New Administrators’ Orientation

AAMVA hosted 10 jurisdictional members for the annual New Administrators’ Orientation last week. AAMVA President & CEO Anne Ferro and AAMVA staff gave the new administrators a briefing on how the association works and the resources AAMVA provides to help in their home jurisdictions. The new administrators also had a meet-and-greet with AAMVA employees, and had plenty of opportunities to ask questions about their association.

AAMVA Workshop 2017 - Register Before the Holidays

Make plans for the Workshop before the holiday madness begins! Exciting Session Topics include...

- Mobile DL
  Attendees will hear how jurisdiction pilot programs are progressing along with an important update on standardization efforts.

- Social Media as a Tool for Law Enforcement
  DMVs and law enforcement agencies are partnering together and using the power of social media to enhance their investigations. Find out how at this new session.

- Town Halls: Driver, Law Enforcement, Vehicle, Legal
  A great opportunity to share the issues you are facing and find out how others are addressing similar challenges.

Click here for the full program, and visit the Workshop website for more information and to register today!

Members Needed for NMVTIS Business Rules Working Group

The NMVTIS Business Rules Working Group was established in the summer of 2012 to focus on state business processes, policies and procedures. The Business Rules Working Group is made up of representatives from jurisdictions in all four of AAMVA’s regions. These jurisdictions represent the various modes of participation in NMVTIS, specifically, fully integrated online, batch, or some combination of the two. The working group reviewed a number of previously identified issues and determined that the solution to many of the concerns was to create best practices to help facilitate a document to assist jurisdictions in developing their business policies and practices in a consistent manner. The intent of these best practices is to provide the title and registration program managers with information and a resource to assist them in ensuring that NMVTIS works hand in hand with the jurisdiction’s title practices. The working group continues to identify areas where best practices are needed. Further, the working group is working on a performance management concept to provide additional NMVTIS performance information to the jurisdictions. The Working Group currently has three (3) vacancies. The Working Group is seeking applications for one (1) applicant with experience of the NMVTIS business process and two (2) applicants with NMVTIS information technology experience. Eligible applicants will be expected to attend in-person and virtual meetings. Please complete the application and submit to committees@aamva.org no later than close of business on February 1, 2017. If you have any questions regarding the Working Group, please contact Casey Garber at CGarber@aamva.org.
Internet Vehicle Sales Working Group Seeks Volunteers

AAMVA is seeking volunteers for a new Internet Vehicle Sales Working Group. The Working Group will develop best practices for the regulation of internet vehicle sales in an effort to provide recommendations and education to member jurisdictions for deterring and stopping fraud and deceptive practices. This document can be used by jurisdictions to provide best practices and also for model legislation to enhance existing laws and rules or to create new laws and rules addressing the issues. AAMVA is seeking 10 members, representing all four regions, who have skills and expertise in dealer and private vehicle sales, dealer licensing, fraud detection and vehicle titling, in the areas of program management, enforcement and legal/policy development. If you are interested in volunteering for this new Working Group, please complete the application no later than December 16, 2016 and send to Dianne Graham at committees@aamva.org. For more information about the Working Group, view the call for volunteers notice on the “Working Group Opportunities” tab in the Committees & Working Groups section of AAMVA’s Web site, or contact Cathie Curtis.

Delaware Joining AAMVA’s State-to-State Verification (S2S)

Delaware will begin using AAMVA’s State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) on Monday, December 19, 2016. Tasks related to on-boarding Delaware will be conducted during the weekend of December 18, 2016. During this process (Saturday evening to Monday morning), there will be periods during which the CDLIS/S2S Central Site (Central Site) will be in inquiry-only mode or unavailable (over and above the regularly scheduled maintenance window of 2:00 AM ET to 5:00 AM ET on Sunday, December 18, 2016). The associated timeline and full information is available here. Please note that the times shown are tentative, and states are encouraged to avoid this weekend for performing maintenance or deployment activities that require the Central Site to be available. Please contact AAMVA if such activities are unavoidable. If you have any questions on the CDLIS/S2S downtime that need immediate attention please contact the AAMVA Operations Help Desk at helpdesk@aamva.org. For any inquiries relating to this matter, please contact Pam Dsa (pdsa@aamva.org).

Apply for AAMVA Awards

Don’t miss this opportunity to be recognized for the great work your jurisdiction does every day by improving day-to-day business, reaching out to the community, and saving lives. The AAMVA Awards Program recognizes members of the motor vehicle and law enforcement community by honoring individuals, teams, and organizations who have committed their time and resources to safety, service, security, and public affairs & consumer education. Learn more about specific award categories by visiting the AAMVA Awards website. Don’t forget: the deadline for submissions is February 1st (nominations for the Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety are due on April 15th)! Download the 2017 Awards Submission and Nomination Packet today!

This Week’s Webinars

NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature

Tuesday, December 13, 2016, 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 NWMTIS 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.

Understanding and Using: New CD90.7.7 Selective DHR Validation Report

Wednesday, December 14, 2016, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)
The Week In Review, December 12, 2016

CT, FL, IA, ID, IL, KS, LA, MD, MN, NE, NH, NY, OH, SC, SK, TX, VA, VT, WA, WV.

Federal Odometer Disclosure Requirements (Ends 12/22/2016) Responses received from AB, AL, BC, FL, GA, ID, IL, KY, LA, ME, MN, MS, ND, NH, NY, OR, SC, TX, UT, VA, VT.

Applying Salvage or Equivalent Designation (Ends 12/30/2016) Responses received from AB, AL, BC, CA, DE, FL, IL, KY, MD, ME, MN, NH, NY, OK, OR, RI, SC, UT, VA, VT, WA, WY.

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 here.

The purpose of this webinar is to provide an overview of the new CD90.7.7 Selective DHR Validation Report. The webinar will also include information on report training and other resources at AAMVA.

NY DMV Underage Drinking Stings: A Jurisdiction Program Showcase Thursday, December 15, 2016, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET) Learn more about DMV investigators and law enforcement partnerships to check IDs at bars, concerts and other youth gatherings. Discover funding avenues for like programs, as well as techniques for outreach to bar owners, servers and security about ways to spot fake IDs.

Service Alberta: Improving Consumer Protections in Auto Industry
Service Alberta Minister Stephanie McLean is accepting recommendations from an independent review to strengthen the Alberta Motor Vehicle Industry Council (AMVIC). McLean appointed George Cuff in August 2016 to review the operations and governance of AMVIC as well as its mandate to protect consumers. Cuff's report highlights areas of progress and also makes recommendations for improvement, such as making the compensation fund work better for consumers, ensuring a balance between public and industry board appointees and improving internal management and governance. Read more here.

PennDOT Secretary Leslie S. Richards Recognized In Two Women in Business International Awards Categories
Based on PennDOT's overall accomplishments this year, Secretary Leslie S. Richards was recently honored as Female Innovator of the Year for a Government or Non Profit with 2,500 employees or more and Female Executive of the Year in the same category by the international Stevie Awards for Women in Business. The awards, given in New York City on Nov. 18, recognize outstanding women executives who have led their organizations to higher levels of innovation and achievement. Nations represented at this year's event included Argentina, Australia, Canada, Croatia, Hong Kong, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, South Africa, Spain, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Read more here.

Obama Signs Continuing Resolution Into Law
President Barack Obama early Saturday signed into law a continuing resolution that will extend government funding until next spring. The Senate had cleared the stopgap just a little while earlier, following two days of intense criticism from Democrats that the funding measure didn't do enough to assist retired coal miners. It will replace another stopgap law (PL 114-223) enacted earlier this year that expired at midnight Friday. Senators voted 63-36 to pass the 70-page continuing resolution (HR 2028) that was written by Republican leaders and released by the House Appropriations Committee on Tuesday night.

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Twenty-two Democrats and one independent who generally votes with Democrats, Angus King of Maine, backed the continuing resolution. Thirteen Republicans opposed it, including Sen. John McCain of Arizona, who sharply criticized the defense spending level as inadequate. The CR will fund the government until April 28 at the fiscal 2017 cap of $1.07 trillion. It was passed by the House on Thursday an overwhelming 326-96 vote. An earlier procedural vote to advance the continuing resolution cleared the Senate 61-38. Ten Republicans were in opposition. Read more at CQ Roll Call.

FMCSA Issues Minimum Training Requirements for Entry-Level Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators Final Rule
The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has issued a final rule establishing new minimum training standards for individuals:

- Applying for their commercial driver's license (CDL) for the first time,
- Seeking to upgrade their CDL,
- Seeking a hazardous materials (H) endorsement for the first time,
- Seeking a passenger endorsement (P) for the first time, or
Seeking a school bus endorsement (S) for the first time. These individuals are subject to entry-level driver training (ELDT) requirements and must complete a prescribed program of instruction by an approved entity before taking their CDL test. AAMVA anticipates the process will work similar to the medical certification process where FMCSA will transmit the necessary information to the State driver licensing agencies (SDLAs) who will place the information on the driver record prior to proceeding with testing. For more information, see the AAMVA Legislative and Regulatory Alert.

**CDL Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse Final Rule Mandates State Check**
The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has issued a final rule for the Commercial Driver's License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse. The rule mandates the establishment of a database containing information about violations of FMCSA's drug and alcohol testing program for the holders of commercial driver's licenses (CDLs) that must be checked by licensing agencies at the time of issuance and renewal. The rule primarily focuses on requirements of motor carriers as an employer to check and use the database. It also includes language mandating State Driver's License Agencies (SDLAs) perform checks on the clearinghouse prior to issuance, renewal, upgrading, or transferring a CDL. This licensing requirement was included in The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). For more information, see the AAMVA Legislative and Regulatory Alert.

**NHTSA Submits Information Collection Request on Use of Automated License Plate Readers in Traffic Safety**
The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has submitted an Information Collection Request (ICR) regarding the use of automated license plate readers to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval and comment. The title of the ICR is "Using Automated License Plate Readers for Traffic Safety Purposes." NHTSA will interview law enforcement agency personnel from 12 agencies in the United States that use automated license plate readers for traffic safety purposes. NHTSA expects to request interviews from 4 personnel in 12 law enforcement agencies. Comments must be submitted on or before January 6, 2017.

**ATRI: Identifying Autonomous Vehicle Technology Impacts on the Trucking Industry**
The American Transportation Research Institute has released a report that outlines the impacts of autonomous vehicle technologies on the trucking industry, including impacts to drivers, companies, and operations. Read the report here.

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