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OUR EVENTS

OCTOBER

4-5 | [2016 October Combined Standing Committee Meeting](#)
Reston, VA
Standing Committee Members only



OUR WEBINARS

OCTOBER

- 11 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Understanding the Administrative Features.](#)
- 19 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search](#)

AAMVA at National Safer Roads Partnerships' Conference



Brian Ursino, AAMVA Director of Law Enforcement, attended and presented at the National Safer Roads Partnerships' Conference in Manchester, England, September 27 – 28, 2016. He presented on AAMVA's Autonomous Vehicle Working Group, and during his stay, he met with numerous law enforcement professionals and had conversations on many hot topics, including Drug-Impaired Driving, Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS), and more. Ursino made contacts for future strategic partners for AAMVA, including the U.K. Centre for Connected and Autonomous Vehicles.

South Dakota Implements S2S; Nebraska to Follow

AAMVA congratulates South Dakota on successfully implementing the State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) during the weekend of October 2, 2016 and becoming the 8th participant using the new service. South Dakota will now be able to use SPEXS to perform its CDLIS and S2S functions. South Dakota 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 been completed as per schedule. CDLIS and S2S services are fully operational now. Nebraska is scheduled to begin using S2S on October 16, 2016. Other jurisdictions will also begin using S2S in the upcoming months, and AAMVA looks forward to supporting them during their onboarding process. [Read more here.](#)

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/>

NMVTIS Law Enforcement Working Group Seeks Volunteer

AAMVA is seeking a volunteer to fill a vacant Region IV Law Enforcement representative position on the NMVTIS Law Enforcement Working Group. The working group works under the direction of the AAMVA Law Enforcement Standing Committee. The Working Group typically meets in-person only once annually, but members are expected to complete occasional assignments between meetings.

The purpose of the Working Group is to expand NMVTIS awareness and usage among law enforcement and to improve the NMVTIS Law Enforcement Access Tool (LEAT) in collaboration with the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Administration.

If you are a sworn member of a state police/highway patrol agency within AAMVA Region IV, are interested in serving on this working group, and meet the requirements found on the working group application form [found here](#), complete the application form no later than **October 14, 2016**, and submit to Dianne

[Feature](#)

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SYSTEMS TRAINING

OCTOBER

18 | Course III: PDPS Update Transactions
[Register Here](#)

19 | Course IV: PDPS State-to-State and NDR-Generated Transactions
[Register Here](#)

20 | *NEW* Course V: PDPS Interactions
[Register Here](#)

OPEN RFPs

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

OUR SURVEYS

Please respond to these surveys from Vermont, District of Columbia, New Jersey, Ontario, Connecticut, and North Carolina.

[Processing vehicle registration/title transactions](#) (Ends 10/25/2016) Responses received from FL, IL, NY, RI.

[DMV's Providing Vehicles for NCDL Road Tests](#) (Ends 10/26/2016) Responses received from FL, GA, ID, IL, MO, NJ, NY, OH, RI, SC, VA, VT.

[Intrastate Medical Waiver for CDL Drivers](#) (Ends 10/17/2016) Responses received from IL, MD, MN, ND, NH, RI, SC, VT.

[Personalized Licence Plate Complaints](#) (Ends 10/21/2016) Responses received from FL, IL, NY, VT.

[Call Center Self-service](#) (Ends 10/19/2016) Responses received from AL, DC, GA, MD, NE, NH, SC, SK, VA, VT.

[DMV Fees - Vehicles](#) (Ends 10/19/2016) Responses received from AL, AR, BC, CA, IA, IL, MD, ME, MI, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NT, NY, OK, RI, UT, VA, VT, WI.

[Real ID Photo-up-front](#) (Ends 10/19/2016) Responses received from AR, CA, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, LA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MS, NH, OR, SC, SD, TX, WI.

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 Druzynski at 703-908-5842. All online surveys can be found on the AAMVA Web site [here](#).

Graham at committees@aamva.org.

Come Join Our Team! AAMVA Now Seeking Law Enforcement Program Manager

AAMVA is currently accepting applications for a Law Enforcement Program Manager (LEPM). The LEPM is responsible for developing, monitoring, and disseminating information in the broad area of the AAMVA Law Enforcement Program, and more specifically, in the areas of DMV Investigations and NMVTIS use by law enforcement. Interested candidates can find a [complete position description](#), and [apply for the position online](#). A member of our internal recruiting staff will follow up with you quickly.

JURISDICTION NEWS

Nevada Issues Nation's First Autonomous Vehicle Restricted Driver's License to Quadriplegic Former Racecar Driver Sam Schmidt

Nevada Lt. Governor Mark Hutchison presented the first autonomous vehicle restricted driver's license issued in the U.S. to Sam Schmidt, a Nevada resident and former Indy Racing League driver who has been paralyzed from the neck down since a racing accident in 2000. After receiving his license, Schmidt demonstrated his driving skills on the Exotics Racing track and nearby public roads. Schmidt is able to drive a modified Corvette Z06 using only the motion of his head, his breath and voice commands. [Arrow Electronics](#) built the semi-autonomous vehicle, called the [Arrow SAM Car](#), for Schmidt in 2014 to demonstrate the power of technology to improve lives. [Read more here](#).

Idaho Transportation Department Named Finalist for Innovative Company of the Year

Creative, dynamic and customer-focused are typically not the first descriptors that come to mind when thinking of a state agency. Defying that perception, the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) was recently named a finalist for Idaho Innovative Company of the Year by the Idaho Technology Council. ITD is one of three finalists for the honor. The winner will be announced Oct. 25 in Boise during the technology council's Hall of Fame dinner. "It is a notable accomplishment by a state agency competing in a private-sector arena," said ITD Chief Administrative Officer Charlene McArthur. Underscoring that point, last year's winner in the innovation competition was Micron Technology Inc., which posted \$16.2 billion in revenue in Fiscal Year 2015. State agencies typically cannot compete evenly with for-profit companies — until now. Spurred by [Director Brian Ness'](#) vision to operate more like a business, and motivated by an annual funding shortfall in the hundred of millions, in 2014 the department launched a strategy to engage employees to find solutions to everyday problems. The centerpiece of this innovation strategy is an employee-driven effort branded "[Innovate ITD!](#)" [Read more here](#).

New Laws Impacting Maryland Drivers Take Effect

A number of motor vehicle laws passed by the Maryland General Assembly during their 2016 session took effect on Saturday, October 1, 2016. The list of new laws impacting Maryland drivers includes the Drunk Driving Reduction Act of 2016, also known as Noah's Law, which was signed into law by Governor Larry Hogan on May 19, 2016. Noah's Law is named in honor of Montgomery County Police Officer Noah A. Leotta who was struck by a drunk driver while pulling over another suspected drunk driver during a holiday patrol and died a few days later as a result of his injuries. Noah's Law mandates the use of an ignition interlock for those convicted of drunk driving and will significantly increase administrative driver's license suspension periods. An ignition interlock is a device that prevents a vehicle from starting when it detects a certain level of alcohol on the driver's breath and requires the driver to retest at random points while they are driving.

FEDERAL NEWS

NHTSA Issues Interim Final Rule on State Open Container and Repeat Intoxicated Driver Programs

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has published an [interim final rule](#) and request for comment on revisions relative to transfer and sanction programs. Specifically, the action revises the federal implementing regulation for open container and repeat intoxicated driver programs as a result of enactment of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. The FAST

Act amended both 23 USC 154 (Open Container) and 23 USC 164 (Repeat Intoxicated Driver) to address impaired driving by encouraging states to meet minimum standards for their open container laws and repeat intoxicated driver laws. The amendments incorporate the new compliance criteria for the Section 164 program (Repeat Intoxicated Driver) program and updates the regulations to reflect current practice. NHTSA is issuing this as an interim final rule to ensure that states receive instructions that are important to upcoming compliance determinations to be made on October 1, 2016. The interim final rule is effective on October 1, 2016 and comments are due on **November 30, 2016**.

NHTSA Issues Solicitation for Applications for Pilot Recall Notification Program

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) issued a solicitation for applications for a pilot recall notification program required under the FAST Act. The FAST Act requires that NHTSA implement a two-year pilot grant program with up to six States to evaluate the feasibility and effectiveness of a State process for informing consumers of open motor vehicle recalls at the time of motor vehicle registration. A successful program will increase awareness of motor vehicle safety defects, improving safety on a State's roads. States have up to up to 45 days to submit an application for a grant. AAMVA members can review the solicitation at <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=289179>. Here is the link to the solicitation for the DMV pilot notification program on [grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

FMCSA Requests Comment on Environmental Impact of Speed Limiting Devices on Heavy Vehicles

In addition to the publication of Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) publication of a proposed rule regarding the installation of speed limiting devices on commercial motor vehicles (FMCSA-2014-0083), FMCSA has [published](#) an announcement on the availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of requiring these speed limiting devices in new heavy vehicles and maintenance of a maximum speed setting by motor carriers operating affected vehicles. Interested parties should file comments on the environmental assessment no later than **November 7, 2016**.

FMCSA Denies Exemption on Bond Requirements for Third-Party CDL Testers

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has [denied](#) an application from the Idaho Transportation Department for exemption from the requirement that third-party commercial driver's license (CDL) testers maintain a bond in an amount determined by the State that employs them. FMCSA notes that the bond is intended to be sufficient to pay for retesting drivers in the event that the third party or its examiners is involved in fraudulent activities related to CDL skills testing. FMCSA notes that it has denied the application after review because available information did not allow the agency to conclude that the proposed exemption would achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety that would be obtained absent the exemption.

U.S. DOT Fast Lane Blog: Two New Tools for Improving Road Safety Reporting

"Too many people are dying on our roads every year. To save more lives, and to move us toward the goal of zero road fatalities, we need to get the best information possible about how and where serious injuries occur. The U.S. Department of Transportation has developed two tools to help states do just that: **a national definition for serious injuries** and the development of **State Serious Injury Conversion Tables**." Read more [in the Fast Lane!](#)

Supreme Court Will Not Rehear Immigration Case

The United States Supreme Court has announced that it will not rehear a case prohibiting the Obama administration's executive actions on immigration. Earlier this year, justices deadlocked in a 4-4 decision that would leave in place a lower court injunction against the implementation of the actions. The lower court had ruled in favor of a case brought by Texas and 25 states arguing the administration had overstepped its authority in issuing the executive actions on immigration. The single line decision by the Supreme Court represented one of the first rulings issued by a shorthanded Supreme Court who has yet to fill the seat of the late Antonin Scalia who died February 13th.

Obama Administration Names Official to Head Background Check Agency

The Obama administration has announced that Charles Phalen will head the newly created National Background Investigations Bureau. The agency was created earlier this year to streamline the beleaguered security clearance process and prevent security breaches like the one that had compromised data at the Office of Personnel Management. The transition would shift oversight for handling federal background checks away from the Federal Investigative Services. Phalen had previously served as a security official with both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency.

PARTNER NEWS

State Laws on Autonomous Vehicles

The Council of State Governments has released a report that outlines which states have enacted autonomous vehicle legislation. [Read more here.](#)

Progression Through Graduated Driver Licensing Programs: Final Report

The Traffic Injury Research Foundation in Canada has released a report that examines license patterns and progression through Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) in Ontario and Oregon with different GDL programs. [Read more here.](#)

TRB Sponsors Partners in Research Symposium

TRB is sponsoring the Partners in Research Symposium on October 31-November 1, 2016, in Detroit. Technologies that are expected to be addressed include connected and automated vehicles, shared-use mobility services, smart cities and the internet-of-things, unmanned aircraft systems, NextGen, big data and cybersecurity, and alternate fueled vehicles. [Read more here.](#)



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