

CVSA-certified commercial motor vehicle safety inspectors conducted 18,817 brake-system inspections on large trucks and buses throughout North America during the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) annual Brake Safety Week, Sept. 6-12, 2015. During the week-long brake safety campaign, local, state, provincial, territorial and federal motor carrier safety officials throughout the United States and Canada conducted roadside inspections to identify out-of-adjustment brakes and brake-system violations. This year, inspectors from participating agencies inspected 18,817

vehicles throughout Brake Safety Week and placed 2,321 commercial vehicles out of service (OOS) for brake violations. [Learn more about CVSA's Operation Airbrake Program and Brake Safety Week.](#)

AAA: New Hands-free Technologies Pose Hidden Dangers for Drivers

Potentially unsafe mental distractions can persist for as long as 27 seconds after dialing, changing music or sending a text using voice commands, according to surprising new research by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. The results raise new and unexpected concerns regarding the use of phones and vehicle information systems while driving. This research represents the third phase of the Foundation's comprehensive investigation into cognitive distraction, which shows that new hands-free technologies can mentally distract drivers even if their eyes are on the road and their hands are on the wheel. [Read more at aaa.com](#)

U.S. Transportation Secretary Foxx Announces \$500 Million in TIGER Grants Awarded to 39 Projects

U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx announced that the Department of Transportation will provide \$500 million for 39 transportation projects in 34 states, some projects spanning several states, from its TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) 2015 program. This year rural areas received 43% of the project awards, a higher percentage than any previous year. The Department received 627 eligible applications from 50 states and several U.S. territories, including Tribal governments, requesting 20 times the \$500 million available for the program, or \$10.1 billion for needed transportation projects. Click [here](#) for additional information on individual TIGER grants.