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2017 Region II Conference Wraps Up



The [2017 Annual Region II Conference](#), hosted by the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, was held in Chattanooga last week. There were several sessions held over four days, along with networking opportunities for both jurisdiction and associate members. Speakers from throughout the region covered topics that focused on safety, security, technology and systems, as well as communication and inter-agency collaboration. Our federal partners, sister associations, and associate members also contributed to the session discussions. Visit the [Region II Conference Download Center](#) to download presentations from the conference and view conference photos on [AAMVA's Flickr Page](#).

Awards Presented at Region II Conference

Congratulations to all the winners of [AAMVA Awards](#) who were recognized at the 2017 Region II Conference in Chattanooga, Tennessee:

PAGE AWARDS**Category 1B: Print or Electronic Media Kit**

Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, *Distracted Driving Campaign Media Kit*

Category 2B: Photography

Kentucky State Police, *Honor. Courage. Commitment*

Category 2D: Digital Graphics

Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, *What to Do if a Traffic Signal is Not Operating*

Category 6D: Story Placement in Publication

Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, *Florida DHSMV Passes the Test on Driver Handbook Reporting*

Category 7D: Use of Social Media

Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, *Florida DHSMV 2016 Social Media*

INTERNATIONAL DRIVER EXAMINER CERTIFICATION (IDEC)

- Lovleen Sawhney, Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
- Yolanda Hammond, Georgia Department of Driver Services
- Renee McCoy, Kentucky State Police
- Rose Crist, Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles
- Russell K. Ryder, West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles

OUR EVENTS

JULY

9-12 | [2017 Region I Conference](#)
Portland, Maine



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



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

JUNE

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

SERVICE AND SECURITY AWARDS

Community Service

- Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, *Florida Highway Patrol Staff the Charger*
- Georgia Department of Driver Services, *Veterans Service Days*
- Georgia Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division, *A Gift From Heaven - Community Childcare Facility*
- Kentucky State Police, *Cram the Cruiser for Hunger*
- North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles, *Hurricane Matthew Relief*
- South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, *Hurricane Matthew Response*
- Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, *Gatlinburg Wildfires Response*
- Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, *Operation Holiday Spirit*

Customer Convenience

- Georgia Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division, *MVD Online Appointment Scheduler Project*

Excellence in Government Partnership

- Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, *Gov2Go - Delivering Vehicle Tag Renewal Service through Arkansas' Citizen-Centric Platform*

Fraud Prevention and Detection - Law Enforcement Individual

- Georgia Department of Driver Services, *Greg Dial, Criminal Investigator II*

Fraud Prevention and Detection - Motor Vehicle Individual

- Georgia Department of Driver Services, *Linda Davis, Criminal Investigator II*

Fraud Prevention and Detection - Motor Vehicle Agency

- Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, *Chameleon Carrier Identification Program*

Improvement through Efficiencies

- Texas Department of Public Safety Driver License Division, *Driver License Employee Resource Guide*

Innovative Use of Technology

- Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, *Virginia e-Motor Voter*

AAMVA's TWIR Wins 2017 APEX Award



AAMVA's The Week In Review has won a 2017 APEX Award for publication excellence in the *Newsletters - 1-2 Person-Produced* category. The APEX Awards is an annual competition for publishers, editors, writers and designers who create print, Web, electronic and social media. In APEX 2017, awards were given in 100 communications categories, in 11 main categories including: newsletters; magazines, journals & tabloids; annual reports; print media; electronic media; social media; websites; campaigns, programs & plans; writing;

design & illustration; and one-of-a-kind publications. For more information, visit <http://apexawards.com/>

CDL Examiner Update Class

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:

SYSTEMS TRAINING

JUNE

27 | UNI Basics (basic)

28 | UNI Advanced A (advanced)

29 | UNI Advanced B (advanced)

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OPEN RFPs

[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 Georgia, Texas, Illinois, North Carolina, and New Jersey.

[IRP: Online Registrations & Business Processes](#) (Ends 07/19/2017) Responses received from VT.

[Driver License Office Security](#) (Ends 07/20/2017) Responses received from FL, ME, MS, NE, NL, VA, VT.

[Motorcycle Classifications](#) (Ends 07/19/2017) Responses received from FL, KS, MD, SC, VA, VT, WA.

[Multi Year Vehicle Registrations](#) (Ends 07/14/2017) Responses received from AL, CA, CO, ID, IL, KY, LA, MD, MN, NC, ND, NE, NH, NL, NY, UT, VA.

[High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle \(HMMWV\)](#) (Ends 07/05/2017) Responses received from AL, AR, BC, CA, FL, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, MD, ME, MI, ND, NE, NH, OH, UT, VA, VT, 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

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.

Uniform Law Commission Meets on Autonomous Vehicles

The [Uniform Law Commission's AV drafting committee](#) meet June 9th and 10th in Chicago, Illinois. The drafting committee met for a roundtable type discussion on what might or should be included in a draft uniform state law for AV testing and deployment. The drafting committee invited a broad range of subject matter experts with representatives from the AV industry, the IT industry, trial lawyers, insurance industry, NADA, DOT and AAMVA, represented by James Fackler, Vice-chair of the [AAMVA Autonomous Vehicle Working Group](#) (AV WG). The conversation focused on most of the subjects AAMVA's AV WG has discussed - a driver versus an operator, individual state authorization of ADS system for licensing, who decides if the ADS is working properly? Should a uniform law reference the SAE J3016 definitions? How is the insurance component going to change or not? James provided the AV WG group's thoughts on some of the overarching issues - NHTSA's role, state's perceived role. In that discussion various concepts were mentioned such as, safety inspection as part of vehicle registration, placement of responsibility for system or sensor maintenance and validation, and dealer administered ADS functionality training. The ULC drafting committee will spend the next few months developing a draft uniform law that will be available for review at the next drafting committee meeting in December of 2017. There will be an opportunity for comment and suggestions after that meeting. It is expected that AAMVA will again be there to represent our collective view point.

Looking for Members to Lend Their Expertise!

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

Janice Dluzynski at 703-908-5842. All online surveys can be found on the AAMVA Web site [here](#).

This Week's Webinars

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

Tuesday, June 27, 2017, 2:00-3:00PM

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.

JURISDICTION NEWS

New Ignition Interlock Device Limited Permit Available in Georgia July 1st

Persons who have been charged with driving under the influence (DUI) in Georgia and whose Georgia driver's license is subject to an administrative license suspension (ALS) may have the option beginning July 1st to obtain a new type of limited driving permit from the Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS). new permit, technically referred to as an "Ignition Interlock Device Limited Permit", will be conditioned upon the person whose driver's license is subject to an ALS voluntarily waiving his or her right to an administrative hearing and having an ignition interlock device installed on any vehicle they intend to drive. The current ALS process, including the right to an administrative hearing, will remain in place as an option for persons whose driver's license is subject to an ALS and either do not qualify for or do not wish to obtain the new permit. [Read more here](#).

FEDERAL NEWS

DOJ Submits ICR On The Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program Applications Package

The Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, [has submitted](#) an information collection request (ICR) for review and clearance of the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program Applications Package. The PSOB Program Applications Package includes currently approved collections on Public Safety Officers' Death Benefits Applications, the Public Safety Officers' Disability Benefits Application, the Public Safety Officers' Educational Assistance Application, and a new form titled Public Safety Officers' Appeal Request Application. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until August 21, 2017.

FMCSA Urges Everyone to "Share the Road Safely" In National Safety Campaign

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) continues its efforts to raise public awareness so that all drivers know how to operate safely around large trucks and buses through a newly formed partnership under the [Our Roads, Our Safety](#) campaign. The [American Bus Association, AAA](#) and the [American Trucking Associations](#) have joined with FMCSA to amplify the *Our Roads, Our Safety* effort to educate all pedestrians, bicyclists, passenger vehicle drivers and commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers on how to better share our roadways and improve safety for all. [Read more here](#).

U.S. House of Representatives Committee Releases Highly Autonomous Vehicles Discussion Drafts

The United States House Energy and Commerce Committee has released a series of [discussion drafts](#) dealing with highly autonomous vehicles (HAVs). The discussion drafts are consistent in their definitions of what constitutes a "highly autonomous vehicle" and an "automated driving system" amongst a series of individual bills. The Energy and Commerce Committee has not determined whether they plan on releasing the bills individually or as a part of a larger legislative vehicle. For full information, see the [AAMVA Legislative and Regulatory Alert](#). Given a potentially aggressive timeframe for introduction, AAMVA welcomes comments and input from members who have thoughts on the proposals. Please forward any comments on the discussion drafts to governmentaffairs@aamva.org.

PARTNER NEWS

GHSA: States Should Consider the Risk of Marijuana-Impaired Driving as New Research Links Legalization to Crash Increase

[New research from the Highway Data Loss Institute](#) (HLDI) reinforces the need for states to consider the risk of marijuana-impaired driving as they move toward liberalizing marijuana laws. HLDI insurance claims data links legalizing recreational marijuana to an increase in motor vehicle crashes. Specifically, the first three states to legalize recreational marijuana had a combined effect of 3% more collision claims than their neighboring states after introducing retail sales. To confront this complex and evolving highway safety issue, the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) and the Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility ([Responsibility.org](#)) recently released a comprehensive report about drug use on our nation's roadways. [Drug Impaired Driving: A Guide for States](#) equips states and policymakers with the latest research, data, laws and programs to help them address this growing problem. The most recent national data found marijuana was present in 12.2% of all fatally injured drivers tested for drugs.

Report Scans Marijuana Legalization's Impacts on Impaired Driving Systems

The legalization of marijuana for medicinal or recreational use at the state level has the potential to have downstream effects on the entire impaired driving system. In its first completed research project, the National Cooperative Research and Evaluation Program (NCREP) convened a group of national experts, representing states that had enacted such laws, to discuss these consequences and identify issues for consideration by other states that may be considering the adoption of these laws. NCREP is managed jointly by GHSA and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). [Impact of the Legalization and Decriminalization of Marijuana on the DWI System](#) is the culmination of these deliberations. It outlines key factors for consideration in seven topic areas: law enforcement, prosecution, adjudication, forensics, data, [State Highway Safety Offices \(SHSOs\)](#) and public outreach. [Read more here](#).

Division on Addiction, Cambridge Health Alliance and Responsibility.org Launch Groundbreaking Program to Identify Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders Among Drunk Drivers

The Division on Addiction, Cambridge Health Alliance, a teaching affiliate of Harvard Medical School, and Responsibility.org announced a new program to identify often undiagnosed mental health and substance use issues affecting drunk drivers, especially repeat drunk drivers. The Computerized Assessment and Referral System ([CARS](#)) is a first-of-its-kind screening and assessment tool for

use in DUI intervention and treatment, specifically targeting the underlying mental health conditions often found in drivers with multiple DUI arrests and convictions. The screening and assessment tool is tied to a report generator accompanied by a referral database. [Read more here.](#)



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