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**OUR EVENTS**

**AUGUST**

**NEXT WEEK: 2017 AAMVA Annual International Conference**

The [2017 AAMVA Annual International Conference](#) is just around the corner! Join us NEXT WEEK in San Francisco, August 21-23, for AAMVA's premier event for jurisdictions, industry, and federal partners to come together to share experiences and learn. Join Chair of the Board Jean Shiomoto and experience a unique networking and educational event. The AIC showcases the latest trends in the motor vehicle and law enforcement community and provides a forum for chief administrators to learn and grow from fellow colleagues. This year's sessions will cover a wide variety of topics tailored to the AAMVA community. Don't miss this opportunity to see old faces, meet new friends, and learn from our community's most innovative leaders. [Register today](#) for the [2017 AAMVA Annual International Conference](#)!

**Social Security Administration Now Using DLDV in 25 Jurisdictions**

The Social Security Administration (SSA) continues to roll out its online service that allows residents of U.S. jurisdictions to replace Social Security Number (SSN) cards from the comfort of their home or office, without the need to travel to a SSA office. SSA's *internet-based Social Security Number Replacement Card (iSSNRC)* program reduces the number of SSN replacement card requests in SSA field offices and card centers. To increase security of the online application, the iSSNRC application requires verification of driver's license and identification card information through AAMVA's [Driver License Data Verification \(DLDV\)](#) service. The iSSNRC program recently rolled out in Arkansas, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts and Virginia, and is now available in twenty-five jurisdictions: AR, AZ, CA, DC, DE, FL, IA, ID, IL, IN, KY, MA, MD, ME, MI, MS, ND, NE, NM, PA, SD, TX, VA, WA and WI. Five additional jurisdictions are in the process of coming onboard DLDV. The benefit of the iSSNRC application is only available to residents in participating DLDV jurisdictions who have had contact with SSA since 1981. Residents can check eligibility by opening their online [mySSA](#) account. To participate in DLDV, contact Philip Quinlan at AAMVA: 703-908-2894; [pquinlan@aamva.org](mailto:pquinlan@aamva.org).

**AAMVA Visits Iowa Agencies**



Julie Knittle, Paul Steier, and Brian Ursino from AAMVA met with officials from Iowa member agencies last week. On August 10, they met with representatives from the DOT and MVD including DOT Director Mark Lowe and MVD Director Melissa Spiegel. On August 11, they met with Iowa State Patrol Colonel Jeff Ritzman and members of his staff. Both days resulted in

**19-20** | [Board of Director's Meeting](#)

San Francisco, California

**20** | [Industry Advisory Board Meeting](#)

San Francisco, California

**21-23** | [2017 Annual International Conference](#)

San Francisco, California



**SEPTEMBER**

**26-28** | [2017 Region IV Chief Administrators Meeting](#)

Tempe, Arizona

*By invitation only*

**OCTOBER**

**3-4** | [2017 Combined Standing Committees Meeting](#)

Reston, Virginia

*By invitation only*

**24-26** | [2017 Region III Information Exchange](#)

Oak Brook, Illinois



**OUR WEBINARS**

**AUGUST**

**17, 24** | [NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(AMIE Version\) - Part 1](#)

**23** | [NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(AMIE Version\) - Part 2](#)

**15** | [NMVTIS SWI – Understanding the Administrative Features](#)

**22** | [NMVTIS SWI – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site](#)

excellent information sharing and discussion including relevant topics, challenges, and future initiatives.

## Internet Vehicle Sales Working Group Survey

AMMVA's Internet Vehicle Sales Working Group is charged with developing best practices of the regulation of Internet sales and to provide recommendations and educational materials to member jurisdictions to identify, understand and combat fraud and deceptive Internet vehicle sales practices. One of the challenges the working group has faced is identifying the scope of issues surrounding the changing ways in which motor vehicles are sold and offered for sale on the Internet. The working group is conducting the first in a series of surveys to collect information from the jurisdictions. Please respond to this survey:

[Internet Vehicle Sales Working Group Survey](#) (Ends 09/08/2017)

If you have any questions, please contact Cathie Curtis, Director, Vehicle Programs at [ccurtis@aamva.org](mailto:ccurtis@aamva.org).

## This Week's Webinars

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

Tuesday, August 15, 2017 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.

[NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(AMIE Version\) - Part 1](#)

Thursday, August 17, 2017, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)

NMVTIS has two third party transactions that involve updates between the central site and multiple states. Because the transactions involve multiple states and the central site, it is possible for a transaction to break down before it completes. Further activity against this title record is greatly restricted until the problem is resolved. This webinar provides instruction as to how to identify and resume suspended transactions. The intended audience for this webinar are NMVTIS Help Desk Personnel, Business Process Analyst and IT System Integrators.

## JURISDICTION NEWS

### Iowa Gov. Reynolds, Lt. Gov. Gregg Unveil New License Plate Designs for Public Vote

Gov. Kim Reynolds, Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg and Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) Director Mark Lowe unveiled three potential designs for Iowa's new license plate Thursday morning at the Iowa State Fair. The designs were created by Iowa DOT graphic artists with input from the governor's office and several state agencies. The new plate will replace the county standard issue plate which currently carries a blue and white city and country design. Right now, there will be no change to collegiate plates or other specialty plates that do not include this design. The city and country plate design has been in place since 1998 and accounts for about 4.2 million of the 4.4 million plates in circulation. Once a design is chosen, the new plate will be available sometime in 2018. Iowans can cast a vote for their favorite design at the DOT's booth (number 762-764) in the Varied Industries Building on the Iowa State Fairgrounds or online at [iowadot.gov/StateFair/PickAPlate.aspx](http://iowadot.gov/StateFair/PickAPlate.aspx). Voting will be open Aug. 10-20.

[29 | NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature](#)

## SYSTEMS TRAINING

### AUGUST

#### CDLIS and Related Topics

**15 | TUE 2-4 PM ET**

ACD Basic (basic)

**16 | WED 2-4 PM ET**

ACD Advanced (advanced)

**17 | THU 2-4 PM ET**

ACD Using Specific Codes  
(advanced)

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## OUR SURVEYS

Please respond to these surveys from Washington, New Mexico, Ohio, North Carolina, and Washington.

[DWI Court Compliance and Reinstatement](#) (Ends 09/01/2017) Responses received from GA, ID, IL, ME, ND, NE, NH, RI, SD.

[Financial Responsibility requirements](#) (Ends 08/29/2017) Responses received from DC, FL, GA, ID, IL, ME, MS, ND, NE, NM, NY, OR, RI, SC, SD, TX, UT, VA, WA.

[Electronic Crash Reporting Requirements](#) (Ends 08/23/2017) Responses received from ID, IL, MD, ME, MI, MN, NC, NE, NM, OR, PA, RI, SC, VA, WA.

[Medical Review Survey](#) (Ends 08/28/2017) Responses received from AK, AR, CA, FL, GA, ID, IN, ME, MS, ND, NE, NJ, NM, OH, OR, RI, SC, SD, VA, WA, WI.

[Examiner Performance Quota](#) (Ends 09/11/2017) Responses received from MD, SC.

[Electronic Lien Title](#) (Ends 08/28/2017) Responses received from AL, DC, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, KY, MD, ME, MI, MO, ND, NE, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OR, UT, VA, WA, WI.

[Driver Licensing Photo Provided by Customer](#) (Ends 08/31/2017) Responses received from AR, DC, DE, FL, GA, IL, MD, ME, MN, MO, NE, NH, OH, PA, RI, SC, SD, SK, TN, TX, VA, WI.

If you need a Web password or have any questions about using the survey tool, please send an e-mail to

To download images of the new license plate designs, visit [iowadot.gov/mvd/newplates](http://iowadot.gov/mvd/newplates).

## Montana MVD Integrates Technology for Improved Customer Service

The Montana Department of Justice announced that its Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) has launched a new chat-based automated system for its website visitors with the goal of improving and simplifying customer service. Similar to texting on a cell phone, the Bot Enhanced Navigation (BEN) system is completely mobile responsive and does not require users to download an app to use it. BEN is available 24/7 on MVD's website to help customers whenever it's convenient for them. Another system, the Customer Assistance Management Interface, or CAMI, will change the way MVD interacts with its customers. The new customer assistance system filters customer questions, comments, and complaints and will give citizens a chance to rate and give feedback on the Montana Department of Justice's website and on MVD's customer service. To access MVD services on the web, visit: <https://dojmt.gov/driving/>.

## Kansas DOR Secretary Williams Names New Director of Vehicles

Kansas Revenue Secretary Sam Williams on Tuesday announced he has appointed David Harper to replace Director of Vehicles Lisa Kaspar after she retires in September. Director Harper currently serves as director of property valuation in the Department of Revenue, and will retain that job in addition to his new role as director of vehicles. Combining leadership roles will promote cross-team collaboration and reduce duplication of efforts, Secretary Williams said. Before joining the Department in 2007, Harper worked for 25 years in the appraisal and property tax administration field. He has a proven track record with strategic planning that helps ensure both Kansas law and department policy are followed. He also has a long history of developing positive working relationships with staff, taxpayers, stakeholders, and government officials. Director Kaspar has served as Director of Vehicles for four years, culminating a 35-year career at the department that spanned multiple roles and leadership positions. She is known across the state as a leader whose style is friendly and cooperative. When she took over the Division of Vehicles, she implemented twice yearly stakeholder meetings that brought together industry officials who have ties with the division in any way, such as law enforcement, transportation leaders, organ donation representatives, and the banking industry, among many others. The meetings facilitated communication into and out of the Division of Vehicles, making a significant impact on the processes of the division and collaboration with partners. Director Harper plans to continue the bi-annual stakeholder meetings. He will take over as director of vehicles on September 9.

## Tennessee Highway Patrol Promotes Tony Barham to Lieutenant Colonel

Commissioner David W. Purkey of the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security along with Colonel Tracy Trott of the Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP), announced the promotion of Tony Barham to Lieutenant Colonel over THP's Administrative Bureau. This position will be vacated after the retirement of Lieutenant Colonel John Albertson, on July 7, 2017. Lieutenant Colonel Barham began his career with the Tennessee Highway Patrol in 1988, as a road trooper in Giles County. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2003. He received his Bachelor's degree from Freed Hardeman University, and is a 2003 graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command. In 2008, he was promoted to Lieutenant over the Nashville District's Special Programs Unit. In 2009, he was promoted as Captain of THP's Special Programs Unit. The unit consisted of all administrative functions of Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, including Pupil and Daycare Transportation Safety, along with Safety

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Education and Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) programs. While Captain, he was also over the Department's Handgun Permit Unit. Most recently, Lieutenant Colonel Barham was Major and Executive Officer to the Colonel in 2015. In that role, he served as lead officer in charge of special projects as directed by the Colonel. Barham also served as the team leader over THP's recruitment efforts. Lieutenant Colonel Barham is a 28-year veteran of the Tennessee Highway Patrol.

### **NDDOT Launches Online Renewal for Driver's License**

North Dakota residents can now renew their driver's license online. The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) launched this new online tool Monday, August 14 for eligible drivers who meet the following criteria:

- Hold a North Dakota driver's license (Class D and/or Class M)
- Are between the ages of 21 and 65 and have previously renewed in person after turning 21
- No changes in address or name than what appears on your current driver's license or driver record
- *Online renewals are available to citizens every other renewal cycle. Current renewal cycle is six years.*

[Read more here.](#)

## **FEDERAL NEWS**

### **Robert L. Sumwalt III, Becomes 14th NTSB Chairman**

Robert L. Sumwalt III was sworn in as the National Transportation Safety Board's 14th chairman during a brief ceremony Thursday. Sumwalt's nomination for a two-year term by President Donald Trump was confirmed by the Senate Aug. 3. Sumwalt has been serving as the agency's acting chairman since March 31, 2017, and has been a NTSB member since August 2006. Acting Managing Director Dennis Jones presided over the ceremony attended by NTSB staff. Sumwalt's tenure with the NTSB began in August 2006 with his appointment as the 37th member of the NTSB, whereupon President George W. Bush designated him as vice chairman for a two-year term. President Barack Obama reappointed Sumwalt to an additional five-year term as a board member in November 2011. Before joining the NTSB Sumwalt was a pilot for 32 years, including 24 years with Piedmont Airlines and US Airways, accumulating more than 14,000 flight hours. During his tenure at US Airways he worked on special assignment to the flight safety department and also served on the airline's Flight Operational Quality Assurance monitoring team. [Read more here.](#)

### **FHWA Releases Eclipse Safety Information**

The Federal Highway Administration has developed a factsheet to encourage awareness and safe driving during next week's eclipse. The factsheet includes the following safety messaging:

#### **Please follow these tips to drive safely on the day of the solar eclipse:**

- Don't stop along the interstate or park on the shoulder during the event.
- Exit the highway to safe location to view and/or photograph the eclipse.
- Don't take photographs while driving!
- Don't try to wear opaque eclipse glasses while operating a vehicle.
- Turn your headlights on -- do not rely on your automatic headlights when the eclipse blocks out the sun.
- Watch out for pedestrians along smaller roads. People may be randomly parking and walking alongside the roadside in the hours around the eclipse to get the best view.



- Prepare for extra congestion especially on the interstates in the path on the day before, day of and day after the eclipse.
- Avoid travel during the eclipse or in the area of the main path if you can.

For more information, visit <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/trafficinfo/eclipse.htm>

## **FMCSA and FRA Withdraw Evaluation of Safety Sensitive Personnel for Moderate-to-Severe Obstructive Sleep Apnea ANPRM**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) (collectively, the Agencies) [withdraw](#) the March 10, 2016, [advance notice of proposed rulemaking \(ANPRM\)](#) at 81 FR 12642 concerning the prevalence of moderate to-severe obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) among individuals occupying safety sensitive positions in highway and rail transportation, and its potential consequences for the safety of highway and rail transportation. The Agencies have determined not to issue a notice of proposed rulemaking at this time.

## **NHTSA Solicits Public Comment On Psychological Constructs Related to Seat Belt Use ICR**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) [solicits public comment](#) on the information collection request on the "Psychological Constructs Related to Seat Belt Use." NHTSA proposes to conduct a nationally representative web-based survey using the Growth for Knowledge (GfK) KnowledgePanel, a probability-based web panel that has been in existence since 1999, to identify psychological constructs and psychosocial factors associated with the non-use and part-time use of seat belts. The survey would measure self-reported seat belt use, psychosocial factors, and psychological constructs to understand how these factors are related. Comments must be submitted on or before September 11, 2017.

## **NHTSA Solicits Public Comment on Compliance-Based Ignition Interlock Removal ICR**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) [solicits public comment](#) on a proposed collection of information (ICR) on "Compliance-Based Ignition Interlock Removal." The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration proposes to collect information from 31 States that have policies for the compliance-based removal (CBR) of alcohol ignition interlock devices (AIIDs). The study will be conducted in two phases. In phase one, information will be collected on the details of the States' implementation of CBR and information on their CBR-related data to identify States with sufficient data to conduct an evaluation of the effects of CBR on DUI recidivism. It will also identify States' interested in participating in an evaluation of CBR effectiveness. The second phase of the study will be an evaluation of CBR effectiveness using the States' existing data. Comments must be submitted on or before October 10, 2017.

## **NHTSA Solicits Public Comment On Education On Proper Use Of Seat Belts On School Buses ICR**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) [solicits public comment](#) on a proposed collection of information (ICR) on the "Education on Proper Use of Seat Belts on School Buses." NHTSA is undertaking a project to understand the factors considered by state and local agencies when deciding whether to require seat belts on school buses and the funding mechanisms that are used to pay for seat belt installation. To accomplish this, NHTSA proposes to conduct discussions and informal interviews to identify school districts that have seat belts on school buses and to gather information on both implementation and funding mechanisms. NHTSA will also be gathering feedback from school districts that are not considering implementation, or are considering but struggling to

implement, as their perspectives will be helpful in developing model policies. Comments must be submitted on or before September 8, 2017.

## NHTSA Solicits Comment On The Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety—Field Operational Test Program ICR

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration [solicits public comment](#) on a new information collection request (ICR) for the Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety—Field Operational Test program. NHTSA and the Automotive Coalition for Traffic Safety (ACTS) formed a cooperative research partnership, known as the Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety (DADSS) Program, to explore the feasibility, potential benefits of, and public policy challenges associated with a more widespread use of non-invasive, in-vehicle technology to prevent alcohol-impaired driving. As part of the research program, NHTSA and ACTS will build research vehicles that include both a breath- and touch-based sensor in order to evaluate the potential implementation and integration of both breath- and touch-based sensor technologies. This collection, which shall commence on September 1, 2017, pertains to a field operational test (FOT) of both the breath- and touch-based research vehicles developed under this program. This FOT will allow NHTSA and ACTS to evaluate the functionality of these research vehicles under varying operating conditions by having study participants drive DADSS research vehicles through some preset routes. Data collected from the DADSS FOT will be used to further refine the DADSS Performance Specifications and evaluate system performance; specifically cases when the system may detect alcohol when none is present. Written comments should be submitted on or before September 7, 2017.

### PARTNER NEWS

## Human Factors Guidelines to Develop Educational Tip Cards for Aging Road Users

The Florida Department of Transportation has released a report that seeks to provide guidelines for designing tip cards and other transportation materials to educate aging road users on traffic control devices. This report focuses on three age groups and their actions to flashing yellow arrows, rectangular rapid flashing beacons, and right turn on red signs. [Read more here.](#)



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