Autonomous Vehicles Safety Regulations World Congress

A panel of state leaders who are influencing the world of Autonomous Vehicle regulation discussed the approach their states are taking to regulate the testing and deployment of automated vehicles at the Autonomous Vehicles Safety Regulations World Congress in Novi, Michigan. They discussed how they are working with government officials, industry, and other stakeholders to understand and begin to prepare for the impact of automation in vehicles from an administrative and a law enforcement perspective. The panelists were joined by Cathie Curtis, Director of Vehicle Programs at AAMVA, who discussed the guidelines being developed by AAMVA’s Autonomous Vehicles Working Group. The panelists and members of the working group who presented at the Congress were Bernard C. Soriano, Deputy Director, Enterprise Risk Management Division, California Department of Motor Vehicles and chair of AAMVA’s Working Group; James Fackler, Assistant Administrator, Customer Services Administration, Michigan Department of State, and Vice-chair of the Working Group; Kara Templeton, Director, Bureau of Driver Licensing, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation; and Terrance McDonnell, Staff Sergeant, New York State Police.

CDL Examiner Update Classes

AAMVA conducted two 3-day CDL Examiner Update Classes at Pinellas Technical College in St Petersburg, Florida October 23 – 28, 2017. Both classes were at capacity and were attended by 26 Examiners from 19 jurisdictions, 5 members of the US Air Force; and 7 State Program Managers/Staff from FMCSA.

New Feature in AAMVA’s Online Survey Tool

AAMVA’s survey tool has been enhanced with new functionality. Survey results can now be exported to Excel. You will see the Export to Excel link when you are viewing survey results. If you have any questions about the online survey tool, please contact Janice Dluzynski at jdluzynski@aamva.org.

2018 Awards Program to Open For Submissions Soon

We are excited to roll out the 2018 AAMVA Awards Program and we will be accepting submissions soon. Please check back at our website for updates. There are two major changes from previous years. The deadline for submissions (including Martha Irwin Award nominations) will be December 22, 2017. All entries must have been conducted (produced, implemented, and/or developed) between...
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NOVEMBER

9 | 2017 November State to State Governance Committee Meeting
   Minneapolis, Minnesota
   By invitation only

14-15 | 2017 November Joint mDL Working Group Meeting
   Tampa, Florida
   By invitation only

15-16 | 2017 November Internet Vehicle Sales Working Group Meeting
   Arlington, Virginia
   By invitation only

DECEMBER

5-6 | 2017 New Administrator Orientation
   Arlington, Virginia
   By invitation only

12-13 | 2018 Region 4 Board Planning Meeting
   Scottsdale, Arizona

This Week's Webinars

NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States (AMIE Version) - Part 2
   Wednesday, November 8, 2017, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)
   Prerequisite: NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States (AMIE Version) – Part 1

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   Thursday, November 9, 2017, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)

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JURISDICTION NEWS

Sen. John Albers and Georgia DDS Deputy Commissioner Present First Ever Three-Wheel Basic Riders Course Permit

Sen. John Albers (R – Roswell) and Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) Deputy Commissioner Ricky Rich presented Mrs. Linda Robertson with the first ever Three-Wheel Basic Riders Course (BRC) permit. There are currently over 414,000 licensed riders and 17,000 permit holders in Georgia. Now, three-wheel license waivers are available to keep citizens throughout the state trained, safe and legal. Since August, the Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program has trained and certified 15 rider coaches to deliver the three-wheel curriculum to certify 12 more next spring. The opportunity to earn the Three-Wheel Basic Riders Course permit will help those who are disabled, veterans and those who are elderly to be able to still ride. Read more here.

U.S. DOT and Maryland MVA Collaborate to Improve Recall Remedy Rates

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announced they have awarded a grant to the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration to help reach more consumers with the critical message of repairing open recalls on their vehicles. On average, only 70 percent of vehicles recalled are repaired. Improving recall remedy rates is a priority for NHTSA, especially in light of the Takata airbag recall, which includes as many as one-third of vehicles nationwide, making it the largest and most complex recall in automotive history. While NHTSA remains engaged in an aggressive campaign to educate consumers about the importance of repairing recalled vehicles, the FAST Act provided grants for up to six states that agreed to notify consumers of open recalls on their vehicles at the time of registration. Maryland was the only state to apply for the grant and will begin the
FHWA Motorcycle Advisory Council Scheduled to Meet for First Time
The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has announced the first meeting of the Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC). The purpose of this meeting is to advise the Secretary of Transportation, through the FHWA Administrator, 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, pursuant to Section 1426 of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. The meeting is open to the public and will be held on December 5, 2017. Parties interested in attending in person are asked to send an email to MAC@dot.gov no later than November 24, 2017 in order to facilitate entry and guarantee seating.

NHTSA Submits Study Request on Older Drivers and Rearview Video Systems
The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has published a notice regarding an information collection request on “Older Driver Rearview Video Systems.” This new information collection requirement requires rear visibility technology in all new vehicles under 10,000 pounds by May 2018, but the anticipated safety gains strongly depend on the extent to which drivers understand and use the technology as intended. The purpose of this study is to assess the driving performance of adults 60 and older using traditional mirrors as compared to using a rearview video system (RVS) during backing tasks; and to develop, implement, and assess the effectiveness of an RVS training protocol.

NHTSA Publishes Updated Conforming Products for Alcohol Measurement Devices and Provides Related Website
The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has provided notice updating the Conforming Products List (CPL) previously published in the Federal Register on June 14, 2012 for instruments that conform to the Model Specifications for Evidential Breath Alcohol Measurement Devices. This notice also informs the public that all future updates to the CPL will be posted on NHTSA’s website. The website designated to carry all future updates of the CPL will be posted at: https://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/drunk-driving/alcohol-measurement-devices.

Deadline for Submitting Comments on Federal AV Guidance Due November 14
AAMVA reminds its members that the deadline for submitting comments on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s federal “Automated Driving Systems: A Vision for Safety” is scheduled for November 14th. Jurisdictions interested in informing the latest iteration of the federal guidance on automated driving systems should go to www.regulations.gov and enter docket number NHTSA-2017-0082 to submit their comments. The full notice as published in the Federal Register is available here. Jurisdictions submitting comments are encouraged to send a copy of their comments to governmentaffairs@aamva.org so that AAMVA may reflect those comments in their own.

A Federal District Court Finds UCR Plan Board Violated Open Meetings Laws
The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia issued a memorandum order on October 18, 2017 declaring that the Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) Plan Board process of developing their pilot program. Read more here.
violated federal open meeting laws after holding a September 14, 2017 planning meeting. Federal sunshine laws dictate a public notice should have been published announcing the meeting, but no notice was published. In the meeting, the UCR Planning Board decided to postpone the start of the annual registration period for motor carriers, brokers, and freight forwarders from October 1, 2017, to November 1, 2017. 12 Percent Logic and the Small Business in Transportation Coalition filed a lawsuit against the UCR seeking to strike down the registration postponement, but the District Court fell short of striking the decision. According to the opinion, the UCR Plan Board must immediately publish “any draft minutes, transcripts, or recordings of the September 14th meeting.” Read the memorandum opinion and order for more information.

TRB Webinar: Policy and Planning Actions to Address Connected and Automated Vehicles
TRB will conduct a webinar on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM ET that features research from the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP)'s Research Report 845: Advancing Automated and Connected Vehicles: Policy and Planning Strategies for State and Local Transportation Agencies, which is accompanied by Strategies to Advance Automated and Connected Vehicles: Briefing Document. This webinar will discuss the state and local policy and planning actions that can help make sure that the introduction of automated vehicles and connected vehicles will advance community and agency objectives. Some registrants will need to pay $95 to attend this webinar. Sign into MyTRB.org to view registration information. Read more here.

Capturing Alternative Fuel Types (Ends 11/20/2017) Responses received from AL, CA, CT, GA, ID, KY, LA, ME, MN, NE, NH, NJ, OK, VT, WY.

Rehabilitation of CDL Lifetime Disqualification (Ends 11/21/2017) Responses received from AB, AR, CO, FL, ID, IL, IN, ME, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, NJ, NM, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, WI.

Customer Relationship Management Software (CRM) (Ends 11/27/2017) Responses received from ID, IL, NE, SC, VA.

You can view all open surveys and responses to all surveys by visiting the survey tool. Please contact Janice Dluzynski if you have any questions about using the survey tool.