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New Administrators' Orientation



AAMVA hosted 11 jurisdictional members for the annual New Administrators' Orientation last week. AAMVA President & CEO Anne Ferro and AAMVA staff gave the new administrators a briefing on how the association works and the resources AAMVA provides to help in their home jurisdictions. The new administrators also had a meet-and-greet with

AAMVA employees, and had plenty of opportunities to ask questions about their association. [View photos from the meeting here](#).

AAMVA At U.S. Access Board/International Parking Institute



On Wednesday, December 6, 2017, Brian Ursino, AAMVA Director of Law Enforcement attended a meeting of the U.S. Access Board/International Parking Institute in Washington, DC, and presented an update on the progress being made by the AAMVA [Disability Placard/License Plate Fraud](#)

[Working Group](#). This Working Group is developing a document outlining best practices in disability placard and license plate issuance processes as well as post-issuance fraud and violation enforcement. The Working Group anticipates publishing in August 2018.

AAMVA Awards 2018 - Deadline Approaching

Award submissions are due on December 22



Apply now for AAMVA Awards! Don't miss this opportunity to be recognized for the great work your jurisdiction does every day. 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 committed their time and resources to the following categories: Safety, Service, Security, and Public Affairs & Consumer Education. The submission deadline for all entries, including Martha Irwin Award nominations, is **December 22, 2017**. All entries must

have been implemented between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2017. If an entry won an award in 2017, it cannot be resubmitted in 2018 unless it has had major upgrades or developments. [Download the Submission and Nomination](#)



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OUR EVENTS

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Scottsdale, Arizona

OUR WEBINARS

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Packet for full information on specific awards. For specific questions regarding awards and submissions, please contact Jessica Hill at awards@aamva.org, and visit <https://www.aamva.org/aamva-awards/> for additional information, including past winners.

This Week's Webinars

[Vehicle Importing & Exporting Challenges: Law Enforcement and Motor Vehicle Agency Resources](#)

Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 1:00 - 2:00 pm (ET)

As vehicles move in and out of countries, law enforcement and motor vehicle agencies are tasked with identifying vehicle ownership and status, as well as investigating potential crimes. The importing and exporting of these vehicles can involve a variety of fraud and unscrupulous activities and provide challenges to motor vehicle agencies for vehicle title and registration processing. There are resources for law enforcement officers and DMV investigators to enhance their knowledge in the detection and investigation of these crimes. Also, motor vehicle agencies have opportunities for proactive procedures to assist in enhancing vehicle title and registration programs. This webinar will cover the following areas: examples of procedures for motor vehicle agencies to title and/or register imported vehicles; types of vehicle import and export crimes occurring today; investigative resources and techniques to assist in the investigation of these crimes; and networking contacts to enhance law enforcement and motor vehicle agency efforts. This webinar is for law enforcement officers and DMV investigators who work vehicle title and registration fraud cases or that may encounter vehicles being imported or exported. This webinar is also for motor vehicle agency staff responsible for administering vehicle titling and registration programs and for staff who process applications for such.

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

Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 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 NMVTIS 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

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

Wednesday, December 13, 2017, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)

Prerequisite: NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States (AMIE Version) – Part 1

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.

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

Thursday, December 14, 2017, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)

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14 | [SPEXS Transactions NIEM \(intermediate\)](#)

14 | [CD90.4.1 Out-of-State Transaction as SOR Reports \(advanced\)](#)

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OPEN RFPs

[Indiana RFP: BMV/C STARS System Modernization RFS 18-023](#)

Deadline: Feb. 14, 2018

OUR SURVEYS

Please respond to these surveys from Colorado, District of Columbia, and Quebec.

[Driver License Production Satisfaction](#) (Ends 12/29/2017)
Responses received from

[DMV Returned Mail](#) (Ends 01/03/2018) Responses received from AL, CO, LA, MB, NH, NM, NY, RI, SC, WY

[Electronic Sensors - Motorcycle Testing](#) (Ends 12/22/2017) FL, IL, MD.

[Drive Testing and Intoxication](#) (Ends 12/19/2017) Responses received from AK, AR, CT, DC, FL, HI, ID, IL, LA, MB, MD, ME, MN, MO, MS, NE, NH, OH, SC, SD, TX, VA, WY.

You can view all open surveys and responses to all surveys by visiting the [survey tool](#). Please contact [Janice Dluzynski](#) if you have any questions about using the survey tool.

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JURISDICTION NEWS

New Jersey MVC Implementing New Requirements for Transportation Network Companies

The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) is implementing new requirements for transportation network companies (TNCs), which use a digital network to connect a rider to a driver for a prearranged ride. These new requirements are mandated by the Transportation Network Company Safety and Regulatory Act, which establishes safety and insurance requirements for TNCs while allowing for continued advances in the transportation industry. [Read more here.](#)

California DMV Now Terminals Reach Milestone

Last week, the 100th DMV Now Self-Service Terminal was inaugurated with a ribbon cutting ceremony at the midtown Sacramento Safeway. The self-service kiosk is designed for customers who need their vehicle registration card and license plate tag immediately. The kiosk can also be used by customers who want to file for planned non-operation status. "It's exciting to give our customers more options to complete their DMV business," Director Jean Shiomoto said. "We will be expanding service options on the kiosks in the future." During the past year, the department has expanded the availability of the kiosks from field offices to grocery stores and a college campus. They can be found at 15 Northern California and 24 Southern California supermarkets, including one at the University of California, Irvine.

AAA and Nevada DMV Launch Vehicle Registration in Carson City

On Monday, December 4, the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in partnership with AAA expanded services to include over-the-counter DMV transactions—vehicle registration, license plates and other services—at the Carson City AAA branch office. [Read more here.](#)

KYTC Urges Holiday Travelers to Check Vehicles for Open Recalls

As holiday preparations occupy the thoughts of Kentuckians, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) urges travelers to add an important task to their to-do lists to stay safe on the road: check for unrepaired vehicle recalls. By visiting [www.CheckToProtect.org](#), drivers can conduct a free search for open recalls on their specific car using their Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). A search using the vehicle's year, make and model yields a list of potential open recalls. Authorized dealers will repair recalls for free. Kentucky is the first state to partner with the National Safety Council to bring awareness to motorists about Check To Protect, a national campaign to encourage drivers to search the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) open recall database. More than 105,000 clicks have been made to the website since the June campaign launch. KYTC wants to see those numbers increase in Kentucky, the state with the eighth-highest open recall rate in the nation.

FEDERAL NEWS

Nielsen Confirmed as DHS Secretary

The United States Senate has voted 62 – 37 to confirm Kirstjen Nielsen as Secretary of the Homeland Security Department. Nielsen previously worked for

White House Chief of Staff John Kelly who had run the Department prior to being named Chief of Staff to the President. Nielsen had also previously worked at the Transportation Security Administration shortly after the September 11 attacks. The Department encompasses 22 agencies and employs more than 240,000 individuals including those working in Customs and Border Protection, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Transportation Security Administration, the Secret Service, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

U.S. Congress Clears Stopgap Spending Measure

The United States Congress has passed a short-term continuing resolution ([H.J. Res 123](#)) by a 235-193 vote. The vote came with one day remaining prior to deadline, thereby averting a partial government shutdown. The latest continuing resolution provides funding for federal agencies until its expiration on December 22, indicating that a third continuing resolution will likely be necessary this year. Debate around a comprehensive spending agreement between the majority and minority, a resolution addressing the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, and concerns over the need to address defense spending conclusively and independently prior to the new year all complicate negotiations in the limited time until the newly passed continuing resolution expires on December 22.

FMCSA Renews Medical Review Board Charter

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) [has announced](#) the charter renewal of the Medical Review Board (MRB), a Federal Advisory Committee that provides the agency with medical advice and recommendations on medical standards and guidelines for the physical qualifications of operators of commercial motor vehicles, medical examiner education, and medical research. This charter renewal took effect on November 25, 2017 and will expire after 2 years.

GAO Recommends NHTSA Should Take Steps to Improve Usability of Recall Website

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) has issued [a report](#) entitled, "Auto Recalls: NHTSA Should Take Steps to Further Improve the Usability of Its Website." GAO found that most consumers in GAO's focus group website usability tests found the auto recall areas of NHTSA's website – NHTSA.gov – easy to use; however, some consumers experienced difficulties when asked to complete auto recall related tasks. For example, when consumers attempted to search for recalls affecting their specific vehicles, some found the search results confusing, leading them to question the accuracy of the results. Similarly, some consumers were hampered in searching for recalls by their vehicles' year, make and model because the website did not always display model options using plain language. GAO found that the auto recall areas of NHTSA.gov do not always reflect federal and industry key website usability practices, and that an independent evaluation conducted by website usability professionals at GAO's request identified similar issues. NHTSA is in the process of consolidating its website but has not determined a completion date for the consolidation effort. GAO recommends that NHTSA determine a completion date for its website consolidation effort and take interim steps to improve the usability of NHTSA.gov by addressing the website usability difficulties GAO identified. The Department of Transportation concurred with the recommendations.

National Transportation Atlas Database Fall 2017 Update

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics has released the Fall 2017 update to the [National Transportation Atlas Database](#) (NTAD) with three new datasets and 23 updated datasets. The NTAD is a compilation of geospatial datasets representing the nation's transportation infrastructure, including roadways, railways, and airports. [Read more here.](#)

PARTNER NEWS

TIRF Winter Bulletin

The Traffic Injury Research Foundation (TIRF) has released its Winter Bulletin, which includes information on new distracted driving facts and the Alcohol Interlock Symposium in Texas, August 2018. [Read more here.](#)



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