Region IV Conference Presentations Are Now Available!

We are pleased to announce that many of the presentations from the 2017 Region IV Conference in Seattle, Washington, last month are now available for download. Check out the Region IV Conference Downloads page today!

Region III Information Exchange Registration Now Open

Make plans to attend the 2017 Region III Information Exchange, October 24-26, in Oak Brook, Illinois at the Hyatt Lodge. Fly-in is October 24 with sessions that afternoon, and there will be sessions all day October 25. Jurisdictional attendees will also meet the morning of the October 26. Don’t miss the jurisdictional showcase to get a highlight of Region III DMV and state police activities. Sponsorships are available and all sponsors are eligible to participate in QuickConnect. Contact Rob Stershic to learn more. Learn more and register at the Region III Information Exchange webpage.

Next Week! 2017 Region II Conference

The 2017 Region II Conference is just around the corner, June 19-22, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The 2017 Region II Conference provides a terrific opportunity for attendees to discuss today’s relevant motor vehicle and law enforcement related issues. For more information and to register online, visit the 2017 Region II Conference website.

AAMVA Presents at 2017 National Odometer and Title Fraud Enforcement Association (NOTFEA) Conference

Casey Garber and Paul Steier presented at the 2017 National Odometer and Title Fraud Enforcement Association (NOTFEA) conference held in Charlotte, NC. This is an annual conference that provides training and networking opportunities for investigators working in the vehicle fraud arena. Over 130 attendees participated in the conference coming from across the United States and Canada. Casey and Paul discussed work the AAMVA community is doing with e-titling and e-odometer. They also discussed vehicle-related working groups and investigative resources available such as the Fraud Detection & Remediation (FDR) training program and the NMVTIS Law Enforcement Access Tool.

Looking for Members to Lend Their Expertise!

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AAMVA is looking for additional jurisdiction members to lend us expertise. Serving on a committee is an ideal way to influence policy, develop best practices and network with your peers. The charts on the web shows the specific positions that we are seeking jurisdiction members to fill on our three standing committees. If a region is indicated, the applicant chosen will be from that region. If the region is shown as N/A, the applicant chosen could be from any region. We attempt to maintain jurisdictional and regional balance on all committees and working groups.

If you would like to serve on one of our committees, please complete the Committee Application Form. All applications must be received by July 1, 2017. Even if you submitted an application previously, please submit a new application or send an email to committees@aamva.org that you would still like to be considered for a position. If you have questions, please contact Me'Shell Drigo or Dianne Graham via email to committees@aamva.org or phone 703.522.4200

IDEC Executive Board Seeks Volunteers
The IDEC Executive Board is seeking two jurisdiction members to serve on the IDEC Executive Board - one from Region I and one from Region II. The IDEC Board is made up of one representative from each of the four AAMVA regions. The members of the Board bring global views and innovative ideas to the examiner training arena, provide outreach to the AAMVA jurisdictions to gain input on jurisdictional driver examiner training programs and provide accreditation of those driver examiner training programs. If you are interested in serving on the IDEC Executive Board, please fill out the IDEC Board Application form and send it back to: committees@aamva.org by June 16, 2017.

This Week's Webinars
NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – Understanding the Administrative Features
June 13, 2017, 2:00-3:00PM
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.

2014 Ontario Road Safety Annual Report (ORSAR)
The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is pleased to announce the release of the 2014 Ontario Road Safety Annual Report (ORSAR). This year's report is available at www.ontario.ca/ORSAR. The combined efforts of MTO's road safety partners, public education, enforcement and road safety initiatives are making roads safer for all Ontarians. Ontario's roads continue to be among the safest in North America. In 2014, Ontario's fatality rate of 0.53 per 10,000 licensed drivers was the lowest rate ever recorded in Ontario (matching a record low in 2011). This marks the 16th consecutive year that Ontario has had the lowest, or second-lowest, fatality rate among all jurisdictions in North America. The number of traffic fatalities was 517, the second lowest number of fatalities since 1944.

Peter Hurst to Retire from Ontario Ministry of Transportation
Peter Hurst, Director of the Carrier Safety and Enforcement Branch of the
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REGISTRATION ONLINE!

OPEN RFPs

Nebraska RFP# 5557Z1: Modernization of the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles, Title, and Registration (VTR) System  (Proposals due June 16, 2017)

Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles RFI # 730-12173-17: Queue and Lobby Management System  (Date Extended! Proposals due June 20, 2017)

Indiana BMV: Knowledge Examination Applications  (Proposals due June 28, 2017)

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 New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, Massachusetts, Colorado and AAMVA.

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Ontario Ministry of Transportation, has announced his desire to retire in the early part of 2018. Given his deep expertise, Peter has accepted an opportunity to perform a short term assignment until his retirement as the Director of Enforcement Strategies effective July 4, 2017. In this unique position Peter will develop high level overarching strategies in commercial enforcement and cross border initiatives. Peter is recognized through North America as an expert in his field having played critical roles in the CCMTA, AAMVA, CVSA and IRP. He has been closely involved with the harmonization of CVSA inspection criteria and inspector training in Canada, Hours of Service, Ontario's Mandatory Speed Limiter Program, the New Entrant Education and Evaluation Program, and most recently Electronic Logging Devices and modernization of our carrier systems which was one of the largest modernizations of its kind in North America.

Peter is a past president of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance and served on the Alliance’s Board for 12 years. Ian Freeman will be joining Road User Safety Division in the role of A/ Director, Carrier Safety and Enforcement Branch effective July 4, 2017. Ian Freeman comes from Corporate Services Division where he has been instrumental in supporting ministry priorities in his role as Director, Finance Branch. Since 2013, Ian has applied his in depth financial and program knowledge in this role, leading complex business planning and strategic initiatives including the Program Review, Renewal and Transformation Process on behalf of the ministry.

Heidi Francis Wins Sean McAlister Service Recognition Award

Heidi Francis, Assistant Deputy Minister, Road User Safety Branch, Ontario Road User Safety Division and member of the AAMVA Board of Directors, was awarded the Sean McAlister Service Recognition Award at CCMTA’s Territorial Banquet in Yellowknife, NT. The award honors an individual who has been an active member of the Board of Directors, a program committee, or project group for more than five years, upon their departure or retirement from a CCMTA volunteer position. Heidi Francis joined CCMTA in late 2009 as a member of the Road Safety Research and Policies Program Committee and immediately volunteered on its Strategy to Reduce Impaired Driving (STRID) Task Force. Her guidance, strategic approach, keen insight and knowledge of the law have been of tremendous value to CCMTA. A champion of road safety and an advocate for her province, in 2014, Heidi was appointed to CCMTA’s Board of Directors as the Ontario representative.

Career Advancement Opportunity in Minnesota

The State of Minnesota is currently seeking a new Driver Services Program Director. This is a senior level position within the Minnesota Department of Public Safety’s Driver & Vehicle Services Division. The Program Director for Driver Services is an important and prominent senior position within DVS. The "open competitive" status of the job listing provides an excellent opportunity for any and all that may be interested in advancing their career. Visit the State of Minnesota Careers job Web site to view the DVS Program Director (14149) job listing and submit your application.

DHS Uses Budget Hearing to Address Real ID Extensions and Enforcement

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary John Kelly appeared before the United States Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs to discuss the DHS Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Request. Secretary Kelly’s oral testimony can be found here. Secretary Kelly used this platform to discuss the numerous priorities of the Department, including an increased emphasis on identification security and identity vetting. The appearance was coupled with public outreach to reinforce the Department's current position on extending compliance
Working Group (Ends 06/19/2017)
Responses received from AL, CA, FL, ID, IL, KS, KY, MB, ME, MN, NC, ND, NE, NH, OR, PA, SC, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI.

Dealer Services Survey (Ends 07/05/2017) Response received from AB, FL, ID, MI, NE, SD, VT, WA, WT.

High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV) (Ends 07/05/2017) Responses received from VT, WA.

SSA Death File (Ends 06/26/2017) Response received from GA, ID, IL, ME, MN, NC, NE, NH, NM, RI, SD, TN, TX, VA.

REAL ID Communications Support (Ends 06/23/2017) Responses received from CA, CO, FL, ID, IN, LA, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NM, PA, RI, SD, TN, TX, VA.

Driver License Mailing Tracking Numbers (Ends 06/26/2017) Responses received from AB, AR, DC, FL, GA, ID, IN, LA, MI, MN, MO, NC, NE, NH, OH, PA, QC, SD, SK, TX, VA, VT, WA, WY.

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.

deadlines associated with Real ID. DHS has updated their "Federal Enforcement" page to include language regarding state compliance extensions stating that:

"All REAL ID extensions are pending a decision by Secretary Kelly until further notice. For states with extensions that expire after June 6, 2017 that do not receive an extension Federal agencies will not begin enforcement until the grace period ends on July 10, 2017. During the grace period, Federal facilities are expected to continue accepting driver's licenses and identification cards issued by states with an expired limited extension."

For full information, see AAMVA’s Special Alert.

DOT Invites Comment on Impediments to Infrastructure Development
The United States Department of Transportation (DOT) is reviewing its existing policy statements, guidance documents, and regulations to identify unnecessary obstacles to transportation infrastructure projects. As part of this review, DOT invites stakeholders and the public to identify non-statutory requirements that DOT imposes and should be removed or revised. Comments are due on July 24, 2017. AAMVA members submitting comments are requested to provide those comments to governmentaffairs@aamva.org so that AAMVA can take those comments into consideration in developing their own.

FMCSA Proposes Sleeper Berth Regulatory Relief Pilot Program
The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has proposed a pilot program to allow temporary regulatory relief from the agency’s sleeper berth regulation, for a limited number of commercial drivers who have a valid commercial driver’s license (CDL) and who regularly use a sleeper berth to accumulate their required 10 hours of non-duty work status. During the pilot program, participating drivers would have the option to split their sleeper berth time within parameters specified by FMCSA. Driver metrics would be collected for the duration of the study, and participants’ safety performance and fatigue levels would be analyzed. Comments on the pilot are requested by August 7, 2017.

FMCSA Seeks Public Comment On Commercial Learner’s Permit Validity
The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) proposes to amend the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) to allow States to issue a commercial learner’s permit (CLP) with an expiration date of up to one year from the date of initial issuance. CLPs issued for shorter periods may be renewed but the total period of time between the date of initial issuance and the expiration of the renewed CLP could not exceed one year. This proposed amendment would replace the current regulations, which require the States to issue CLPs initially for no more than 180 days, with the possibility of an additional 180-day renewal at the State’s discretion. Comments on this notice must be received on or before August 11, 2017.

FMCSA Publishes Notice of Proposed Rulemaking On Military Licensing and State Commercial Driver’s License Reciprocity
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GHSA Applauds Texas & Iowa Laws on Distracted Driving

The Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) congratulates Texas and Iowa for taking important steps to combat distracted driving. Texas Governor Greg Abbot has signed House Bill 62, which prohibits texting while driving in the Lone Star State, becoming the 47th state to pass such a law. The prohibition will go into effect on September 1, carrying a fine of up to $99 for first-time offenders. GHSA commends Texas for banning this pervasive source of driver distraction. The Association is thankful for the perseverance of victim advocate organizations such as StopDistractions.org, who have worked for years to advance this through the state legislature. Iowa Governor Terry Branstad recently toughened his state’s ban on texting while driving by making it a primary offense, giving police the ability to pull drivers over if they are spotted writing, sending or reading texts. The fine is $30. In addition, Iowa law enforcement can now add the charge of reckless driving to a vehicular homicide charge if the driver was found to be using a cell phone at the time of the crash. These changes take effect July 1. Although legislation and enforcement are critical steps in preventing distracted driving, GHSA continues to encourage all drivers to refrain from the use of cell phones or other electronic devices behind the wheel, regardless of existing laws. Read more here.