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## OUR EVENTS

## MARCH

15-16 | [2017 Workshop and Law Institute](#)  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

## AAMVA Board Meets

The [AAMVA International Board of Directors](#) held their winter meeting January 11-12 in Orlando, FL, providing direction on strategic AAMVA initiatives such as NMVTIS, S2S, and CSTIMS, and thanking the Financial Sustainability Steering Committee for wrapping up their work that resulted in reduced fees for members. The Board also received briefings from CCMTA, IRP, the Industry Advisory Board and three US government agencies. Embedded in the Board's work last week were discussions about the future, underscored by AAMVA's extensive work on [Automated Vehicle](#) model state guidelines and the proof of concept underway using AAMVA's [Mobile Driver's License](#) functional needs whitepaper. Members interested in finding out more about these initiatives can click on AAMVA's website [here](#).

## Non-Commercial Model Driver Testing System (NMDTS) Now Available

AAMVA's Non-Commercial Model Driver Testing System (NMDTS) is now available! This new resource contains two components: the [AAMVA Model Driver's License Manual](#) and the [AAMVA Model Mentor Guide](#). AAMVA's Model Driver's License Manual is a template to assist jurisdictions as they prepare and publish their own manuals. The information is updated to reflect current laws and necessary information drivers need to understand driving rules and pass their licensing test. AAMVA's Model Mentor Guide offers tips and support to parents and other individuals assisting new drivers in learning and practicing their skills. It offers general guidelines on planning and conducting behind-the-wheel driving experiences with new drivers, as well as the basics of using and driving a vehicle. For more information and to download NMDTS, [visit here](#).

## Alaska to Join State-to-State Verification Service (S2S)

Alaska will begin using the State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Tasks related to on-boarding Alaska will be conducted during the weekend of January 28-29. During this process (Saturday evening to Monday morning), there may be periods during which the CDLIS/S2S Central Site is in inquiry-only mode or is unavailable (over and above the regularly scheduled maintenance window of 2:00 AM to 5:00 AM on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>). Following Alaska, several states will be joining the S2S program throughout 2017. Please visit <http://www.aamva.org/State-to-State/> for a full timeline and more information.

## New Card Design Standards Committee Chair

AAMVA is pleased to announce that Kami Beers, Chief of Driver Services for the Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), has been selected as the new Chair of the [Card Design Standards Committee](#). At the Delaware DMV, she is



## OUR WEBINARS

### JANUARY

- 18 | [Understanding and Using: New CD90.7.7 Selective DHR Validation Report](#)
- 24 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site](#)
- 31 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature](#)

## SYSTEMS TRAINING

### JANUARY

- 18 | CD04 State-to-State History Request (intermediate) [Register Here](#)
- 18 | SPEXS Overview (basic) [Register Here](#)
- 19 | SPEXS Transactions AMIE (intermediate) [Register Here](#)
- 19 | CDLIS 10 Year History (intermediate) [Register Here](#)
- 20 | SPEXS Transactions NIEM (intermediate) [Register Here](#)
- 23 | SPEXS Batch Transactions (intermediate) [Register Here](#)
- 25 | SPEXS Bulk Load (intermediate) [Register Here](#)
- 26 | SPEXS Web UI and Reports (intermediate) [Register Here](#)
- 27 | SPEXS State Procedures Manual (intermediate) [Register Here](#)
- 30 | CDLIS Reports Part A (intermediate) [Register Here](#)
- 31 | CDLIS Reports Part B (intermediate) [Register Here](#)

## OPEN RFPs

Check out [AAMVA's Open RFPs here](#) for potential opportunities.

accountable for evaluating, planning, coordinating and implementing initiatives to ensure that Delaware remains in compliance with federal and state laws, rules, regulations, and policies regarding driver licenses, commercial driver licenses, and driver improvement programs. Her position requires interaction with legislators, attorneys, law enforcement, and state and federal agencies regarding Delaware's motor vehicle laws. She has been a part of the AAMVA community since 2009 and has served on several AAMVA working groups including AAMVA Code Dictionary, CDL Audit, Map-21, CDLIS Change Proposal Review Committee, CDLIS Working Group, Card Design Standards Committee, State-to-State (S2S) Pilot, and S2S Compliance Committee. Kami also attended and graduated from the inaugural 2014 AAMVA Leadership Academy class.

## New Hampshire Becomes 12th Jurisdiction to Use ROOSTR



AAMVA congratulates New Hampshire on becoming the twelfth jurisdiction using the Report Out-of-State Test Results (ROOSTR). New Hampshire will now be able to use ROOSTR to enter test results for commercial skills tests by jurisdiction examiners and to look-up Out-of-State test results. For more information on ROOSTR, please refer to AAMVA's

website <http://www.aamva.org/ROOSTR-Lite/>

## 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 December are now ready for viewing. To request a copy of these reports, please click on the following link [REQUEST](#)

## Members Needed for NMVTIS Business Rules Working Group

The [NMVTIS Business Rules Working Group](#) is seeking applications for one applicant with experience of the NMVTIS business process and two applicants with NMVTIS information technology experience. Working group members are expected to attend in-person and virtual meetings. Please complete the application and submit to [committees@aamva.org](mailto:committees@aamva.org) no later than close of business on **February 1, 2017**. Learn more about the Working Group on [AAMVA's Web site](#). If you have any questions regarding the working group vacancies, please refer to the Working Group Opportunities tab on the [Committees and Working Groups page](#) of AAMVA's Web site, or contact Casey Garber at [CGarber@aamva.org](mailto:CGarber@aamva.org).

## Deadline Approaching! Apply for AAMVA Awards



Don't miss this opportunity to be recognized for the great work your jurisdiction does every day by 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 safety, service, security, and public affairs & consumer education. Learn more about specific award categories by visiting the [AAMVA Awards website](#).

Don't forget: the deadline for submissions is **February 1st** (nominations for the Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety are due on **April 15th**)! Download the [2017 Awards Submission and Nomination Packet](#) today!

## OUR SURVEYS

Please respond to these surveys from AAMVA, Quebec, Connecticut, Ontario, Kansas, Ohio, South Dakota, and Massachusetts.

[State NMVTIS Junk Salvage Reporting Practices](#) (Ends 01/24/2017) Responses received from AL, DE, ID, IL, NH, NV, NY, OR, RI, SD, VT.

[Facial Recognition Practices and Business Models](#) (Ends 01/19/2017) Responses received from BC, FL, IN, LA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, NC, NH, NJ, NY, OR, VA, VT, WA, WI.

[Wait times for Driver & Vehicle Transactions](#) (Ends 01/23/2017) Responses received from AB, AK, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, KY, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, NY, RI, SC, TX, VA, VT, WA, WI.

[Classification for Expedition or Adventure Vehicle](#) (Ends 01/30/2017) Responses received from AL, CA, ID, KS, KY, ME, MI, MN, NC, NH, NY, OK, OR, SD, UT, VT, WY.

[Vision Standards](#) (Ends 01/23/2017) Responses received from AB, AK, AR, FL, IA, IL, KY, LA, ME, MI, MO, MS, ND, NH, NM, SC, SD, TX, VA, WA, WI.

[Information on Vehicle Owner's Registration](#) (Ends 02/06/2017) Responses received from AL, CA, GA, ID, IN, LA, ME, MN, NC, NH, NM, NY, OK, OR, RI, SD, UT, VA, VT, WA.

[Non-Domiciled License](#) (Ends 02/03/2017) Responses received from IL, KY, LA, MD, NE, NH, NY, OH, RI, SC, SD, SK, TX, VA, VT, WA.

[Voter Registration](#) (Ends 02/07/2017) Responses received from FL, IL, KY, LA, MD, NE, NH, RI, SD, VT.

[Junked/Crushed Titles](#) (Ends 02/07/2017) Responses received from AL, ID, IL, NC, ND, NH, UT, VT.

[Surrendered Out of State Titles](#) (Ends 02/07/2017) Responses received from AL, ID, IL, NC, NH, RI, UT, VT.

[Regulation of Amphibious Sight-Seeing Vehicles](#) (Ends 02/09/2017) Responses received from ID, LA, NC, OH, VA, VT.

If you need a Web password or have any questions about using the survey tool, please send an e-mail to [webportalsupport@aamva.org](mailto:webportalsupport@aamva.org) or call Janice Dluzynski at 703-908-5842. All online surveys can be found on the AAMVA Web site [here](#).

## JURISDICTION NEWS

### Robert Ide Reappointed Commissioner of Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles

Governor-elect Scott has reappointed Robert Ide as the Vermont Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. Ide was first appointed to this post in August of 2009. Ide is a seventh-generation Vermonter and graduated from the University of Vermont and Vermont Technical College. Prior to this appointment, Ide served as Rail Program Manager at the Agency of Transportation, and Director of Energy Efficiency at the Department of Public Service. Ide served as a member of the Vermont State Senate from 1993 to 2004. He is a member of the AAMVA International Board of Directors, past President of Region I, and has served as a board advisor for multiple committees and working groups.

### Georgia Governor Nathan Deal Announces Senior Leadership Changes

Gov. Nathan Deal today nominated Georgia Department of Driver Services Deputy Commissioner Spencer R. Moore to replace current Commissioner Bert Brantley. This nomination will take effect pending approval from the Board of Driver Services. Brantley is being tapped as Chief Operating Officer of the Georgia Department of Economic Development and the executive director of Georgia Allies. This appointment takes effect January 18. Moore is a graduate of the AAMVA Leadership Academy. [Read more here](#).

### Wisconsin DOT Joins Waze Connected Citizens Program

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) announced a data-sharing partnership with Waze (<http://www.waze.com>), the free, real-time crowdsourced traffic and navigation app powered by the world's largest community of drivers. This is part of a next generation traveler information system that the department is launching in 2017. Designed as a free, two-way data share of publicly available traffic information, the Connected Citizens Program promotes greater efficiency, deeper insights and safer roads for citizens of Wisconsin. The program helps WisDOT get more information on real-time road activity, empowering partners to harness real-time driver insights to improve congestion and make better informed planning decisions. [Read more here](#).

### National Transportation Group Selects ITD Innovation Program as Prototype for Other States

A national transportation group recently selected the Idaho Transportation Department's employee-driven innovation program for its potential use by other states wanting to duplicate Idaho's success. The Innovation Initiative committee of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) will work with ITD to showcase the innovation to other state departments of transportation. AASHTO called [Innovate ITD!](#) a "best-in-class process" in a letter just before Christmas announcing their interest in the program. Rather than rely on the brainpower of a select group of leadership-level people, ITD harnesses the creativity of all 1,600 employees statewide. These innovations create a more efficient department and save significant money for taxpayers. [Read more here](#).

## FEDERAL NEWS

### DOJ Announces Volkswagen Criminal and Civil Emissions Cheating Settlement

The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) has announced its plea agreement with Volkswagen (VW) over emissions cheating vehicles. In a [press release](#) and



briefing, DOJ outlined the terms of that agreement. Volkswagen has agreed to plead guilty to three criminal felony counts and pay a \$2.8 billion criminal penalty as the result of the company's long-running scheme to sell approximately 590,000 diesel vehicles in the U.S. by using a defeat device to cheat on emissions tests mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Air Resources Board, and lying and obstructing justice to further the scheme. In separate civil resolutions of environmental, customs and financial claims, Volkswagen has agreed to pay \$1.5 billion. This includes EPA's claim for civil penalties against VW in connection with VW's importation and sale of these cars, as well as U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) claims for customs fraud. In addition, the EPA agreement requires injunctive relief to prevent future violations. In addition, a federal grand jury in the Eastern District of Michigan returned an indictment charging six VW executives and employees for their roles in the nearly 10-year conspiracy.

## **USDOT Announces New Federal Committee on Automation**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) announced that it is establishing a new advisory committee focused on automation across a number of modes. The committee, which includes leading professionals and experts in their field, held its first meeting on January 16th, 2017 to immediately begin work on some of the most pressing and relevant matters facing transportation today, including the development and deployment of automated vehicles, and determining the needs of the Department as it continues with its relevant research, policy, and regulations. [Read more here.](#)

## **Beyond Traffic: DOT's 30 Year Framework**

When the United States Department of Transportation was created, the Secretary of Transportation was charged by law to report on both the current and the anticipated future conditions of our nation's transportation system. [Beyond Traffic 2045](#) is U.S. DOT's most comprehensive assessment of current and future conditions in decades. After years of chronic underinvestment and policy choices that, in some cases, have actually worked at cross purposes with the broader economic and social goals held by most Americans, now is the time for a report like this one to be read, understood, considered—and used. We encourage you to read—and share—[Beyond Traffic: 2045](#).

## **EPA to Retain Carbon Pollution Standards for Cars and Light Trucks Through 2025**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has [announced](#) that they will maintain the current greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions standards for model years 2022-2025 cars and light trucks. The final determination cites that a wide variety of effective technologies are available to reduce GHG emissions from cars and light trucks, and that automakers are well positioned to meet the standards through model year 2025 at lower costs than predicted.

## **FHWA Requests Nominations for Motorcyclist Advisory Council**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has [requested](#) nominations for the establishment of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) for a 2-year period. The MAC will coordinate with and advise FHWA on infrastructure issues of concern to motorcyclists, including: barrier design; road design, construction and maintenance practices; and the architecture and implementation of intelligent transportation system technologies. Nominations for MAC membership are due by February 23, 2017.

## **FMCSA Suspends Unified Registration System Requirements**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has [suspended](#) its regulations requiring existing interstate motor carriers, freight forwarders, brokers, intermodal equipment providers (IEPs), hazardous materials safety permit applicants, and cargo tank facilities under FMCSA jurisdiction to submit required registration and biennial update information to the Agency via a new electronic online Unified Registration System (URS). During this suspension entities needing to file will follow the same procedures and forms used to submit information to FMCSA as they do today.

### **FMCSA Issues Guidance to Organizations and Businesses Transporting Passengers to Clarify Existing Federal Regulations**

The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) today issued guidance to organizations and businesses that transport passengers in interstate commerce, clarifying existing FMCSA regulations and requirements that have been changed over the years through legislation, rulemaking, and litigation. In providing this guidance, FMCSA has also constructed an online resource page ([www.fmcsa.dot.gov/upcr](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/upcr)) to help advise businesses and organizations that provide interstate passenger transportation services, including: hotel-related shuttle bus or van operations; employer-related services; education-related institutions; faith-based organizations; and passengers using multiple transportation modes (e.g., arriving by plane or train, then taking a shuttle van to an interstate bus or motorcoach). [Read more here.](#)

### **GAO Issues Report on Nation's Fiscal Health**

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) has issued a report to Congress on the [Nation's Fiscal Health](#). The finding of the report is that "The federal government is on an unsustainable fiscal path. Federal spending continues to outpace revenue – by \$587 billion in 2016 – and, absent policy changes, the structural gap between revenues and spending puts the federal government on an unsustainable long-term fiscal path. Federal policymakers face economic, security, and social challenges requiring difficult policy choices, but a long-term fiscal plan is also needed to preserve flexibility to address unforeseen events." The report cites that increases in spending are driven by Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, and interest on debt held by the public. Debt held by the public rose as a share of gross domestic product (GDP), from 74 percent at the end of fiscal year 2015 to 77 percent at the end of fiscal year 2016. This compares to an average of 44 percent of GDP since 1946.

### **GAO Issues School Bus Safety Report**

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) has issued [a report](#) on School Bus Safety analyzing crash data trends and federal and state requirements. Based on GAO's analysis of data for 2000 to 2014, 115 fatal crashes involved a school bus on average each year - which is 0.3 percent of the total fatal motor vehicle crashes averaged each year. The school bus driver and school bus vehicle were cited as contributing factors in 27 percent and less than 1 percent of fatal school bus crashes, respectively. The report also details the intersection of federal laws and regulations that set requirements for certain aspects of school bus safety and those of state laws and regulations that in many cases go beyond the federal requirements.

### **NHTSA Extends Request for Application Deadline for Older Driver Safety Program Assistance**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Association (NHTSA) [announces a deadline extension](#) for a Request for Application (RFA) to provide grant assistance to State Highway Safety Offices with older driver populations to incorporate the Highway Safety Guidelines No. 13 with a comprehensive older driver safety program. This RFA broadens the scope to include older driver safety as well as aging pedestrian safety and will support the implementation of the education and enforcement

elements of the localities' older driver safety plans. This funding supplements active infrastructure improvement projects already proposed or in progress as outlined in their existing State action plan. Applications are now due on or before February 1, 2017 by 3:30 P.M.

## **NHTSA Officially Publishes NPRM Mandating V2V Technologies and Standardizing Message Format**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has officially [published](#) their Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) regarding Vehicle-to-Vehicle (V2V) communications. The NPRM establishes a new Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS), No. 150, to mandate V2V communications for new light vehicles and to standardize the message and format of V2V transmissions. This will create an information environment in which vehicle and device manufacturers can create and implement applications to improve safety, mobility, and the environment. Without a mandate to require and standardize V2V communications, the agency believes that manufacturers will not be able to move forward in an efficient way and that a critical mass of equipped vehicles would take many years to develop. Comments on the NPRM are due by April 12, 2017.

### **PARTNER NEWS**

## **White Paper: Safety Performance of TeenSMART**

The Traffic Injury Research Foundation in Canada has released a report that assesses the veracity and strength of the available evidence that the TeenSMART training program reduced teen driver crashes. [Read more here.](#)



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