The Week In Review, December 5, 2016

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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 Barrasse, 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)
- 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

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

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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 form and submit to Dianne Graham at committees@aamva.org no later than December 9, 2016.

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 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
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, 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.
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.

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 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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