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FMCSA Transportation Specialist Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Arlington, VA - At its Annual International Conference in Dover, Delaware, August 25-27, 2014, the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) presented the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)'s Senior Transportation Specialist, Mr. Robert Redmond, with the Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety. This award is presented to a distinguished individual in recognition of his commitment to and accomplishments in highway safety over the course of his career. Previous recipients include John Kuo of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration; Captain Leonard P. Casper of the New York State Police; John R. Batiste, Chief of the Washington State Patrol; Major David Salmon of the New York State Police; Colonel Mark Trostel, Chief of the Colorado State Patrol; The Honorable John Hill, former Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and Major in the Indiana State Police; and Commissioner Joe Farrow of the California Highway Patrol.

There were a record number of nominations submitted for consideration for the Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety this year. Colonel Michael Edmonson is the winner of the Law Enforcement Category; Mr. Robert Redmond is the recipient of the award in the non-law enforcement category.

"Robert Redmond has been the driving force behind a number of efforts to improve highway safety," said Chair of the AAMVA Board of Directors, Jennifer Cohan. "His advocacy for safety and dedication to the Commercial Driver License program is what makes him such a deserving candidate for the Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety."

Redmond started his career with the U.S. Department of Transportation in 1971 in the Federal Highway Administration's Office of Highway Planning. Before joining the former Office of Motor Carrier Safety in 1989, Mr. Redmond worked in the Federal Highway Administration's Office of Planning for over 15 years on national highway programs including the National Ridesharing Program with over 200 grant projects. He has worked on the development and implementation of the CDL program since its inception in 1986, first on detail to the Office of Motor Carrier Safety and then as a team leader in what is now the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. His current responsibilities in the CDL program include rulemaking,

interpretations, knowledge and skills testing, technical assistance, State compliance and fraud investigations.

Robert was detailed to Office of Motor Carrier Safety, CDL Program, in 1986, the first time the topic of a nationalized commercial licensing program was ever considered. He was one of the primary authors of the *Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act, 1986* which required drivers of commercial vehicles to carry only one CDL. The same law also gave authority to the States to issue that license and maintain the driver's record. Subsequently, he was instrumental in writing the final rule which significantly raised the bar to obtain a CDL as well as creating tougher standards to maintain the CDL.

Founded in 1933, AAMVA actively promotes traffic safety and uniformity among North American jurisdictions. Representing chief motor vehicle administrators and law enforcement officials, the association develops uniform programs in driver licensing, vehicle titling/registration and motor carrier services, among others.

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