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### NMVTIS Business Rules Working Group Meets



The [NMVTIS Business Rules Working Group](#) met in Kansas City, November 28 - 30, 2017. The working group had a full agenda that included drafting new best practices and clarifying a few of the existing [Best Practices for Title and Registration Program Managers](#). They also worked on the Salvage Brand Best Practice document. The working group spent time discussing the NMVTIS performance management concept, junk and salvage single point for reporting service, and other topics. It was a very productive and successful meeting. The Business Rules Working Group will continue to work via conference calls and their next face-to-face meeting is slated to take place in February 2018.

### AAMVA Visits Texas DPS



On Thursday, November 30, Brian Ursino, AAMVA Director of Law Enforcement, met with Major Chris Nordloh, Texas Highway Patrol; Lieutenant Colonel Skylar Hearn, Texas DPS; and Chief Ron Joy, Texas Highway Patrol. The meeting was focused on sharing best practice ideas and exploring member engagement opportunities. Brian also toured the Texas Emergency Operations Center and their central issuance driver's license operations, all located within DPS headquarters. The meeting and tour was followed by a working lunch that included Whitney Brewster, Administrator of the Texas DMV, and her Deputy Administrator, Shelly Mallott.

### AAMVA Awards 2018 - Call for Entries!

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



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**OUR EVENTS**

**DECEMBER**

**5-6** | [2017 New Administrator Orientation](#)

Arlington, Virginia  
*By invitation only*

**6-7** | [2017 December NDR Working Group Meeting](#)

San Diego, CA  
*By invitation only*

**12-13** | [2018 Region 4 Board Planning Meeting](#)

Scottsdale, Arizona

**OUR WEBINARS**

**DECEMBER**

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

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

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

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

**14, 21** | [NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(AMIE Version\) - Part 1](#)

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

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](mailto:awards@aamva.org), and visit <https://www.aamva.org/aamva-awards/> for additional information, including past winners.

**This Week's Webinars**

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

Tuesday, December 5, 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.

**JURISDICTION NEWS**

**Chief Scott Hernandez Retiring from Colorado State Patrol**



Chief Scott Hernandez of the Colorado State Patrol is retiring after 31 years of service to the State of Colorado. Chief Hernandez has been active in the AAMVA Community as well as in Region 4. He served on the AAMVA International Board of Directors, was Board Advisor to the Law Enforcement Standing Committee, and also served on the Region 4 Board. AAMVA thanks him for his service and wishes him well in his retirement.

**California DMV Launches Awareness Campaign to Combat Unlicensed Vehicle Dismantling**

In an effort to address unlicensed vehicle dismantling, the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is announcing a statewide campaign to inform the public of the health and safety risks posed by this activity. Dismantling a vehicle without a license is against the law and can involve stripping down vehicles, selling used vehicle parts illegally, and dumping hazardous waste into the environment. An estimated 1.2 million vehicles are disposed annually in California – and approximately 360,000 wind up in the hands of unlicensed and unregulated dismantlers. The DMV Vehicle Dismantler Industry Strike Team is collaborating with representatives from the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), California Air Resources Board (CARB), and California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) to investigate the occurrences of unlicensed and unregulated vehicle dismantling. DMV's investigators will continue focusing on problem areas throughout the state by identifying and citing unlicensed vehicle dismantlers, as well as checking for compliance with state law and environmental regulations. The DMV also is

**SYSTEMS TRAINING**

**DECEMBER**

5 | [PDPS State to State and NDR Generated Transactions \(intermediate\)](#)

6 | [PDPS Broken Pointer Management \(intermediate\)](#)

7 | [PDPS Cleanfile Processing \(intermediate\)](#)

[REGISTER ONLINE!](#)

**OPEN RFPs**

[Indiana RFP: BMV/C STARS System Modernization RFS 18-023](#)  
*Deadline: Feb. 14, 2018*

**OUR SURVEYS**

Please respond to these surveys from Idaho, Tennessee, Virginia, District of Columbia, and Colorado.

[DMV Service Providers](#) (Ends 12/08/2017) Responses received from DC, GA, IN, LA, NH, NM, NY, SD, TN, TX, VT.

[Records Retention](#) (Ends 12/07/2017) Responses received from CT, ID, IL, ME, MO, MS, NJ, OH, RI, SC, SD, TX, VT, WI.

[Eye Glasses and DL](#) (Ends 12/29/2017) Responses received from AB, AT, CO, CT, GA, HI, ID, LA, ME, MS, NE, NM, PA, QC, SC, SK, TX, VT WY.

[DMV Returned Mail](#) (Ends 01/03/2018) Response received from LA.

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

You can view all open surveys and responses to all surveys by visiting the [survey tool](#). Please contact

unveiling a [poster](#) and [webpage](#) to educate Californians on the impact of unlicensed vehicle dismantling. [Read more here.](#)

**AAA and Nevada Launch DMV Services in Carson City**

AAA will be partnering with Nevada DMV to provide DMV services to patrons in the Carson City, Nevada area. As part of a pilot program, patrons will be able to complete services that traditionally would need to be taken to a Nevada DMV office location. This service has been 5 years in the making and will be the first of its kind to provide two different states, Nevada and California, DMV services in one location. Most services will be open to Members and non-Members. In 2016, DMV Kiosks processed more than 60,000 transactions in AAA branch locations, proving consumers leverage the service found at their local offices. [Read more here.](#)

**FEDERAL NEWS**

**Government Funding Set to Expire on December 8**

Federal government funding is scheduled to end with the expiration of the current continuing resolution (P.L. 115-56) on December 8th. Federal legislators are evaluating an additional continuing resolution that would extend current spending until December 22nd in order to address a full year-end legislative calendar that includes comprehensive tax reform. The U.S. House of Representatives would have to move their new continuing resolution quickly in order to ensure it has the time to be received and considered in the Senate prior to December 8. Some majority lawmakers have indicated that they would prefer a longer-term continuing resolution so that they can avoid making fiscal decisions ahead of other parallel tax and fiscal legislative considerations. Should the efforts ultimately prove futile, and the federal government heads towards shutdown, each federal agency is responsible for developing a shutdown plan that reports how the lack of funding impacts their non-essential mission obligations. AAMVA will continue to keep its members informed as the deadline approaches.

**GAO Publishes Report Recommending U.S. DOT Comprehensive Plan on Automated Vehicles**

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) has published [a report](#) stating that automated cars and light-duty trucks pose safety and infrastructure challenges for policymakers. For example, policymakers will need to decide if the current approach to vehicle testing and standards is sufficient to ensure adequate vehicle safety. Further, policymakers may want to address how automated vehicles interact with other road users. Likewise, automated vehicles may require infrastructure changes, and policymakers will need to decide what changes to pursue, while also providing for conventional vehicles since many stakeholders expect conventional vehicles to remain on the roads for decades. GAO found that U.S. DOT has made efforts to respond to some of these challenges, including defect investigations and pursuit of recalls of some driver-assistance technologies as well as the issuance of new voluntary guidance that provides technical assistance for states and suggests a framework for industry-led safety testing. The report finds, however, that DOT does not have a comprehensive plan that sets clear goals, that establishes when and how it will act, or that indicates how it will monitor progress. GAO recommends that U.S. DOT develop a comprehensive plan to better manage departmental initiatives related to automated vehicles. DOT concurred with this recommendation. AAMVA and selected AAMVA members were among the stakeholders interviewed in conducting this report.

**NHTSA Announces New ICR on State Highway Safety Grant Programs**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) [announces](#) a new information collection request (ICR) on the State Highway Safety Grant Programs.



[Janice Dluzynski](#) if you have any questions about using the survey tool.

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST) Act, Public Law 114–94, authorizes NHTSA to issue highway safety grants to States. Specifically, these grant programs include the Highway Safety Program grants (23 U.S.C. 402 or Section 402) , the National Priority Safety Program grants (23 U.S.C. 405 or Section 405) and a separate grant on racial profiling data collection (Pub. L. 109–59, Sec. 1906 or Section 1906, as amended by Sec. 4011, Pub. L. 114–94). NHTSA uses a consolidated application process that relies on the Highway Safety Plan (HSP) States submit under the Section 402 program as a single application. The information required to be submitted for these grants includes the HSP and application materials that cover Section 405 grants and the Section 1906 grant. States also must submit an annual report evaluating their progress in achieving performance targets. States may be required to receive assessments of their State programs in order to receive a grant. NHTSA has implemented an interim final rule that creates uniform procedures for States to apply for grant funds (81 FR 32554, May 23, 2016), and will issue a final rule in the near future. These procedures specify the information that is required to be submitted to receive a grant and the type of information required to verify performance under the grants. Under these efforts, NHTSA has taken actions to streamline the required application procedures, including the expanded use of an electronic submission process identified as the Grants Management Solutions Suite (GMSS). This system will replace the current grants management tracking system and allows States to apply for and receive grants electronically. NHTSA plans to introduce an updated version of GMSS for fiscal year 2019. Respondents to this ICR include the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the 5 territories. Comments should be submitted by January 26, 2018.

### **FMCSA Announces New ICR on Proposed Driver Commuting Practices Survey**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration [announces](#) a new information collection request on the proposed Driver Commuting Practices Survey. FMCSA proposes a survey to inquire about driver commuting practices to fulfill Section 5515 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, 2015 (FAST Act). Section 5515 of the FAST Act requires FMCSA to conduct a study on the safety effects of motor carrier operator commutes exceeding 150 minutes. The administrator is then required to submit a report to Congress containing the findings of the study. The survey proposed within this information collection request is seeking to gather information on the prevalence of excessive (greater than 150 minutes) driver commuting in the commercial motor vehicle (CMV) industry, including the number and percentage of drivers who commute; the distances traveled, time zones crossed, time spent commuting, and methods of transportation used; research on the impact of excessive commuting on safety and CMV driver fatigue; and the commuting practices of CMV drivers and policies of motor carriers. Comments must be received on or before January 26, 2018.

### **NHTSA Extends Comment Period to Evaluate Effectiveness of Visual Scanning Training for Older Drivers**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) [announces](#) a new comment deadline for the information collection request entitled, "Visual Scanning Training for Older Drivers." According to the notice, studies have identified particular situations where older drivers are most at risk, including navigating intersections and merging. These tasks share attributes of elevated demand on visual search and visual attention skills. The visual scanning training protocol that is the focus of this study was designed to be delivered in one-on-one sessions by a generalist occupational therapist in a clinical setting, targeting visual field expansion, simultaneous process of multiple visual stimuli, and ocular skill exercises. In order to gain data on this training, NHTSA study staff will invite 90 drivers 70 and older to either participate in a visual scanning training program or be placed in a control activity for the same number of hours. All participants will

then be evaluated on the road by a Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist, to determine the effectiveness of the training protocol. Comments must be received by December 26, 2017.

## PARTNER NEWS

### AAMVA Mourns Nina Walker, MADD National President-Elect



AAMVA mourns the passing of Nina Walker, MADD National President-Elect for the 2018-2020 term. Walker passed away on Sunday, December 3, 2017. Nina joined MADD as a volunteer in October 2002 after her 22-year old daughter, Ginger, was killed in a drunk driving crash February 11, 2001. Ginger left behind a 3-year old son, Shaye, whom Nina and her husband Gary raised. Excited to share Ginger's story on a national stage, Nina was set to start her presidency January 1st. She was excited to take her role. As a member of MADD's National Board of Directors from 2007 to 2015, Nina passionately raised awareness about MADD's victim services, especially MADD's 24/7 national Victim Help Line. As Chairperson of the Victim Services Committee, the Field Relations Committee and a contributor to other board committees, she was committed to serving as a voice for victims and survivors of the violent and completely preventable crime of drunk or drugged driving and an advocate for the loved ones left behind. She will be greatly missed.



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