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Submit Nominations for IDEC Examiner of the Year
AAMVA is beginning the IDEC Examiner of the Year nomination process. Consider recognizing your jurisdiction's outstanding driver examiner by nominating him or her for the 2017 IDEC Examiner of the Year Award. The Examiner of the Year honor is awarded to examiners who consistently perform the duties and responsibilities of a certified examiner, for their excellence in adhering to the principles and recommended practices of driver examining, and for their high level of conduct in their profession. Each examiner's name, photograph and nomination letter will be posted to the AAMVA Web site and they will also receive a certificate of recognition. Please send a nomination letter and photo of your examiner to Denise Hanchulak dhanchulak@aamva.org by December 1, 2017.

MOVE Magazine Wins Ozzie Award
AAMVA's MOVE Magazine is the winner of the 2017 Folio Ozzie Award for cover design for our 20th anniversary cover! Folio is dedicated to providing magazine publishing professionals with the news, insights, and best practices to keep them in tune with today's media industry trends. A full listing of this year's winners is available here.

Region III Information Exchange NEXT WEEK
Make plans to attend the 2017 Region III Information Exchange NEXT WEEK, October 24-26, in Oak Brook, Illinois at the Hyatt Lodge. The Region III Board of Directors has again authorized travel assistance in the amount of $2,000 to each Region III jurisdiction. The assistance can be used to cover travel, registration and/or hotel. Jurisdictions wanting reimbursement for expenses should coordinate internally to make travel and hotel arrangements, then bundle and submit all Travel Assistance Expense Reports at once (not to exceed $2,000), after the conference to Julie Knittle. Learn more and register at the Region III Information Exchange webpage.

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 September are now ready for viewing. To request a copy of these reports,
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DMV Assists California Fire Victims
The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is offering limited services to residents affected by the wildfires raging across the state. Fire victims who need to replace lost or damaged DMV-related documents can do so free of charge at assistance centers in the impacted areas. The DMV is one of several state agencies working together to provide services to fire victims. Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. this week issued emergency proclamations authorizing fee and/or penalty waivers for victims of wildfires in nine counties, allowing them to replace at no cost the following items if damaged due to the fires: duplicate driver licenses, identification cards, vehicle registration and title, and disabled person parking placards. In addition, fire victims can acquire substitute license plates and stickers, vehicle disposal paperwork, and driver record printouts, as well as process a change of address. Read more here.

Montana Department of Justice Announces New Partnership with MVD Express as an Authorized Agent
MVD Express, an authorized agent for the Montana Department of Justice’s Motor Vehicle Division (MVD), will begin processing dealer-only title transactions starting Oct. 17, 2017. Currently, the Vehicle Services Bureau (VSB) processes all titling transactions from the public as well as all Montana automobile dealership titling transactions. Read more here.

DHS Updates Real ID State Extension and Review Status
The United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has updated its Real ID Website to reflect the status of those states whose extension requests are under review or have been granted. DHS plans to update the website on a weekly basis to reflect the decisions being made by DHS Acting Secretary Elaine Duke. Since the previous update, North Carolina has been provided with a compliance determination and Virginia has been granted an extension. All other jurisdictions have been either deemed compliant or are considered “under review.” The updated map will show states granted an extension in blue (“under review”) and notes states granted an extension can expect a short grace period from enforcement until January 22, 2018. Any jurisdiction encountering actions by local TSA officials that differ from the guidance received directly from DHS should contact Director Yonkers directly with those details. Read the AAMVA Special Alert for full information.

FMCSA Grants ELD Exemption to TRALA
The Federal Motor Carrier ELD Safety Administration (FMCSA) has announced its...
decision to grant the Truck Renting and Leasing Association (TRALA) a limited exemption from the requirement to use an electronic logging device (ELD) to record the driver's hours-of-service (HOS) no later than December 18, 2017. This limited exemption provides that all drivers of property-carrying commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) rented for 8 days or less, regardless of reason, are not required to use an ELD in the vehicle. While operating under this exemption, drivers will remain subject to the standard HOS limits, maintain a paper record of duty status if required, and maintain a copy of the rental agreement on the vehicle. The exemption is applicable for five years from October 11, 2017 through October 11, 2022.

5th Florida Automated Vehicles (FAV) Summit - Early Bird Registration Ends October 30

TRB is cosponsoring the 5th Florida Automated Vehicles (FAV) Summit on November 14-15, 2017 in Tampa, Florida. The Summit addresses technologies, operations, and policy issues surrounding autonomous vehicles, including public transportation issues. The summit explores activities undertaken by Florida and other state departments of transportation to create the climate for the implementation and deployment of autonomous and connected vehicle technologies. Early bird registration is open until October 30. A preliminary agenda is available. Read more here.

Opportunity for Input by Your Residents on Accessible Parking for People with Disabilities

The Accessible Parking Council has posted a national survey on Accessible Parking and Placard Abuse and it can be distributed to your residents for completion. This is an online survey for people who require accessible parking, and/or have disabled placard or license plates. This 10 minute survey allows your residents to have a voice on policies related to parking for people with disabilities. The deadline for survey completion is November 1. Results are being reported at a Stakeholder’s Forum on Accessible Parking and Placard Abuse, December 6 in Washington, D.C. AAMVA members are encouraged to publish the link below on their website and social media sites. The link to the survey can be found here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/accessibleparking2

Operation Safe Driver Week Starts Today

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance’s (CVSA) Operation Safe Driver Week is this week, Oct. 15-21, 2017. Throughout the week, there will be heightened traffic safety enforcement and education aimed at combating dangerous driving behaviors by commercial motor vehicle (CMV) and passenger vehicle drivers. Enforcement personnel will identify and issue warnings and/or citations to drivers exhibiting unsafe driving behaviors on our roadways. Unsafe driver behaviors by CMV and passenger vehicle drivers continue to be the leading cause of crashes. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s (FMCSA) “Large Truck Crash Causation Study” cites driver behavior as the critical reason for more than 88 percent of large truck crashes and 93 percent of passenger vehicle crashes. CVSA’s Operation Safe Driver program was created to help reduce the number of crashes, deaths and injuries involving large trucks, buses and passenger vehicles due to unsafe driving behaviors.


The RAND Corporation has released a report that examines proposed changes to the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) exemption processes that are aimed at facilitating deployment of autonomous vehicles (AV). FMVSS
Customer Satisfaction (Ends 11/15/2017)

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.

specifies how vehicles must be designed before they can be sold in the United States, and many current AV designs would not comply. Therefore, revising FMVSS will ultimately be necessary to accommodate AVs in the US marketplace. Read more here.