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OUR EVENTS

JULY

26-27 | [2017 July Autonomous Vehicles Working Group Meeting Ann Arbor, Michigan](#)

2017 Region I Conference Wraps Up



The [2017 Annual Region I Conference](#) wrapped up last week in Portland, Maine. All 321 attendees had several days of great networking opportunities and informative sessions.

The "Put a Lid on Cancer" charity event raised money for the Maine Medical Center Cancer Institute (MMCCI), Maine's leading provider of oncology services for adults and children. Before we add the fundraising event to our Region I history books, we have one last request of attendees. For those that donated and gave so generously online, we do not have our own record of your contribution. If you are comfortable doing so, and have not already done so, please forward a copy of your receipt to [Leslie Soares](#). We look forward to reporting the charity event totals to you!

You can download presentations from the 2017 Region I Conference at the [2017 Region I Conference Downloads Center](#). Photos from the conference are available on [AAMVA's Flickr Page](#).

Awards Presented at 2017 Region I Conference

Congratulations to all the winners of [AAMVA Awards](#) who were recognized at the 2017 Region I Conference in Portland, Maine:

PACE Awards

Category 1C: Other Print and Electronic Publications

- **New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, Top 5 DMV Mistakes and How to Avoid Them**
- **Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Driver & Vehicle Services, Seniors Driving Safely - Mature Driver Publication Series**

Category 3D: Indoor or Outdoor Print or Digital Advertising

- **Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, Noah's Law Gas Pump Top Advertising**

Category 4A: Media Events/Press Day

- **New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, Protect Your Melon Press Conference**

Category 5A: Video Production, Internally-Produced

- **Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Driver & Vehicle Services, Your Safety, Your Responsibility**

By invitation only.

AUGUST

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

JULY

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

20 | [For DMV Investigations. Part 2: Verification Systems, NMVTIS Law Enforcement Access Tool \(LEAT\), Fraud Alerts, Awards, and AAMVA.org Services](#)

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

27 | [NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States](#)

Category 5B: Video Production, Externally-Produced

- **Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, Noah's Law Training Video**

Category 6A: News Release

- **New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, New York State to Pokemon Hunters: Popular New App is Not Meant to be Used While Driving**

Service and Security Awards

Community Service

- **Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, Adopt-a-Senior**
- **Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, New Bedford Connect**
- **New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, MLK Food Drive Campaign**
- **Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles, Dress Down for Charity**
- **Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles, 2016 Region I Conference Charity Event**

Customer Convenience

- **Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Driver & Vehicle Services, Third Party Non-Commercial Skills Test Program**

Excellence in Government Partnership

- **Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles, Driving Privilege Card**

Fraud Prevention and Detection - Law Enforcement Individual

- **Maryland State Police, Jason Whetstone, Trooper First Class**

Fraud Prevention and Detection - Motor Vehicle Individual

- **New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, Stacie Iovinelli, Investigator**

Fraud Prevention and Detection - Motor Vehicle Agency

- **New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, Division of Field Investigation, Operation Prevent**

Improvement through Efficiencies

- **New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, Electronic Salvage Certification Project**

Innovative Use of Technology

- **Ontario Provincial Police, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Collision Scene Mapping**

International Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC)

- Daniel Young, Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles
- Debra Leonard, New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles
- Glenn Baran, New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission
- Eric Stirtzinger, Ontario Ministry of Transportation
- Hannah Whittemore, Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles

CDL Examiner Update Class

(AMIE Version) - Part 1

SYSTEMS TRAINING

JULY

- 18** | CD03 State-to-State Status Request (intermediate)
- 19** | CD04 State-to-State History Request (intermediate)
- 20** | CDLIS Error Detection and Resolution (intermediate)
- 25** | CD07 Add New Driver (intermediate)
- 26** | CD09 Change Data (intermediate)
- 27** | CD15 Update AKA Data (intermediate)

[REGISTER ONLINE!](#)

OPEN RFPs

[Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles Third Party Title and Registration](#)

Proposals Due: July 28, 2017 @ 3:00 PM EST

Open RFP's will be included in AAMVA's *Regional News* and *The Week In Review* newsletters to provide maximum exposure for jurisdictional procurements.

OUR SURVEYS

Please respond to these surveys from British Columbia, District of Columbia, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Ontario, Colorado, Ohio, New York, and Massachusetts.

[Cell Phone Blockers & In-Vehicle Telematics](#) (Ends 08/14/2017) Responses received from BC, FL, IL, NH, SC.

[Title Brand/Damage Disclosure Forms](#) (Ends 08/11/2017) Responses received from AL, FL, ID, NE, TX, UT.

[IRP: Online Registrations & Business Processes](#) (Ends 07/19/2017) Responses received from AL, FL, ID, IN, KS, MD, ME, ND, NH, NJ, NY, OH, UT, VA, VT WA.

[Supplying Vehicle Records to Research Entities](#) (Ends 08/14/2017) Response received from IL.

[Document Management](#) (Ends 08/10/2017) Responses received from ID, ND, NH.

[DMV's Providing Photos to Government Agencies](#) (Ends 08/05/2017) Responses received from CA, CO, ID, MO, ND, NE, NH, NM, OR, TX.

[Queue Management - use of advisors](#) (Ends 07/28/2017) Responses received from AR, CA, FL, GA, ID, IL, MI, MO, MS, ND, NE, NH, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT,

AAMVA will be conducting two Commercial Driver License (CDL) Examiner Update Classes the week of September 11th at Pinellas Technical College (PTC) in St. Petersburg, Florida. The class size is limited to 12 persons; and will be held as follows:

- Class 1: Monday, September 11th thru Wednesday, September 13th
- Class 2: Thursday, September 14th thru Saturday, September 16th

The class is designed to be a hands-on training class for experienced CDL Examiners or trainers. The class will focus on recent guidance provided by FMCSA related to CDL Classification/Endorsements & Restrictions, CDL Skills Test administration and scoring; and revisions to the CDL Test System. There is no tuition or registration fee for this training. All travel, room and board expenses will be paid by AAMVA. Nominees must have a thorough knowledge of the CDL program and current experience conducting CDL Skill Tests. Please submit completed [Nomination Forms](#) to Karen Morton via email at kmorton@aamva.org no later than **Friday, July 21, 2017**, as class sizes are limited. After the nominations are reviewed, detailed class and travel information will be sent to those persons selected to attend. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Karen Morton at kmorton@aamva.org.

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 June 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 \(SWI\) – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site](#)

Tuesday, July 18, 2017, 2:00-3:00PM

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

[Resources For DMV Investigations, Part 2: Verification Systems, NMVTIS Law Enforcement Access Tool \(LEAT\), Fraud Alerts, Awards, and AAMVA.org Services](#)

Thursday, July 20, 2017, 2:00-3:00PM

This two part webinar series will provide a look into services and products offered by AAMVA for those working in all areas of DMV investigations. Attendees will hear from experts in a variety of fields to learn how AAMVA investigative related resources can be utilized and learn how to maximize their potential to enhance investigative success. This second session will provide an in-depth discussion into personal and vehicle identity verification and identity document verification and authentication provided by AAMVA.

JURISDICTION NEWS

Melissa Spiegel Appointed Director, Iowa Motor Vehicle Division

Melissa Spiegel has been appointed Director of the Iowa Motor Vehicle Division. Spiegel has been serving as the interim Motor Vehicle Division director for the past

WA.

[Permanent Commercial Trailer Plate Registration](#)

(Ends 07/28/2017) Responses received from AL, CA, FL, GA, ID, IN, MD, ME, MI, MO, NC, ND, NH, OR, QC, UT, VA, VT.

[Outsourcing of Crash Reporting](#) (Ends 07/26/2017)

Responses received from AR, FL, ID, IL, MD, ME, MI, MS, ND, NE, NH, NM, OH, ON, OR, SC, UT, VA, VT, WA.

[Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Customers](#)

(Ends 07/21/2017) Responses received from FL, ID, LA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MS, NE, NH, NM, NY, SC, SK, TX, VA, WA.

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

six months, while also serving as director of Driver & Identification Services. She has been a member of the leadership teams for the Iowa DOT and the Motor Vehicle Division for the last three years, and has been with the Iowa DOT for seven years, starting as an administrative assistant 2 for records management in Driver & Identifications Services and progressing to the Policy & Communications Officer for the Motor Vehicle Division and then director of Driver & Identification Services. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Communication from the University of Northern Iowa and a Master of Public Administration from Drake University. Before joining the Iowa DOT she was an appeals specialist for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Melissa Spiegel graduated from the May 2015 Class of the [AAMVA Leadership Academy](#).

Nevada DMV Investigators Catch Federal Fugitive on the Run for 25 Years

A career criminal who turned violent after escaping federal custody and fleeing to Nevada has been brought back to justice. Robert Frederick Nelson, 64, of North Las Vegas, committed a string of violent felonies in Nevada after he escaped from a Minnesota federal prison in 1992. He is now back in federal custody following his arrest by investigators from the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles' Compliance Enforcement Division. Nelson applied for a renewal of his Nevada identification card on June 5, 2017. Investigators withheld the card after the DMV's facial recognition system showed the same person had previously held a Nevada driver's license in the name of Craig James Pautler. Investigators found Nelson had a string of felony convictions under both names. He was arrested June 20 at the Decatur DMV office in Las Vegas on charges of failing to register as a felon and an outstanding traffic warrant. Fraud charges relating to the false identity of Craig Pautler were added later. [Read more here](#).

Northeast States Receive Top Honors in National Competition

State department of transportation projects that greatly improved safety for transit commuters and revolutionized the way it collected tolls across an entire state are among the winners in the northeast regional [America's Transportation Awards](#) competition. Celebrating its 10th year, the competition attracted 19 project nominations from nine Northeast states. Eight projects from six of those states received top awards. Sponsored by AASHTO, AAA, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce the competition recognizes transportation projects in three categories: Quality of Life/Community Development, Best Use of Technology and Innovation and new this year, Operations Excellence. [Read more here](#).

FEDERAL NEWS

NHTSA Requests Comment On Crash Risk Associated With Drug And Alcohol Use By Drivers In Injury Crashes ICR

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) [requests public comment](#) on a proposed collection of information (ICR) on "Crash Risk Associated With Drug And Alcohol Use By Drivers In Fatal And Serious Injury Crashes." NHTSA seeks to examine the risk of being severely injured in a motor vehicle crash when drivers use licit and illicit drugs. This effort will involve studying seriously or fatally injured drivers in crashes and matched non-crash-involved drivers. Participants will include seriously injured drivers who are transported to a trauma center by emergency medical services and fatally injured drivers transported directly to the medical examiner's office. Comments must be received on or before September 15, 2017.

NHTSA Requests Comment On Visual Scanning Training

for Older Drivers ICR

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) [requests public comment](#) on a proposed collection of information (ICR) on "Visual Scanning Training for Older Drivers." The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) proposes to collect information from licensed older drivers to determine (1) their eligibility to participate in a study of the effectiveness of a visual scanning training protocol to improve driving safety, (2) their attitudes about the training procedures and their perceptions of its benefits, and (3) the driving performance during on-road evaluations to measure training effectiveness. Comments must be received on or before September 15, 2017.

GAO Issues Report On FMCSA's IT Strategic Planning and Oversight To Modernize Legacy Systems

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) [has issued](#) a report making five recommendations to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) to improve its IT strategic planning, oversight, and operational analyses. The FMCSA initiated a modernization effort in 2011 and developed an IT strategic plan to support the agency's mission. In December 2015, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act was enacted and required GAO to review the agency's IT, data collection, and management systems. GAO's objectives were to assess the extent to which the agency has plans to modernize its existing systems, has implemented an IT governance structure, and has ensured selected IT systems are effective. The GAO recommended that the Secretary of Transportation should direct the FMCSA Administrator to 1) update FMCSA's IT strategic plan, 2) ensure that the IT investment process guidance lays out the roles and responsibilities of all working groups and individuals involved in the agency's governance process, 3) finalize the restructure of the Office of Information Technology, 4) ensure that appropriate governance bodies review all IT investments and track corrective actions to closure, and 5) ensure that required operational analyses are performed for Aspen, Motor Carrier Management Information System, Sentri 2.0, and Unified Registration System on an annual basis.

House Appropriation Draft Reduces Transportation Funding

The United States House of Representatives has released its \$56.5 billion Transportation – Housing and Urban Development FY 2018 appropriation request. The figures represent a 2 percent cut from the \$57.65 billion appropriated for FY 2017, but represents increases over the amounts proposed by the Trump administration. The bill would provide \$17.8 billion for the Transportation Department's discretionary budget. The appropriations request eliminates \$500 million dollars in funding for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program and prohibits the use of funding for high speed rail in California. The bill would increase funding for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) including requests that would fully fund the air traffic control technology overhaul program (NextGen) at \$1 billion.

Study Identifies Opportunities to Reduce Speeding-Related Deaths and Injuries

Although speeding is one of the most common factors in motor vehicle crashes in the US, it is an underappreciated problem, involved in about 10,000 highway fatalities each year according to the National Transportation Safety Board. More than 112,500 people died in speeding-related US highway crashes from 2005-2014. This is roughly equal to the number who died in alcohol-involved crashes over the same period. However, speeding gets far less attention. [Read more here.](#)

FMCSA Launches National Campaign on Large Truck and Bus Safety

FMCSA's "Our Roads, Our Safety Program" raises awareness about driving,

cycling, and walking safely around large trucks and busses. [Spread this safety message today.](#) Outreach materials you can use include:

Multimedia Resources

[Videos](#), [Radio Spots](#), [Infographics](#), [Social Media Content](#)

Safety Tips

[Brochure](#), [Tip Sheets](#), [Postcards](#)

Data & Statistics

- [Large Truck & Bus Stats](#)
- [Large Truck & Bus Crash Facts](#)
- [Large Truck Crash Causation Study](#)

PARTNER NEWS

CVSA Releases Results from Unannounced Brake Safety Day Enforcement Initiative

On May 3, 2017, more than 9,500 commercial motor vehicles were inspected for an unannounced brake safety enforcement event, Brake Safety Day. Enforcement personnel throughout North America conducted inspections on large trucks and buses to identify out-of-adjustment brakes, and brake-system and antilock braking system (ABS) violations as part of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) Operation Airbrake Program. [Read more here.](#)



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