The International Driver Examiner Certification Board and Test Maintenance Subcommittee Meet

The AAMVA International Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC) Board and Test Maintenance Subcommittee (TMS) met jointly to discuss revisions and future updates to the Commercial and Non-Commercial testing standards and materials. The groups met to discuss the strategic alignment of changes to the test systems components and IDEC Examiner Training materials. Both groups are dedicated to developing testing standards and materials and addressing the growing use of and concerns with changing vehicle technologies to assist in strengthening driver license examiner awareness.

Pennsylvania to Join State-to-State Verification Service (S2S)

Pennsylvania will begin using the State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) on Monday, May 21st. Tasks related to on-boarding Pennsylvania will be conducted during the weekend of May 19th. During this process (Saturday evening to Monday morning), there may be periods during which the CDLIS/S2S Central Site is in inquiry-only mode or is unavailable (over and above the regularly scheduled maintenance window of 2AM to 5AM on Sunday, May 20th).

Following Pennsylvania, several states will be joining the S2S program throughout 2018. Please visit http://www.aamva.org/State-to-State/ for a full timeline and more information.

New Mexico Holds an Autonomous Vehicle Summit

New Mexico state officials held an Autonomous Vehicle Summit in Albuquerque last week that kicked off their implementation of a new state law that calls for the creation of an autonomous vehicle committee. The summit included panels of national and state experts discussing strategies that New Mexico stakeholders can pursue to encourage the development, deployment, regulation, and use of driverless and connected vehicle technologies. Alicia Ortiz, Deputy Director of the Motor Vehicle Division moderated a panel that included Cathie Curtis, AAMVA’s Director of Vehicle Programs discussing the soon to be published “Jurisdictional Guidelines for the Safe Testing and Deployment of Highly Automated Vehicles”. The summit also included speakers from Peloton, Texas...
Transportation Institute, the National Conference of State Legislatures, New Mexico State Legislature, Santa Clara University School of Law, Center for Insurance Policy and Research, DOT, State Police, Motor Vehicles Division and the Office of the Superintendent for Insurance. Other topics included autonomous vehicle technologies and the implications of autonomous and connected vehicles for state statutes and regulations, the freight industry, insurance and liability, law enforcement and economic development.

**Leadership Changes at Michigan Department of State**

Michigan Administrator Mike Wartella retired on March 30, 2018 after 32 years with the Michigan Department of State. Mike has been the chief DMV Administrator for 18 years and served on the AAMVA International Board for 6 years; 2004 – 2008 and 2014-2015. Mike was also Region 3 President 2006-2007. He plans to continue coaching high school hockey which he has been doing for 34 years, Mike and his wife Julie also plan on doing a little traveling.

James Fackler has been named as the Director of Program Support for the Customer Services Administration. His appointment will be effective as of April 9, 2018. James has been an employee of the Department of State since 1999 after serving as an intern in the Department of Environmental Quality. While with MDOS, he has progressed through multiple areas and held the positions of legislative analyst, liaison and assistant administrator for CSA. He holds a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Michigan and a Master’s degree from Texas A&M.

**Ward Keith to Retire from Manitoba Public Insurance**

After nearly 34 years of service, Ward Keith, vice-president, Business Development & Communications and Chief Administrative Officer, has announced his intention to retire from Manitoba Public Insurance. Ward’s retirement date will be at the end of December 2018, but he has provided early notice to ensure a smooth transition of his executive responsibilities over the coming months. Ward is a true homegrown success story, having started with the Corporation in an entry level clerical position in February 1985, and progressing through positions of increasing complexity and accountability, ultimately leading to his executive appointment in 2015. Ward’s last major career shift before joining the Executive team was in 2005 when MPI merged with the Department of Driver and Vehicle Licensing. He was promoted to oversee these functions at that time, and was directly involved in related initiatives to transform the business and integrate into MPI operations. He was also appointed Manitoba’s Registrar of Motor Vehicles at that time, and was Manitoba’s chief representative to the Canadian Council of Motor Vehicle Administrators (CCMTA) and the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) where he represented the interests of MPI and Manitoba on a national and international stage. It was in this role that Ward developed his expertise and passion towards road safety and loss prevention; a passion that was recognized nationally by MADD Canada with a Citizen of Distinction Award in 2011.

**Georgia State Driver Services Says “Share the Road” for Spring Break!**

It is time for schools in Georgia to celebrate spring break, and that means that many people are planning road trips. The Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) and its Georgia Motorcycle Program (GMP) are partnering with the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to remind vehicle drivers to “Share the Road"
during the busy spring months. The awareness campaign aims to educate vehicle drivers and motorcyclists on how each driver can be more aware of their surroundings, creating safer roads and saving lives in the process. Read more here.

**CMV Drivers Operating Without an ELD Will Be Placed Out of Service**

On April 1, 2018, property-carrying commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers operating their vehicle without a required registered electronic logging device (ELD) or a grandfathered automatic on-board recording device (AOBRD) began being placed out of service for 10 hours; passenger-carrying CMV drivers began being placed out of service for 8 hours. Violations are recorded on a roadside inspection report, and the driver may be cited for failing to have an electronic record of duty status. After 8 or 10 hours out of service, the driver may continue to their final destination provided the driver has accurately documented their hours-of-service (HOS) requirements using a paper record of duty status and has a copy of the inspection report and/or citation. If the driver is stopped again, the driver must provide the safety official with a copy of the inspection report and evidence proving that he/she is still on the original trip. After reaching their final destination, if the driver is re-dispatched again without obtaining a compliant ELD, he/she will again be subject to the out-of-service process outlined above unless the driver is traveling back to their place of business or terminal empty to obtain an ELD. All ELD violations will be counted against a motor carrier's Safety Measurement System (SMS) score, which will drive selection for investigation within the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA) program. The ELD mandate does not change the underlying HOS requirements. More information can be found on FMCSA's ELD implementation website.

**IIHS: Laws That Require Interlocks for All DUI Offenders Save Lives**

Laws requiring all impaired-driving offenders to install alcohol interlocks reduce the number of impaired drivers in fatal crashes by 16 percent, a new IIHS study shows. If all states without such laws adopted them, more than 500 additional lives could be saved each year. A separate study shows that those laws could be made even more effective. In a detailed examination of Washington's interlock policies, Institute researchers found that, as the state's interlock laws were strengthened, interlock installations went up and recidivism declined. At the same time, more DUI charges were reduced to lesser offenses that don't require interlocks. That suggests states could increase the impact of their interlock laws by closing such loopholes. The two studies are the latest to support the expansion of alcohol interlocks — in-vehicle breath-testing units that require a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) below a certain level, typically somewhere between 0.02 and 0.04 percent, before the vehicle can be started. Read more here.