Annual International Conference Wraps Up

The 2018 Annual International Conference (AIC) has wrapped up in Philadelphia. Thank you to all attendees and exhibitors for making the conference a success. A special thank you to outgoing Chair of AAMVA's Board of Directors, Kurt Myers, and his staff for hosting the conference.

Attendees, tell us about your 2018 Annual International Conference experience and help AAMVA improve on next year’s conference. Please take a quick survey - you can access the survey right from the main screen of your conference mobile app, look for the question mark icon. (The survey closes on Friday!) Presentations from the event will be available on AAMVA's Web site soon! Until then, feel free to browse through the photo albums on AAMVA's Flickr page.

Colorado Conducts NMVTIS Transactions Online

AAMVA is very pleased to announce that Colorado implemented online updates and inquiry in NMVTIS. Colorado previously conducted batch updates and inquiries through State Web Interface. Congratulations, Colorado! For more information about NMVTIS federal compliance requirements, please contact Marney Michalowski, NMVTIS Program Manager.

This Week's Webinars

NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature
Tuesday, August 28, 2018, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)
Before a jurisdiction issues a title or other ownership document or record, the SWI can provide information to help the jurisdiction determine whether the ownership documentation presented with the application are valid. The information supports jurisdictions' titling processes for both new and used vehicles. The Anti-Car Theft Act requires each jurisdiction to perform an instant title verification check before issuing a title to an applicant claiming to have purchased the vehicle from an individual or entity in another jurisdiction. The SWI VIN search feature can be used to satisfy this legal requirement. In addition, the NMVTIS best practice is that jurisdictions perform an inquiry before issuing a title or other ownership document or record, whether or not the applicant claims to have purchased the vehicle in another jurisdiction.

Note: This webinar is for AAMVA jurisdiction and federal members only.

NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States (AMIE Version) – Part 1
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11-12 | **2018 September State-to-State User Group Meeting**
San Antonio, TX

26-27 | **2018 September Autonomous Vehicles Best Practices Working Group**
Kansas City, MO

**SYSTEMS TRAINING**

*Register for the following training sessions HERE.

SEPTEMBER

5 | **CD03 State-to-State Status Request** (intermediate)
6 | **CD04 State-to-State History Request** (intermediate)
11 | **Introduction to the National Driver Register** (basic)
12 | **PDPS Identity Correction** (intermediate)
13 | **PDPS State to State and NDR Generated Trans** (intermediate)
18 | **CDLIS A Overview** (basic)
19 | **CDLIS B Inquiry Transactions** (basic)
20 | **CDLIS C Update Transactions** (basic)
25 | **CD01 Search Inquiry** (intermediate)
26 | **CD02 Verification Inquiry** (intermediate)
27 | **CD05 AKA Data Inquiry** (intermediate)

SEPTEMBER SPEXS TRAINING

5 | **SPEXS Overview**
6 | **SPEXS Transactions AMIE**
7 | **SPEXS Transactions NIEM**
10 | **SPEXS Batch Transactions**
11 | **SPEXS Bulk Load**
12 | **SPEXS State Procedures Manual**

**JURISDICTION NEWS**

**Washington State New License/ID Numbering Format**
Starting September 4, 2018, Washington State will begin issuing driver licenses and ID cards with a new numbering format to increase identity protection and to expand the number of licenses the state can issue to meet population growth. The new Driver License and ID numbers are easy to recognize because they start with the letters ‘WDL’. The new number is random and contains no reference to the holder’s name or birth year. Conversion will happen gradually as the Department of Licensing issues first-time licenses, renewals and replacements. Licenses with the old number format will be valid until their existing expiration date. Washington anticipates it will take six years (license/ID issuance term) to retire all the licenses with the old number format. This means both driver license number formats will be in circulation until 2024.

**Washington Department of Licensing Systems Modernization Will Secure Customer Information and Add New Features**
Starting September 4, 2018, Washington State’s Department of Licensing (DOL) will go-live with a significant system modernization effort. The new system, internally called DRIVES R2, replaces and integrates the functions of dozens of legacy driver systems that are up to 30 years old. DRIVES R1 which focused on vehicles and vessels rolled out in December of 2016. As with all significant enterprise software, the project needs to make sure the information converted from the many legacy systems is correct. AAMVA’s “interface” connections with DOL will experience pre-scheduled reductions in service around the Labor Day weekend. These will start 8:30 p.m. on Thursday August 30 and normal service will resume Tuesday, September 4. State DMVs needing to access Washington data for state-to-state purposes will find DOL’s data inaccessible during this time.

**Washington to Join State-to-State (S2S) Verification Service**
Please respond to these surveys from Virginia, District Washington will begin using the State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) on Tuesday, September 4th. Tasks related to onboarding Washington will be conducted during the weekend of September 1st. During this process (Sunday evening to Tuesday morning), there may be periods during which the CDLIS/S2S Central Site is in inquiry-only mode or is unavailable (over and above the regularly scheduled maintenance window of 2 AM to 5 AM on Sunday, September 2nd). Following Washington, several states will be joining the S2S program throughout 2018.

New CA DMV Website Makes Online Services Easier to Access
In its continuing effort to make online services easier to access, the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has redesigned portions of the website for easier access to the most frequently used online services. Visitors to the DMV homepage will find a series of buttons that prioritize services such as driver license and vehicle registration renewal, electronic driver license and identification (ID) card application, REAL ID information, and scheduling an appointment. Read more here.

Disabled Parking Placard Enforcement in California Catches 114 Abusers in July
Investigators with the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) caught 114 people misusing disabled person parking placards during 21 enforcement operations in July. Offenders had their placard confiscated and were issued a misdemeanor citation that carries a $250 to $1,000 fine. The violation will appear on their driver record. ‘We are committed to stopping the fraudulent use of disabled person parking placards by carrying out monthly enforcement operations throughout the state targeted at curbing this abuse,’ DMV Director Jean Shiomoto said. ‘We ask you to save the space for those individuals who legitimately need a disabled parking spot.’ Read more here.

DUI Enforcement and Education Lead into Critical Labor Day Travel Weekend: Transportation and Public Safety Agencies Focus on Reducing Fatalities
Leading into Labor Day weekend, Secretary of Transportation Shannon Valentine and Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security Brian Moran remind drivers of the risks they face if they get behind the wheel while impaired. Risks to individuals who choose this reckless action include the loss of driving privileges, money, and, most importantly, lives. Read more here.

As Schools Open, NH DMV Reminds Drivers to Stop for Buses
The New Hampshire Department of Safety’s Divisions of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and State Police wish to remind all motorists that schools are opening and school buses will be taking to our roadways once again. ‘New Hampshire is proud of our safety record with regard to school bus safety,’ DMV Director Elizabeth Bielecki said. ‘With everyone’s help, we can continue this trend for many years to come.’ Read more here.

NHTSA Announces Availability Of Revised Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory
The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announces the availability of a revised Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory following review of comments received from States, associations, non-profit organizations,
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Farm Tags (Ends 09/14/2018) Responses received from ID, LA, NC, ND, UT, WI.

Multi Year Vehicle Registrations (Ends 09/12/2018)

Biometrics and DL or ID Applications (Ends 09/07/2018) Responses received from AB, AL, IA, ID, LA, MD, MO, NC, ND, NJ, PA, VA, WI.

Funding for System Modernization (Ends 09/11/2018)

CMV Plates - False Claims to be a Business (Ends 09/07/2018) Responses received from FL, ID, LA, MB, MD, ME, NC, NJ, NM, PA, SC, VA, WI.

Biometrics and DL or ID Applications (Ends 09/10/2018) Responses received from CA, FL, ID, IL, IN, LA, MD, MO, ND, NH, NJ, TX, VA.

Medical Requirements for Driver Licensing (Ends 09/17/2018) Response received from CA.

Methods for Translating Documents into Languages (Ends 09/17/2018) IN, TX.

DL/ID CARD PRODUCTION (Ends 09/10/2018) Responses received from AR, IN, LA, ME, MI, MN, MS, SC, TN.

Workforce (Ends 09/04/2018) Responses received from KS, ME, MI, MS, ND NH, SC, VA, WI.

Creating a Customer Centric System (Ends 09/24/2018) Responses received from ID, IL, LA, MI, MS, ND, NE, NH, NJ NM, NY, TN.

You can view all open surveys and responses to all surveys by visiting the survey tool. Please contact Janice Dluzynski if you have any questions about using the survey tool.

and individuals. States need timely, accurate, complete, accessible, and uniform traffic records to identify and prioritize traffic safety issues and to choose appropriate safety countermeasures and evaluate their effectiveness. Traffic records program assessments provide States with the information needed to plan traffic records improvement projects. Federal statute requires States to certify that “an assessment of the State’s highway safety data and traffic records system was conducted or updated during the preceding 5 years” in order to qualify for a State traffic safety information system improvements grant. 23 U.S.C. 405(c). NHTSA regulations require that the assessment comply with “procedures and methodologies” outlined by NHTSA. 23 CFR 1300.22(b)(4). NHTSA published the original Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory (DOT HS 811 644) in 2012 to provide guidance on conducting these assessments. Read more here.

NHTSA and EPA Propose SAFE Vehicles Rule for Model Years 2021–2026 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are proposing the “Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule for Model Years 2021–2026 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks” (SAFE Vehicles Rule). The SAFE Vehicles Rule, if finalized, would amend certain existing Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) and tailpipe carbon dioxide emissions standards for passenger cars and light trucks and establish new standards, all covering model years 2021 through 2026. More specifically, NHTSA is proposing new CAFE standards for model years 2022 through 2026 and amending its 2021 model year CAFE standards because they are no longer maximum feasible standards, and EPA is proposing to amend its carbon dioxide emissions standards for model years 2021 through 2025 because they are no longer appropriate and reasonable in addition to establishing new standards for model year 2026. The preferred alternative is to retain the model year 2020 standards (specifically, the footprint target curves for passenger cars and light trucks) for both programs through model year 2026, but comment is sought on a range of alternatives discussed throughout this document. Comments are due on October 23, 2018. Read more here.

NHTSA And EPA Announce Public Meeting On SAFE Vehicles Rule for Model Years 2021–2026 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are announcing public hearings to be held for the joint proposed “Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule for Model Years 2021–2026 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks,” (SAFE Vehicles Rule) issued on August 2, 2018. NHTSA will also accept comment on NHTSA’s Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS), available on NHTSA’s website at www.nhtsa.gov/corporate-average-fuel-economy/safe. Three hearings will be held on September 24, 2018 in Fresno, California; September 25, 2018 in Dearborn, Michigan; and September 26, 2018 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The agencies will assume that all oral comments presented at the hearing are addressed to the joint proposed rules only, unless speakers specifically reference NHTSA’s Draft EIS in oral or written testimony. Read more here.

FMCSA Announces Public On Hours-Of-Service Rules

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announces that it will hold a public listening session concerning potential changes to its hours-of-service (HOS) rules for truck drivers. This will be the first in a series of listening sessions on this topic. On August 21, 2018, FMCSA issued an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) seeking public comment on four specific aspects of the HOS rules for which the Agency is considering changes: The short-haul HOS limit; the HOS exception for adverse driving conditions; the 30- minute rest break provision; and the split-sleeper berth rule to allow drivers to split their required time in the sleeper berth. The Agency encourages vendors of electronic logging devices

(ELDs) to participate to address potential implementation issues should changes to the HOS rules be made. The listening session will be held in Dallas, Texas, on August 24, 2018 and will be webcast for the benefit of those not able to attend in person. The listening session will allow interested persons to present comments, views, and relevant research on topics mentioned above. All comments will be transcribed and placed in the rulemaking docket for the FMCSA's consideration. Read more here.

FMCSA Announces Public Meeting To Discuss FAST Act Study

On June 27, 2017, the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) published its report titled, "Improving Motor Carrier Safety Measurement." This report was commissioned by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) consistent with the requirements of Section 5221 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. The FAST Act also requires that the Agency develop a corrective action plan to address any identified deficiencies and submit it to Congress and the U.S. Department of Transportation’s (DOT) Office of Inspector General (OIG); this was completed on June 25, 2018. The purpose of this notice is to announce a public meeting to discuss NAS recommendations 2, 3 and 4 and to solicit input to be considered by the Agency. The public meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 29, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST. The meeting will be held at the FMCSA National Training Center, 1310 N Courthouse Road, Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22201–2508. Comments are due October 22, 2018. Read more here.

FMCSA Proposes Reduction In Annual UCR Fees

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) proposes reductions in the annual registration fees States collect from motor carriers, motor private carriers of property, brokers, freight forwarders, and leasing companies for the Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) Plan and Agreement for the 2019, 2020, and subsequent registration years. The proposed fees for the 2019 registration year would be reduced below the 2017 registration fee level that was in effect by approximately 17.59 percent to ensure that fee revenues do not exceed the statutory maximum, and to account for the excess funds held in the depository. The proposed fees for the 2020 registration year would be reduced below the 2017 level by approximately 9.5 percent. The reduction of the current 2019 registration year fees (finalized on January 5, 2018) would range from approximately $10 to $9,530 per entity, depending on the number of vehicles owned or operated by the affected entities. The reduction in fees for subsequent registration years would range from approximately $4 to $3,565 per entity. Comments are due August 31, 2018. Read more here.

FMCSA Announces Third Public Listening Session for ADS Commercial Vehicles

FMCSA has announced a public listening session on Friday, August 24, 2018, to solicit information on issues relating to the design, development, testing, and integration of automated driving systems (ADS) equipped commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) on our Nation's roadways. The listening session is the third in a series held in 2018 with the first occurring on June 19 in Ann Arbor, MI, and the second occurring on July 12 in San Francisco, CA. The meeting will provide interested parties an opportunity to share their views on the FMCSRAs as they relate to the development and safe integration of ADS. Attendees are also encouraged to share any data or analysis on this topic with Agency representatives. Read more here.

PARTNER NEWS

IRP/IFTA Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop
The IRP/IFTA Managers’ and Law Enforcement Workshop will take place October 16-18, 2018, in Milwaukee, WI. This workshop provides an in-depth exploration of issues impacting IRP, IFTA, law enforcement and the motor carrier industry in general. This year's program will include customer service best practices, quality control of the registration process, virtual offices, IFTA Clearinghouse resources, carrier application of emerging technology, and outside demonstrations of technology used by law enforcement. Read more here.

National Traffic Safety Leaders to Gather in Atlanta
More than 600 of the nation’s highway safety professionals will convene at Atlanta’s Westin Peachtree Plaza next week for the Governors Highway Safety Association’s Annual Meeting, Joining Forces to Get to Zero: Partnerships in Traffic Safety, occurring August 26-29. Hosted by the Georgia Governor’s Office of Highway Safety, a record number of GHSA attendees will consider innovative strategies and collaborations to reduce traffic crashes and fatalities. The meeting will draw several top leaders from the federal and state government to discuss traffic safety priorities, including Derek Kan, Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy of the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT). Kan will discuss the Administration’s perspective on emerging vehicle technologies during a roundtable discussion of autonomous vehicles on Wednesday, August 29. Read more here.

Robert Ide Joins Valid
Valid is pleased to announce a professional working agreement with Robert Ide of Ride Consulting, LLC, a Rutland, VT firm. Ide is joining Valid as an industry advisor to assist with the development of strategic, sales and marketing plans targeted for the state and local government credentialing applications. Mr. Ide retired last December after serving as Vermont’s Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for almost 8 ½ years. The strong experience and relationships Mr. Ide built through his association as an AAMVA administrator will serve him and Valid well as Valid continues to grow in the US credentialing business. Prior to joining the DMV in August of 2009, Ide was employed by the Vermont Transportation Agency (VTrans) as Director of the Rail Division.

MADD Tells Drivers to Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over this Labor Day Holiday
Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is joining with law enforcement agencies across the nation as part of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (NHTSA) national crackdown, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over. The national campaign for stepped up DUI enforcement runs through Labor Day weekend, one of the deadliest times on the road. This year's campaign adds a new element, Drive High Get a DUI, which highlights growing concerns about driving while impaired by drugs other than alcohol. Read more here.

Winners Announced in National Faces of Transportation Competition
Two captivating photographs and three compelling videos won prizes in the 13th annual Faces of Transportation competition sponsored by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. A photograph of a California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) worker giving a Make-A-Wish child a tour of a maintenance facility won the Grand Prize, while a photograph that captures the last working ferry system in Arkansas was selected the People’s Choice Award winner by online voters. Sixteen transportation department employees from 24 states and five private citizens submitted 88 photographs and 16 videos for judging in this competition. An AASHTO team of judges selected the Grand Prize winner and a majority of the more than 6,000 online votes selected the winner of the People’s Choice award. Read more here.

Preliminary Estimates: Motor Vehicle Deaths Remain
Stable in First Half of 2018

Preliminary estimates from the National Safety Council indicate the recent upward trend in motor vehicle deaths has continued its leveling off, with the number of fatalities in the first six months of 2018 dipping just slightly – less than 0.5 percent – from six-month 2017 estimates. Approximately 18,720 people died on U.S. roadways between January and June, compared to the Council’s revised estimate of 18,770 during the same period last year. An additional 2.1 million people are estimated to have sustained serious crash-related injuries during the first six months of 2018 – a 1 percent drop from 2017 six-month projections. The small drop is not so much an indication of progress as much as a stabilization of the steepest two-year increase in over 50 years, which occurred between 2014 and 2016. If the preliminary 2018 estimate holds, the U.S. could see its third straight year with about 40,000 roadway deaths. Read more here.