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AAMVA Mourns the Passing of Neil Schuster



AAMVA is very sad to report the passing of former AAMVA President & CEO Neil Schuster after a six month illness related to a genetic heart condition. Up until very recently, he was active and happy in retirement, travelling extensively with his wife to many places including Alaska, Hawaii, and Norway. He was 65.

Neil served as President & CEO of AAMVA from 2007-2014. He is credited with leading the association through the challenges presented by the recession and minimizing the impact to the association from the state budget crises that swept the country at the time. He was instrumental in elevating AAMVA's standing in the transportation community, chairing a national study on a potential Vehicle Miles Traveled fee system, serving on AASHTO committees related to highway safety, and strengthening partnerships with countless stakeholders. Prior to joining AAMVA, Schuster led two other transportation associations, ITS America and the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association.

Neil spoke often about being a proud registered organ donor and his plans to leave his body to science. Following his wishes, there will be no memorial service nor any requested contributions, however, he did ask everyone to do a random act of kindness to a stranger and continue to pay it forward. He will be missed and remembered fondly.

AAMVA Workshop 2018 - Registration Now Open



Register today for the [2018 AAMVA Workshop and Law Institute!](#) This unique event provides AAMVA members with an intimate and collaborate environment to network and learn from fellow motor vehicle and law enforcement colleagues across North America. Attendees will have the opportunity

to hear from and meet directly with fellow jurisdictions, as well as industry organizations that provide the products and services you need. The two-day schedule is packed with sessions covering hot topics in the motor vehicle and law enforcement community. [Register online today!](#)

AAMVA Presents on Highly Autonomous Vehicles in Ontario

AAMVA Director of Law Enforcement Brian Ursino gave a presentation on Highly Autonomous Vehicles (HAV) to the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)



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OUR EVENTS

JANUARY

10-11 | [2018 January Board of Directors Meeting](#)
Cape Coral, FL

10 | [2018 January Industry Advisory Meeting](#)
Cape Coral, FL

10-11 | [2018 January Ignition Interlock Working Group Meeting](#)
Cape Coral, FL

OUR WEBINARS

DECEMBER

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

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SYSTEMS TRAINING

DECEMBER

20 | [SPEXS State Procedures Manual \(intermediate\)](#)

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OPEN RFPs



Executive Council last Thursday. This was followed by a longer discussion on HAV and Drug Impaired Driving during a "Lunch and Learn" session that was open to all personnel. Brian was also live streamed on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), and conducted a public "Q & eh?"

DEADLINE THIS WEEK - Apply for AAMVA Awards

Award submissions are due on December 22



Apply now for AAMVA Awards! The submission deadline for all entries, including Martha Irwin Award nominations, is **THIS FRIDAY, December 22, 2017**. 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. 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 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.

CDLIS Timeliness and Accuracy- Summary Workbook Reports for Jurisdictions

At the direction and support of FMCSA, AAMVA produces monthly reports on the CDLIS Timeliness, Data Quality, and Capabilities of all jurisdictions. The reports for November are now ready for viewing. To request a copy of these reports, please click on the following link [REQUEST](#)

This Week's Webinars

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

Tuesday, December 19, 2017, 1:00 - 2:00 pm (ET)

Before a jurisdiction issues a title or other ownership document or record, the SWI can provide information to help the jurisdiction determine whether the ownership documentation presented with the application are valid. The information supports jurisdictions' titling processes for both new and used vehicles. The Anti-Car Theft Act requires each jurisdiction to perform an instant title verification check before issuing a title to an applicant claiming to have purchased the vehicle from an individual or entity in another jurisdiction. The SWI VIN search feature can be used to satisfy this legal requirement. In addition, the NMVTIS best practice is that jurisdictions perform an inquiry before issuing a title or other ownership document or record, whether or not the applicant claims to have purchased the vehicle in another jurisdiction.

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

Thursday, December 21, 2017, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)

NMVTIS has two third party transactions that involve updates between the central

[AAMVA RFP FY18-023: 2019 AAMVA Workshop and Law Institute](#)

Deadline: December 22, 2017

[AAMVA RFP FY18-025: 2018 March IDEC TMS Meeting](#)

Deadline: December 22, 2017

[California Department of Motor Vehicles RFP -- Report of Sale and Temporary License Plate System](#)

Deadline: February 5, 2018

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

Deadline: February 14, 2018

[New Jersey RFQ for a Commercial Driver License Testing Pilot Program](#)

New Deadline: February 28, 2018

OUR SURVEYS

Please respond to these surveys from Oregon, Oklahoma, New Hampshire, Quebec, Oklahoma, Colorado, and District of Columbia.

[Practice Drive Test Mobile Application](#) (Ends 01/12/2018)

Responses received from LA, MD, MO, NE, NH, TX, VT, WA.

[Image Sharing](#) (Ends 01/08/2018)

Responses received from AB, FL, GA, IN, MD, MO, NE, NH, OH, SC, TX, WA.

[Manufacturers in Your State](#) (Ends 01/16/2018)

[Electronic Sensors - Motorcycle Testing](#) (Ends 12/29/2017)

Responses received from CA, CO, FL, IL, LA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MS, NE, NH, NY, SC, SK, TN, TX, VA, VT, WA.

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

Responses received from AR, IL, IN, MO, MS, NJ, NY, OH, ON, PA, SC, VA, WA.

[DMV Returned Mail](#) (Ends

01/03/2018) Responses received from AL, CO, FL, GA, IL, LA, MB, MD, MO, NH, NM, NY, RI, SC, TN,

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

Kansas Division of Vehicles Announces New Fraud Investigator

Kansas Division of Vehicles Director David Harper announced the appointment of a new specialist to investigate reports of vehicle title and driver's license fraud. Mark Schemm will serve as Vehicle Fraud and Prevention Specialist in the Division of Vehicles. His responsibilities include investigating internal and external fraudulent activity involving motor vehicle and driver license records and documents, assisting identity theft victims, and training authorized personnel and law enforcement agencies to recognize fake documents.

Illinois Secretary of State Announces Online Services for Disability Placard Holders

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that physicians can now renew their patient's disability placards online via the office's website, making Illinois the second state in the nation to provide this vital service to persons with disabilities. In order to help reduce the fraud and abuse of the Parking Program for Persons with Disabilities, persons with disabilities are required to renew their permanent disability parking placards every four years. Prior to the new online renewal program, the applicants were required to visit their physician to obtain a new permanent disability parking placard. The physician would complete the renewal form after confirming the individual's medical eligibility. Upon completion, the form was mailed to the Secretary of State's office in Springfield to be reviewed before a new placard was issued and mailed to the applicant. With the upgraded renewal system, the Secretary of State's office sends a renewal certification form to the authorized holder of permanent disability placard approximately three months prior to their parking placard's expiration date. The renewal certification form contains the information of the authorized holders including their current parking placard number and authorized pin number. The authorized holders then take the form to their physician, who submits the patient's information online at www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

New Laws for Oregon Drivers Take Effect in 2018

In addition to passing a major transportation funding package, the 2017 Oregon Legislature passed a handful of other laws that will affect drivers and vehicle owners. Most will take effect Jan. 1, 2018. The changes affect crash reporting, registration card privacy, hardship permits, three-wheel vehicle testing, ex-POW registration plates, and Crater Lake plate surcharge. [For full information, visit here.](#)

FEDERAL NEWS

FMCSA Electronic Logging Device Final Rule Implementation Date Arrives

Monday, December 18, 2017 is the implementation date for the Congressionally-mandated Electronic Logging Device (ELD) [final rule](#). After this date, all vehicles and drivers that were previously required to fill out paper log books will be required to have either a grandfathered Automated On-Board Recording Device or an ELD. No hours of service rules were changed because of the ELD rule. The Federal

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[Collecting Race During DL/ID Issuance](#) (Ends 12/29/2017)

Response received by AB, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, IN, LA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, NE, NH, NY, OH, OR, SC, TN, TX, VA, VT, WA, WI.

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.

Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has announced that it has trained its federal staff and state law enforcement partners as well as fully tested the electronic data transfer process in anticipation of the implementation date.

FMCSA has granted several limited exemption/waivers from the ELD requirements and is reviewing others currently under consideration. FMCSA has issued a limited exemption to United Parcel Service for which their portable ELD has an alternate means of compliance, a waiver allowing drivers of rental trucks to operate without an ELD for up to 30 days for the next three months (after that, an exemption has been issued to the driver to operate without an ELD for 8 days or less), and a limited 90 day waiver from the ELD requirement for those transporting agricultural commodities, as defined in regulations, to include livestock. In transitioning to ELDs, FMCSA's partners at the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance have previously announced a delay in placing non-ELD compliant vehicles out-of-service until April 1, 2018. FMCSA has also announced that violations cited between December 18, 2017 through April 1, 2018 will not count against a carrier's Safety Measurement System scores.

NHTSA to Amend Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse Final Rule

The United States Department of Transportation (DOT) has [indicated](#) through its Fall 2017 Regulatory Agenda that it will be amending its Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse Final Rule. According to the listing in the agenda, FMCSA proposes to amend the Clearinghouse final rule to require State Driver's License Agencies (SDLAs) to downgrade the CDL of any driver for whom a verified positive controlled substances (drug) test result, an alcohol confirmation test with a concentration of .04 or higher, a refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol test, or an employer's actual knowledge of prohibited drug or alcohol use is reported to the Clearinghouse. Under the proposal, the CDL downgrade (currently defined as the removal of the CDL privilege from the driver's license) will remain in effect until the driver complies with return to duty requirements. DOT cites that SDLAs will have electronic access to relevant information in the CDL holder's Clearinghouse record through the Commercial Driver's License Information System (CDLIS). The notice for the NPRM does not propose any other changes to the Clearinghouse final rule, nor does it propose any changes to the drug and alcohol testing requirements established in part 382 and part 40.

PARTNER NEWS

GHSA and TRB Partner on Behavioral Traffic Safety Research

The Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) is pleased to announce the launch of a new forum for collaborative research through the Behavioral Traffic Safety Cooperative Research Program (BTSCRCP). Through funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the BTSCRCP will conduct research projects proposed and selected by State Highway Safety Offices to provide actionable solutions that will save lives, prevent injuries, and reduce the costs of traffic crashes associated with unsafe behaviors. BTSCRCP is jointly managed by NHTSA and GHSA and executed by the Transportation Research Board (TRB), which is part of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. [Read more here.](#)

connect:ID 2018 - Registration Now Open

Early-bird conference booking and free online exhibition registration are now live for connect:ID 2018. With an in-depth exploration of all the latest identity solutions and developments in the renowned three-day conference, free entrance to the 100-booth exhibition, and 1,400 identity professionals attending, you can't afford not to join us at the leading event for the identity solutions sector - connect:ID - April 30 to May 2, 2018 in Washington DC. [Read more here.](#)



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