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OUR EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

28 | [2016 September FDR Maintenance Committee Meeting](#)
Arlington, VA
Committee members only

OCTOBER

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



OUR WEBINARS

The U.S. Department of Transportation Publishes Federal Automated Vehicles Policy

The United States Department of Transportation (DOT) and the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) have announced a new [Federal Automated Vehicles Policy](#). This four-part policy includes the Model State Policy developed with significant input by AAMVA's Autonomous Vehicles Working Group. DOT has created a [fact sheet](#) about the policy that in addition to the Model State Policy includes elements relating to manufacturers, current and potential federal regulatory authorities, and cybersecurity. President Obama also published an [Op-Ed in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#). In conjunction with the public release of NHTSA's federal automated vehicles policy, NHTSA has invited [public comment](#) on the document through docket NHTSA-2016-0090. Comments on the automated vehicle policy must be submitted no later than **November 22, 2016**. NHTSA has also published [guidance](#) on safety-related defects and automated safety technologies. This enforcement guidance bulletin sets forth NHTSA's current views on its enforcement authority – including its view that when vulnerabilities in automated safety technology or equipment pose an unreasonable risk to safety, those vulnerabilities constitute a safety-related defect- and suggest guiding principles and best practices for motor vehicle and equipment manufacturers in this context.

AAMVA Statement on the U.S. Department of Transportation/NHTSA Automated Vehicles Policy

AAMVA is pleased to see the federal leadership on this issue and welcomes NHTSA's position on the fast-developing field of automated vehicles. This vehicle technology holds the life-changing promise to improve safety and mobility for all citizens. The AAMVA community of Motor Vehicle Administrators and Law Enforcement leaders is proud to be a key partner in these discussions and to have collaborated with NHTSA on the development of the Model State Policy.

AAMVA commends the federal government for recognizing and seriously considering the needs of the states in preparing the Model State Policy. The Policy provides a consistent and standardized approach to regulating highly automated vehicles while simultaneously honoring the flexibility and autonomy of each individual state. Since it was developed in consultation with the AAMVA Autonomous Vehicles Working Group, we hope states will follow the tenets of the Policy when crafting public policy that balances promoting innovation with the regulatory responsibility to uphold public safety.

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

SEPTEMBER

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SYSTEMS TRAINING

OCTOBER

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[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 New Jersey, North Carolina, and Connecticut.

[Intrastate Medical Waiver for CDL Drivers](#) (Ends 10/17/2016) Responses received from NH, VT.

[DMV Fees](#) (Ends 10/17/2016) Responses received from MD, NH, VT.

[Real ID Photo-up-front](#) (Ends 10/19/2016) Responses received from CA, DE, LA, NH, SD, TX.

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

[Delivery of Motor Vehicle Services](#) (Ends 10/12/2016) Responses received from AR, BC, FL, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NH, NY, OH, SK, VA, VT, WI.

[Languages for Forms, Web, In-person Translation](#) (Ends 10/07/2016) Responses received from AB, AL, FL, IA, IL, KY, LA, MB, ME, MN, MS, ND, NH, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA, WI, 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 application form no later than **October 14, 2016**, and submit to Dianne Graham at committees@aamva.org.

Nebraska Implements Verification of Lawful Status (VLS) Version 3.0 in Production

On September 17th, 2016, Nebraska (NE) successfully migrated from Verification of Lawful Status (VLS) version 2.1 to Verification of Lawful Status (VLS) version 3.0 in production. NE is now operational and is the first Jurisdiction to implement VLS Version 3.0. This service allows a bidirectional communication service permitting Jurisdictions to communicate and verify immigration status with Department of Homeland Security's (DHS's) Verification Information System (VIS) through American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators network (AAMVAnet™). VLS allows the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV's) to verify that the immigration document presented matches the electronic record of the document held by DHS in the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program. In addition, Real ID-compliant credentials can only be issued by the DMV's after verification of the lawful status of the applicant. VLS provides a means for the DMV's to comply with this verification requirement. For information on VLS, please contact Nalini Rangaraju (nrangaraju@aamva.org) / 703.908.5784, Verification Services Project Director. AAMVA congratulates NE for a job well done!

This Week's Webinars

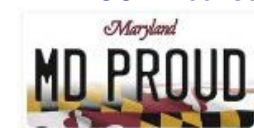
[NMTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site](#)

Tuesday, September 27, 2016, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)

In the past, states contacted the AAMVA Help Desk directly if they needed to make a data correction. As part of the NMTIS reengineering effort, a Help Desk feature was created to allow states to correct their title and brand data on the central site. When states perform their own data corrections the timeliness and accuracy of the data corrections improves substantially. This webinar is focused on explaining the capability of the Help Desk feature as included in the SWI. Data correction scenarios are explained and matched to the correct update operation within the SWI. A brief overview of the SWI application will also be provided.

JURISDICTION NEWS

MD PROUD License Plate Available



Beginning Monday, September 26, 2016, Marylanders can display their pride in their home state as the Maryland Department of Transportation's Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) rolls out the new Maryland Proud license plate.

Governor Larry Hogan unveiled the new design last month, which prominently features the state flag. The new standard-issue plate is available for all passenger cars, SUV's trucks, motorcycles and multipurpose vehicles. The new plate meets all state standards and has passed all law-enforcement testing for readability. The Maryland Proud plate will replace the War of 1812 plate, but customers who want to keep their existing plates do not need to get the new plate. Those who want to replace their existing license plates will pay the current \$20 replacement cost. Registration renewal costs remain unchanged. All vehicles purchased on/after September 26 will be issued the new plate unless customers want to transfer their existing plates to their vehicles.

Changes at the Idaho Transportation Department Translate Into Better Service, Improved Safety for Citizens

The findings of a recent survey of nearly 1,600 agency employees points to a significant change in the work and accountability culture at the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD). This shift in positive and purposeful behaviors is already translating into better customer service, and improved safety standards for Idaho's citizens. The Idaho Legislature showed its confidence in the department by approving the first highway revenue increase in nearly 20 years, and ITD responded by starting on critical road and bridge projects almost immediately, and finishing some within just a few months of that allocation. In fact, the first 27 projects funded by the new revenue increase will all be finishing by this fall. The users of the highway system are clearly noticing as well. A senior conservation officer for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game applauded ITD's efforts on Idaho 12 near Powell for doing a tremendous job this winter clearing the roads of snow and ice during storms. The gentleman said it was the best he has ever seen

and could tell that the department's maintenance crews cared for the roads as if their families drove on them every day. The survey was performed by the Center for Health and Safety Culture at Montana State University's Western Transportation Institute. [Read more here.](#)

ODPS Encourages Public to Download its Safer Ohio Phone App

The Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) is encouraging the public to download its "Safer Ohio" phone app, Ohio's multi-function, mobile public safety tool for reporting suspicious activity, requesting emergency or roadside help and monitoring traffic conditions. The Safer Ohio Phone App is a component of the ODPS Safer Ohio Initiative. This App has the "See Something, Send Something" function, which allows people to report information and send photos of suspicious activity to Ohio Homeland Security. Also available on the multi-functional App is a button for connecting with a 9-1-1 dispatcher, a function which dispatches the Ohio State Highway Patrol or other law enforcement officer to a non-emergency traffic situation, and connection with the Ohio Department of Transportation's OH-GO application for real-time traffic reports throughout Ohio. If you are experiencing an emergency, you should always call 9-1-1 first.

FEDERAL NEWS

Autonomous Vehicles News Roundup

USDOT Releases Federal Automated Vehicles Policy Guidelines for Autonomous Vehicles

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) and its National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has issued the long-awaited Federal Automated Vehicles Policy covering guidance for automated/autonomous vehicles on the nation's highways. [Read the full article on equipmentworld.com.](#)

US Department of Transportation Issues Guidance for Automated Driving

With the recent announcement, the US Department of Transportation is enthusiastically embracing automated driving. It's saying that self-driving vehicles are coming in some form (or many forms) and that the agency can play a role not only in supervising but also in assisting this transportation transformation. [Read the full article on Robohub.org.](#)

U.S. Aims to Tame 'Wild West' of Self-Driving Cars

Self-driving car advocates and observers are reacting with cautious approval Tuesday to the government's 112-page directive on the transformational technology. [Read the full story at USAToday.com.](#)

More AV news:

- [Self-Driving Cars Coming In Months, Not Years](#) (Forbes.com)
- [Barack Obama: Self-driving, Yes. But Also Safe](#) (Post-Gazette.com)
- [U.S. Government Releases Safety Guidelines for Self-driving Cars](#) (Money.CNN.com)
- [U.S. Regulators May Pre-Approve Self-Driving Cars](#) (Fortune.com)
- [Federal Officials Plan Aggressive Approach to Driverless Cars](#) (WashingtonPost.com)
- [U.S. Signals Backing for Self-Driving Cars](#) (NYTimes.com)
- [Google's Vision of a Driverless Future Just Got a Big Boost from the Government](#) (BusinessInsider.com)
- [Regulating Self-Driving Cars For Safety, Even Before They're Built](#) (NPR.org)
- [Self-Driving Cars Gain Powerful Ally: The Government](#) (NYTimes.com)
- [The 15-Point Federal Checklist for Self-Driving Car](#) (NYTimes)

FMCSA Issues Final Rule on Windshield Mounted Devices on Commercial Vehicles

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has issued a [final rule](#) Amending Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations to allow the voluntary mounting of certain devices on the interior of the windshields of commercial motor vehicles, including placement of these devices within the area that is swept by the windshield wipers. Section 5301 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act directed the agency to amend their regulations to allow devices to be mounted on the windshield that utilize "vehicle safety technology," as defined in the Act. Further, the FAST Act states that all windshield mounted devices and technologies with a limited 2-year exemption in effect on the date of enactment

shall be considered to meet the equivalent-or-greater safety standard required for the initial exemption. The rule is effective **October 24, 2016**.

PARTNER NEWS

AAA American Driving Survey 2014-2015

The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety has released a report that outlines responses to a survey in which respondents aged 16 years or older were asked to report all of the driving that they did over a 24-hour period. [Read more here.](#)

Save the Date - Joint NTSB-NSC Vehicle Tech Event Oct 27

The National Transportation Safety Board and the National Safety Council will host an expert panel on [Reaching Zero Crashes](#), a dialogue on the role of advanced driver assistance systems, October 27, 2016 from 8:30AM - 5:00PM in Washington, DC. For more information, contact DriverTechEvent@ntsb.gov or visit ntsb.gov and nsc.org.



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