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OUR EVENTS

DECEMBER

6-7 | [2016 New Administrators' Orientation](#)

Arlington, VA

By invitation only.

14-15 | [Region IV Board/2017 Planning Meeting](#)

Seattle, WA

JANUARY

11-12 | [Board of Directors' Meeting](#)

Orlando, FL

11 | [Industry Advisory Board Meeting](#)

Orlando, FL

MARCH

15-16 | [2017 Workshop and Law Institute](#)

AAMVA President & CEO Anne Ferro Presented with Kevin Quinlan Traffic Safety Award

The [Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility](#), a national not-for-profit that leads the fight against drunk driving and underage drinking and is funded by America's leading distillers, recently recognized the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators' President & CEO Anne Ferro as one of nine recipients of its 2016 Kevin Quinlan Traffic Safety Awards. Ferro joins a number of members and AAMVA partners who have also earned this prestigious honor. This year's Kevin Quinlan Traffic Safety Award recipients are:

- **The Honorable Michael Barrasso**, President Judge, Lackawanna County Court of Common Pleas
- **Angela Coleman**, Executive Director, Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP)
- **Anne Ferro**, President & CEO, American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA)
- **Darrin Grondel**, Director, Washington Traffic Safety Commission
- **Chuck Hayes**, Drug Evaluation and Classification Program Manager, International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
- **Bob Stokes**, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor, Kentucky Office of the Attorney General
- **Mark Stodola**, Probation Fellow, American Probation and Parole Association (APPA)/NHTSA
- **Joanne Thomka**, Program Counsel, National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG)
- **The Honorable Mark Rosekind**, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

Now in its fifth year, Responsibility.org's Traffic Safety Awards recognize members of the traffic safety community who demonstrate leadership and excellence in advancing the cause of saving lives and preventing injuries on our roadways. [Read more here.](#)

Virginia Successfully Implements S2S; Delaware to Follow

AAMVA congratulates Virginia on successfully implementing the [State-to-State Verification Service](#) during the weekend of December 4th, 2016, becoming the 11th participant using the new service. Virginia will now be able to use SPEXS to perform its CDLIS and S2S functions. Virginia can now track pointer information related to its Base Driver Licenses, Permit for Base Driver Licenses, and Identification Cards. This supports, among other goals, limiting any person to only one driver's license. All migration activities have completed as per schedule. CDLIS and S2S services are fully operational now. Delaware is scheduled to begin using S2S on December 18th, 2016. Other jurisdictions will also begin using S2S in the upcoming months, and AAMVA looks forward to supporting them during their onboarding process. For full information, [click here.](#)

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

Minneapolis, Minnesota



OUR WEBINARS

DECEMBER

- 6 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Understanding the Administrative Features](#)
- 8 | [Overview of SPEXS Master Specification Format](#)
- 13 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature](#)
- 14 | [Understanding and Using: New CD90.7.7 Selective DHR Validation Report](#)
- 15 | [NY DMV Underage Drinking Stings: A Jurisdiction Program Showcase](#)

SYSTEMS TRAINING

DECEMBER

- 6 | PDPS Inquiry Transactions (intermediate) [Register Here](#)
- 7 | SPEXS Transactions AMIE (intermediate) [Register Here](#)
- 7 | PDPS Update Transactions (intermediate) [Register Here](#)
- 8 | SPEXS Transactions NIEM (intermediate) [Register Here](#)
- 8 | PDPS Interactions (intermediate) [Register Here](#)
- 9 | SPEXS Batch Transactions (intermediate) [Register Here](#)
- 12 | SPEXS Bulk Load (intermediate) [Register Here](#)
- 13 | CDLIS Resolving Duplicate Pointers (advanced) [Register Here](#)
- 14 | SPEXS Web UI and Reports (intermediate) [Register Here](#)
- 14 | CD14 Mark Driver Unique (intermediate) [Register Here](#)
- 15 | SPEXS State Procedures Manual (intermediate) [Register Here](#)
- 15 | CD10 Delete Master Pointer Record (intermediate) [Register Here](#)
- 20 | CDLIS Rules for Driver Convictions (intermediate) [Register Here](#)



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!

Disability Placard/License Plate Fraud Working Group

AAMVA is seeking volunteers for the new Disability Placard/License Plate Fraud Working Group. The working group is being funded under AAMVA's cooperative agreement with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The purpose of the Working Group is to develop best practices for the issuance of disability placards and plates, the deterrence and detection of fraud during and after the issuance process, and the enforcement of disability parking violations. For complete details, 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 [Brian Ursino](#). If you are interested in serving on this working group and meet the requirements listed on the application, [complete the application form](#) and submit to Dianne Graham at committees@aamva.org **no later than December 9, 2016**.

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](#).

S2S Training is Now Available to ALL States

State-to-State training is now available to all states. Previously this training was available only for participating jurisdictions. The State-to-State (S2S) Verification Service is a means for states to electronically check with all other participating states to determine if the applicant currently holds a driver license or identification card in another state. State participation in S2S is voluntary. To enroll in S2S training, please visit <http://www.aamva.org/systems-training/>

This Week's Webinars

[NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Understanding the Administrative Features](#)

Tuesday, December 6, 2016, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)
 The NMVTIS SWI Web Application is used by the states to perform title verification and data corrections. This webinar focuses on how the states use the administrative features to oversee the states user community. A brief overview of the SWI application is also provided. The SWI application has been built so that each state manages their own user community. This includes configuring the system with organizations to which users are assigned. The state administrator is responsible for user role assignments and user account activation and deactivation. The SWI Application also includes a reporting component that allows state administrators to monitor user activity.

[Overview of SPEXS Master Specification Format](#)

Thursday, December 8, 2016, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)
 An introduction to the SPEXS Master Specification format that will help jurisdictions understand the formatting changes for SPEXS Master Specification vs

21 | CD11 Report Out-of-State Conviction (intermediate)
[Register Here](#)

22 | CD12 Negate Out-of-State Conviction (intermediate)
[Register Here](#)

OPEN RFPs

Check out [AAMVA's Open RFPs here](#) for potential opportunities.

OUR SURVEYS

Please respond to these surveys from Ohio, Illinois, Tennessee, Texas, North Carolina, New Jersey, Nevada, New Hampshire, South Carolina and AAMVA.

[CDL Third Party Testing Program](#) (Ends 12/19/2016) Responses received from CA, IL, KS, LA, NY, VA, VT, WA.

[Armed Car Service for Deposits](#) (Ends 12/29/2016) Responses received from FL, WA.

[Parolee Designation on License](#) (Ends 12/16/2016) Responses received from FL, MN, NY, SK, VT, WA.

[Driver's Privacy Protection Act \(DPPA\) Monitoring](#) (Ends 12/20/2016) Responses received from AB, AL, AR, GA, LA, OH, VA, VT, WA.

[License Plate Designs](#) (Ends 12/12/2016) Responses received from AB, AL, AR, ID, IL, KY, ND, NH, NJ, UT, VA, VT, WA, WY.

[iPad and/or tablet usage in Driver License Offices](#) (Ends 12/16/2016) Responses received from AB, AR, DE, FL, GA, ID, IL, KS, LA, MN, ND, NJ, NY, SC, TN, VA, VT, WA, WI.

[ID Verification](#) (Ends 12/19/2016) Responses received from AB, AL, AR, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, LA, MN, NY, SC, SK, VT, WA.

[DMV Forms/Guide Books via Vending Machine or Kiosk](#) (Ends 12/12/2016) Responses received from AB, AL, AR, DE, FL, GA, ID, IL, LA, MN, NH, NJ, OR, PA, SC, SK, UT, VA, VT, WA.

[Data Sharing Requirements](#) (Ends 12/12/2016) Responses received from AL, AR, CA, CT, FL, IL, ME, MI, MN, OH, VA, VT, WA.

[CDL Suspensions for positive drug or alcohol test](#) (Ends 12/14/2016) Responses received from AR, CA, IL, IN, LA, MI, MN, MS, NJ, NT, NY, OH, OR, PA, UT, VA, WA, WI, WV.

[Federal Odometer Disclosure Requirements](#) (Ends 12/22/2016) Responses received from AB, AL, FL, GA, ID, IL, LA, ME, MS, ND, NH, TX, UT, VA, VT.

[Applying Salvage or Equivalent Designation](#) (Ends 12/30/2016) Responses received from AB, AL, CA, FL, IL, NH, OK, 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 old CDLIS Master Specification, as well as new information that is available in the SPEXS Master Specification. The primary audience for this webinar will be the jurisdictions CDL Managers/Coordinators and Technical Staff that will be responsible for developing, testing and successfully implementing future releases of CDLIS.

JURISDICTION NEWS

Mark Lowe Named Interim Iowa DOT Director

Iowa Governor Terry Branstad named Mark Lowe the Interim Director of the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT). Lowe's appointment comes after the resignation of Paul Trombino, who served his last day as Director November 28th. Lowe began his new role as Interim Director of the Iowa DOT on Tuesday, Nov. 29. Lowe has been Director of the Iowa DOT's Motor Vehicle Division since April 1, 2009. Before taking this position, Lowe served as general counsel to the Iowa DOT. Lowe lives in West Des Moines with his wife Linda. They have four children – Daniel, Mary, Matt and Erin. Lowe is a scoutmaster for Troop 242 in West Des Moines, serves as an usher at his church, and is a member of the West Des Moines Library Board of Trustees. Lowe served on the board of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) from 2010 to 2016, serving as its chair in 2014 to 2015. [Read more here.](#)

WisDOT Enhances Silver and AMBER Alert Messaging on Electronic Message Boards

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) recently changed its messaging format for AMBER and Silver Alerts in an effort to provide drivers with pertinent information to help law enforcement and families locate endangered children and missing adults with cognitive impairment. Drivers now traveling past an electronic message board during an alert will receive a description of the vehicle and its license plate number instead of having to call 511 or tune to a local radio station for more information. However, drivers can still utilize these services to receive more information. WisDOT partners with the Wisconsin Department of Justice and local law enforcement agencies to broadcast alerts that involve a motor vehicle. In 2015, the STOC messaged 45 Silver Alerts and five AMBER Alerts. [Read more here.](#)

FEDERAL NEWS

DOT Requests Proposals For The Designation of Automated Vehicle Proving Grounds Pilot

The Department of Transportation (DOT) [requests](#) proposals from applicants to form an initial network of multiple proving grounds, focused on the advancement of automated vehicle technology, designated to be USDOT Automated Vehicle Proving Grounds. It is the policy of the U.S. Department of Transportation to foster the safe deployment of advanced automated vehicle technologies to achieve national goals while understanding the long-term societal and ethical impacts that these technological advancements may impose. These entities will be designated as a Community of Practice to develop and share best practices around the safe testing, demonstration and deployment of automated vehicle technology. Proposals must be submitted by December 19, 2016.

NHTSA Announces Federal Automated Vehicles Policy Public Meeting

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) [announces](#) a public meeting will be held to seek input on the Model State Policy and Modern Regulatory Tools sections of the recently released Federal Automated Vehicles Policy (the Policy). The Policy is guidance that seeks to speed the delivery of an initial regulatory framework for highly automated vehicles (HAVs) as well as encourage conformance with best practices to guide manufacturers and other entities in the safe design, development, testing, and deployment of HAVs. Held in two distinct parts, the public meeting in the morning session will be an open listening session for the Model State Policy. In the afternoon session, there will be moderated panel discussions on the Modern Regulatory Tools. NHTSA will hold the public meeting on December 12, 2016, at the United States Army Conference and Event Center (CEC), located at 2425 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201 (Courthouse Metro Station). The meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m. local time. Check-in will begin at 8 a.m.

NHTSA Free VIN Look-up Tool

Vehicle recalls are at an all-time high in the United States. Millions of unfixed and unsafe vehicles are on the road, some unbeknownst to owners. NHTSA is providing a website for consumers to use the free VIN look-up tool to see if their vehicle is under a recall. Please help us reach out to the public by linking to the website at www.safercar.gov/VIN. Also encourage everyone to get their recalls fixed as soon as possible. This could save their lives and those of their passengers.

Saving Lives - One Tweet at a Time

On December 7, as families across America are preparing for the holidays, a single tweet could help save a life. That's because NHTSA is hosting a Twitter chat from 3 - 4 p.m. ET to provide stats and information on buzzed driving prevention. Experts will be available to answer questions while you spread the word and encourage [your followers not to drive buzzed](#). There are also plenty of other [resources](#) available for you to help spread this life-saving message far and wide.

Who: NHTSA and our team of experts

What: Holiday Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving Twitter Chat

When: Wednesday, December 7, 3 - 4 p.m. ET

Where: www.twitter.com/NHTSAGov

How: Follow the conversation using the hashtag #BuzzedDriving. Feel free to mention @NHTSAGov in any of your tweets and they will get back to as many questions and comments as they can! Remember to include #BuzzedDriving in your comments so others can follow the conversation, too. Invite your friends and followers to join and help spread the important message about designating a sober driver and not getting behind the wheel while buzzed. Buzzed driving is completely preventable. All it takes is a little planning. So keep the holidays merry and bright and designate a sober driver.

FMCSA NPRM Provides Veteran's Affairs Medical Examiners Access to National Registry

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has [published](#) a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) amending current regulations to establish an alternate process for qualified physicians employed in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to be listed on the agency's National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners. After training and testing they become certified VA medical examiners that can perform medical examinations of commercial motor vehicle (CMV) operators who are military veterans, and issue Medical Examiner's Certificates (MECs) to those same operators as required by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.

FMCSA Establishes National Drug and Alcohol Testing Clearinghouse for Commercial Truck and Bus Drivers

The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announced a final rule that establishes a national drug and alcohol clearinghouse for commercial truck and bus drivers. The clearinghouse database will serve as a central repository containing records of violations of FMCSA's drug and alcohol testing program by commercial driver's license (CDL) holders. Once the clearinghouse is established, motor carrier employers will be required to query the system for information concerning current or prospective employees who have unresolved violations of the federal drug and alcohol testing regulations that prohibit them from operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV). It also requires employers and medical review officers to report drug and alcohol testing program violations. The drug and alcohol clearinghouse final rule annual net benefits are an estimated \$42 million, with crash reductions resulting from annual and pre-employment queries by FMCSA-regulated motor carriers. To learn more about the drug and alcohol clearinghouse, [click here](#).

GAO Issues Report on Self-Reporting of Equipment Problems for Commercial Vehicles

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) has issued [a report](#) entitled, "Establishing System for Self-Reporting Equipment Problems Appears Feasible, but Safety Benefits Questionable and Costs Unknown." The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act included a provision for GAO to examine the cost and feasibility of establishing a system for carriers or drivers to self-report vehicle equipment problems to FMCSA. The report examines the potential safety impacts of a self-reporting system and the factors that could affect its feasibility and cost. GAO found that establishing a system that would provide incentives for trucking companies to self-report equipment problems may not necessarily yield

safety benefits. Some officials noted that a self-reporting system could negatively impact safety by encouraging distracted driving if drivers report equipment problems on their cell phones while driving. GAO does note that some information related to safety is not available, such as how equipment problems that would be permitted to be self-reported are related to crashes.

PARTNER NEWS

Older Driver Safety Awareness Week – Share Your Ideas

Syneren Corporation would like AAMVA partners to share what your state has planned for Older Driver Safety Awareness week December 3 through December 11, 2016. This is a week that is dedicated to education and physical fitness for older drivers. It also creates awareness of driving issues people may have as they age, not due to age but the more medical and physical issues that occur as you age and to be aware of these issues. Syneren will share this information on the [ChORUS Website](#). Please send your states planned activities to Kim Snook at Ksnook@syneren.com. For more information please see this [information sheet](#).



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