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AAMVA Leadership Academy Applications Now Being Accepted

The Leadership Academy provides professional development opportunities for future leaders in the AAMVA community. This program is designed for jurisdiction employees who have demonstrated leadership potential and the ability to succeed in positions of greater responsibility within their agencies. The program will take place April 30 - May 3, 2018. Attendees must have the approval and support of the Chief Administrator of their agency to apply. All expenses will be paid by AAMVA. This week-long program will include modules on defining leadership, team work and collaboration, organizational performance management, and more. It is an intense training opportunity focused on the unique characteristics of leading and managing a motor vehicle or law enforcement agency. The draft course outline provides more information on what topics will be included. If you are interested, please fill out the application form and send it along with your resume to Janice Dluzynski. Class size will be limited to eighteen participants and we can accept only one application from each member agency. Applications are due by November 15, 2017. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact: Janice Dluzynski or 703-908-5842. See what prior participants had to say about the AAMVA Leadership Academy in this video.

President Trump Announces Intent to Nominate Ray Martinez to FMCSA Administrator

President Donald J. Trump has announced his intent to nominate Raymond Martinez, Chairman and Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. Mr. Martinez is serving his second tenure as member of the AAMVA International Board of Directors and is also a member of the New Jersey State Planning Commission. He manages a State agency with over $1 billion in annual revenue and an operating budget of approximately $330 million. It is charged with the licensing of nearly 6 million drivers and the titling, registration, and inspection of over 6 million vehicles. He previously served as the New York State Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and Chairman of the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee as well as Deputy Chief of Staff and Special Counsel to the New York State Attorney General. Read more here.

NMVTIS Annual Report and Financial Audit

The National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) Final Rule requires...
AAMVA, as the system operator, to prepare an annual report and procure an independent financial audit. The NMVTIS Annual Report 2016 is the eighth publication and was recently published by the U.S. Department of Justice. It covers October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 and details the performance of NMVTIS during the twelve month reporting period.

**New Release of the PDPS State Procedures Manual**
As a result of the joint efforts of AAMVA and NHTSA, and the invaluable assistance of the NDR Working Group, a new release of the PDPS State Procedures Manual will be published to the AAMVA website. PDPS SPM release 3.1.0 adds guidance on DLN Survey and 10-Year History Check procedures, clarifies usage of the Driver License Abstract Request, the Delete Pointer transaction and the PDPS SOR terminology, updates the batch processing schedule, and adds new terms to the glossary. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the AAMVA Operations Department at 1-888-AAMVA80 option 1 or helpdesk@aamva.org.

**Volunteers Needed for AAMVA Committees and Working Groups**
AAMVA is looking for jurisdiction members to lend their expertise by serving on our Standing Committees and Working Groups. Serving on a committee or working group is an ideal way to influence policy, develop best practices and network with your peers. The information below shows the specific positions that we are seeking jurisdiction members to fill. 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. Learn more about AAMVA committees and working groups.

**Law Enforcement Committee**
- Information Technology Representative
- Committee Application Form

**Vehicle Committee**
- Vehicle Representative - Region 1 (two positions available)
- Committee Application Form

**Ignition Interlock Working Group**
- 6 DMV representatives involved with management, administration and/or policy level oversight of an ignition interlock program
- 3 law enforcement representatives
- 1 additional jurisdictional DMV representative from the legal discipline
- Working Group Application Form

**Suspended Driver Alternative Reinstatement Working Group**
- 7 DMV representatives with experience in suspended driver reinstatement management/administration and/or policy setting
- 1 DMV legal services representative
- 2 law enforcement representatives with line and management level experience in dealing with suspended driver enforcement
- Working Group Application Form

If you have questions, please contact Me’Shell Drigo or Dianne Graham via email to committees@aamva.org or phone 703.522.4200.

Province Announces Road to Zero: Manitoba Road Safety Plan 2017-2020
A new plan by the Provincial Road Safety Committee provides a vision for Manitoba to have the safest roads in Canada and lays the groundwork to one day achieving zero traffic fatalities on the roadways, Crown Services Minister Cliff Cullen and Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler announced today. The Road to Zero: Manitoba Road Safety Plan 2017-2020 – the first plan of its kind in Manitoba – adopts a Safe System approach for Manitoba which envisions a more forgiving road system that takes human imperfection and vulnerability into account and considers all parts of the road system holistically in developing solutions to eliminate injury and death, the ministers added. Read more here.

Transportation Projects in Colorado and Idaho Honored as Best in the Nation
A multimodal project in Colorado that installed advanced technology to speed emergency responses and added new travel options including a commuter bikeway—along with a project in Idaho that removed the last of 18 dangerous intersections -- were honored as the top winners in the 2017 America's Transportation Awards competition. The Colorado Department of Transportation's $487 million US 36 Express Lanes project earned the Grand Prize and the Idaho Transportation Department's $11.2 million US 20 Thornton Interchange project was voted the People’s Choice Award winner, in the 10th annual competition sponsored by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, AAA and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Read more here.

Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) Commissioner Spencer R. Moore Addresses State Distracted Driving Study Committee
DDS Commissioner Spencer R. Moore on September 25th addressed members of the Georgia House of Representatives Study Committee on Distracted Driving at the committee’s second of four scheduled meetings around the state. Its first meeting was held on August 28th at the Georgia Capitol in Atlanta. Its next meeting will be held in Savannah on October 10th. In his presentation, Commissioner Moore provided committee members with an overview of the number of licensed drivers in Georgia, which geographic regions of the state report the most distracted driving citations to DDS, the consequences distracted driving violations have on a person’s driver’s license, and the public outreach efforts DDS engages in to warn drivers about the risks associated with distracted driving. Copies of all presentations, including Commissioner Moore’s, can be found here on the Georgia General Assembly’s website, along with meeting agendas. Read more here.

United States Senate Introduces Autonomous Vehicles Legislation
The United States Senate has introduced its autonomous vehicles legislation, entitled the "American Vision for Safer Transportation through Advancement of Revolutionary Technologies (AV START)" Act (S. 1885). The most important provisions of the AV START Act preempt state and local authority as detailed in Section 3. Upon introduction, the Senate has decided to replace its initial discussion draft preemption language with the House’s preemption language. The House language left a state's authority over the operational safety of autonomous vehicles unclear. The Senate Commerce Committee will mark up the AV START
Act at its next markup scheduled for October 4th. AAMVA continues to work in concert with the National Governors Association (NGA), the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), the American Association of State and Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) on this important issue. For full details, see the AAMVA Legislative and Regulatory Alert.

**FMCSA Announces $70 Million In Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Grants**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has announced that it has awarded more than $70 million in grants to states and educational institutions to enhance commercial motor vehicle safety. Included in these awards were: $41.5 million in High Priority (HP) grants to enhance states' commercial motor vehicle safety efforts, as well as advance technological capability within states; $30.7 million in Commercial Driver’s License Program Implementation (CDLPI) grants to enhance efforts by states to improve the national commercial driver’s license program; and $1 million in Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training Grants to nine education institutions to help train veterans for jobs as commercial bus and truck drivers.

**NHTSA Requests Comments on Vehicle Defect and Noncompliance Reporting and Notification ICR**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) requests comment on the renewal of collection of information on defect and noncompliance reporting and notification. This ICR addresses and requires manufacturer notifications to NHTSA of safety-related defects and failures to comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) in motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment, as well as the provision of particular information related to the ensuing owner and dealers notifications and free remedy campaigns that follow those notifications. Comments must be received on or before December 1, 2017.

**U.S. DOT Reviews Existing Regulations And Other Actions**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (Department or DOT) is reviewing its existing regulations and other agency actions to evaluate their continued necessity, determine whether they are crafted effectively to solve current problems, and evaluate whether they potentially burden the development or use of domestically produced energy resources. Comments should be received on or before November 1, 2017. As part of these reviews, the Department invites the public to provide input on existing rules and other agency actions that are good candidates for repeal, replacement, suspension, or modification. The Department may also hold a public meeting to discuss and consider comments from members of the public. Comments should be received on or before November 1, 2017.

**International Council on Alcohol, Drugs, and Traffic Safety Reporter: 2017 2nd Quarter**

The International Council on Alcohol, Drugs, and Traffic Safety has released the latest issue of its quarterly newsletter that provides news on activities, research, and resources on traffic safety as it relates to alcohol and drugs. This edition features information about drugged driving in the European Union, marijuana and traffic crashes, bingeing among young drinkers, and alcohol interlock laws. Read more here.

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