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2015 Region III Information Exchange Wraps Up



The 2015 Region III Information Exchange was a great success last week, bringing 164 attendees from jurisdictions and industry together in Oak Brook, Illinois. Hot topics included redefining the DMV customer experience, improving call centers, electronic driver licenses, in person vs. on-line training, cognitive screening, transportation networking companies and verification systems. A jurisdiction only roundtable was held Thursday morning.



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And for a special treat, Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White brought his tumblers to Oak Brook to entertain attendees. Here's a link to the tumblers' website <http://jessewhitetumblingteam.com/>

Keep an eye on the AAMVA website for presentations from the 2015 Region III Information Exchange to be posted soon.

AASM Communicates Sleep Safety Materials to AAMVA Administrators

AAMVA participated in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) "[Asleep at the Wheel: A Nation of Drowsy Drivers](#)" forum held during National Drowsy Driving Prevention Week. The event hosted a wide range of sleep science, traffic safety and public health experts who discussed the research and program objectives needed to address the risks, consequences, and countermeasures related to drowsy driving. At the forum, the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) indicated they have sent all state motor vehicle administrators a letter with accompanying sleep safety template language for inclusion in state driving manuals and exams. The finalized communication package provided to administrators includes background materials, potential curriculum inclusions for the driver's manual and potential questions for inclusion in the driver's license examination. AASM has also included a briefing on their available sleep safety resources in the communication. This includes their SAFE-D module which targets drivers and their SAFE-T module which targets truckers. If AAMVA members have not received this communication or would like additional information, please contact AAMVA's Director of Government Affairs at ccashin@aamva.org.

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 (jdluzynski@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](#).

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](#) by **December 1, 2015**. For more information, visit www.aamva.org/IDEC-Examiner-of-the-Year/.

Article: Driverless Cars Will Need Federal Regs: DMV, Insurance Execs

Regulations for the operation of automated vehicles should be developed soon and be done at the national level, according to leaders from Allstate Insurance and the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles. That's because driverless technology changes the driving experience and will impact licensing, insurance, traffic laws, and crash investigations, said Jude Hurin, a DMV services manager III with the Nevada DMV. Trying to regulate this groundbreaking change with a patchwork state-by-state approach will be inefficient and confusing, warned Hurin, who is helping to prepare new guidelines for driverless vehicles as vice chair of the [AAMVA Autonomous Vehicles Best Practices Working Group](#). [Read the full article here](#).

Upcoming Webinars



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

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 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 Vermont, Maryland, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Indiana and Rhode Island. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after each survey.

Forms & Inventory (Ends 11/30/2015) Responses received from LA, PA, SC.

Out of State Title submitted for Titling (Ends 12/02/2015) Response received from CA, VT.

Non-US citizen licensing terms (Ends 11/25/2015) Response received from CA, CT, FL, GA, IN, KS, LA, MS, RI, SC, TX, VA, WA.

Road Test Fee Structures (Ends 12/02/2015) Response received from FL, GA, IL, KS, LA, MN, MO, ND, NH, OR, TX, VA, VT, WA.

Customer Access to your Agency Website (Ends 11/27/2015) Responses received from AB, BC, DE, FL, GA, ID, LA, ME, ND, NE, PA, RI, SC, SD, SK, UT, VT, WA, WI.

Replacing Driver's License Numbers (Ends 11/20/2015) Responses received from CA, DE, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, KS, LA, MI, MO, ND, NE, NH, PA, RI, SC, SD, TX, VA, VT, WA.

Frontline Employee Involvement in Improvement (Ends 11/12/2015) Responses received from AZ, BC, CT, FL, GA, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, WA, WI.

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

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>.

Georgia Driver Services Commissioner Welcomes President of Ogeechee Tech to Board

Commissioner Rob Mikell, Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS), is pleased to announce the appointment of Dawn H. Cartee, Ed.D., President of Ogeechee Technical College, to the DDS Board of Directors. The Statesboro resident was appointed by Speaker of the House David Ralston. She will assume her new role at the Agency's December Board Meeting.

Virginia DMV Veteran Outreach

As Veterans and Remembrance Day approaches, now is a good time to reflect on ways our community can serve those who have served. The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles has expanded veteran's initiatives beyond the products and services at front counters. In addition to veterans ID cards, military-themed license plates, and commercial driver license support, Virginia actively looked for ways to engage with veterans. They are preparing for the third annual Operation Holiday Spirit, a fundraising drive partnership with veterans affairs hospitals to benefit veteran families. DMV employees will again this winter participate in a Wreaths Across America event, placing wreaths on gravesites at a local veterans cemetery. In November each year, Virginia DMV salutes employees who have served or are serving in the military. Also, during each fall and spring, they organize volunteer events to assist the disabled veteran community. [Here is a brief summary of a few veterans initiatives Virginia DMV has started.](#)

Open RFPs/RFIs

The following RFI has just been posted to the AAMVA website:

Indiana RFI 16-048: Driver's License and Identification Card Issuance and Production

Due: January 8, 2016, 3:00 PM (ET)

[Access the RFI here.](#)

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

House Passes Highway Bill

The U.S. House of Representatives voted 363-64 to finalize amendments to the Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2015 ([H.R. 3763](#)) - its six-year, \$325 billion highway bill. The House then voted to go to conference with the Senate on its version ([H.R. 22](#)) which was passed in July. Negotiators are expected to come to agreement before the current Highway Trust Fund funding stopgap expires on November 20, 2015. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster [announced the bill conferees](#) shortly after the bill's passage was announced. AAMVA will continue to monitor the progress of both the House and Senate bills as they head through conference. Legislative analyses of both reauthorization measures can be found on the [AAMVA Government Affairs site](#).

New Car Assessment Program

On January 28, 2015, NHTSA published a notice requesting comments on the agency's intention to recommend various vehicle models that are equipped with automatic emergency braking (AEB) systems that meet the agency's performance criteria to consumers through the agency's New Car Assessment Program (NCAP) and its Web site, www.safercar.gov. These systems can enhance the driver's ability to avoid or mitigate rear-end crashes. This notice announces NHTSA's decision to include AEB technologies as part of NCAP Recommended Advanced Technology Features, if the technologies meet NCAP performance criteria. The specific technologies included are crash imminent braking (CIB) and dynamic brake support (DBS). These changes to the New Car Assessment Program are effective for the 2018 Model Year vehicles. For more information, see the [Federal Register](#)

October DOT Report on Significant Rulemaking

The Department of Transportation published their [October Report on Significant Rulemaking](#) late last week. This constitutes their regular monthly report on all agency significant rulemakings. While there are numerous items staff and administrators will find of interest regarding the progress of DOT rules, there is no mention of the electronic odometer rule. While there are numerous rules the membership may find interesting, the following were of note at first glance:

- 33 – Certification of Safety Auditors, Safety Investigators, and Safety Inspectors
- 34 – Limitations on the Issuance of Commercial Driver Licenses with a Hazardous Materials Endorsement
- 36 – Carrier Safety Fitness Determination
- 38 – Commercial Driver's License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse
- 43 – Entry-Level Driver Training
- 44 – Commercial Driver's License Requirements of MAP-21 and the Military Commercial Driver's License Act of 2012

46 – State Inspection Programs for Passenger Carrier Vehicles
73 – FMVSS 218 and Enforcement Policy Concerning Novelty Helmets
74 – Uniform Procedures for State Highway Safety Programs
77 – FMVSS 150 – Vehicle to Vehicle Communication