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AAMVA Congratulates Ray Martinez on Senate Confirmation to Lead Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration



AAMVA proudly congratulates Raymond Martinez on his appointment as Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). Administrator Martinez was confirmed yesterday, February 13th, by voice vote of the Senate. An active AAMVA member for many years, Martinez holds the unique distinction of having served as the chief motor vehicle administrator in two separate jurisdictions, serving as the New York State Commissioner of Motor Vehicles from 2000 to 2005 and more recently as

the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission from 2010 until January 2018. He also served on the AAMVA International Board of Directors from 2015 and previously as President of AAMVA Region I in 2005. His background also includes time as the Deputy U.S. Chief of Protocol and Diplomatic Affairs for the U.S. Department of State and the White House, Deputy Director for Scheduling and Advance at the White House for First Lady Nancy Reagan, and Assistant General Counsel for the Long Island Power Authority. AAMVA is excited to continue working with Martinez in his new capacity.

2018 Workshop and Law Institute - Session Spotlight

Register today for the [2018 AAMVA Workshop and Law Institute](#), March 13-14, in Denver, Colorado. We have planned a program packed with informative sessions! Here's just a highlight of what you can expect at the 2018 Workshop and Law Institute:

The Fight Against Human Trafficking

Tuesday, March 13, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Hear from a national leader and champion about strategies to fight human trafficking. This session addresses the ongoing work to fight human trafficking. Learn about the dynamics of human trafficking, what your agency can do, essential partnerships, and how you can help after a victim is rescued.

The Mobile DL of Tomorrow

Tuesday, March 13, 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm

In this session you will learn what a mobile driver license really is and is not and you will hear about some of the challenges and opportunities that jurisdictions have with implementing an mDL. You will also learn what some of the interim steps are that issuing authorities should take and who is depending on these e-credentials.

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OUR EVENTS

MARCH

13-14 | [2018 AAMVA Workshop and Law Institute](#)
Denver, CO



27-28 | [2018 March IDEC & TMS Meeting](#)
St. Petersburg, FL

OUR WEBINARS

FEBRUARY

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

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SYSTEMS TRAINING

FEBRUARY

27 | [ACD Basic \(basic\)](#)

28 | [ACD Advanced \(advanced\)](#)

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OPEN RFPs

[New Jersey RFQ: Commercial Driver License Testing Pilot Program](#)

Updated Deadline: February 28, 2018

[AAMVA RFQ FY18-046 - Video Services for Law Enforcement](#) *Deadline: March 1, 2018*

[AAMVA RFP FY18-023 - 2019 AAMVA Workshop & Law Institute](#)

Deadline: March 5, 2018

[Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles RFP18-049: Third Party Title and Registration](#)

Deadline: March 5, 2018

[IRP RFI Electronic Credentials](#)

Deadline: April 14, 2018

For more information about these and other sessions, please view our [Program-at-a-Glance](#), and visit the [2018 AAMA Workshop and Law Institute landing page](#) to [register today!](#)

The Suspended Driver Alternative Reinstatement Working Group is Looking for Your Help

The Suspended Driver Alternative Reinstatement Working Group is charged with updating the 2013 Reducing Suspended Drivers Best Practices while adding a component addressing alternatives to traditional or established license reinstatement practices, with a particular focus on younger drivers. [The survey found at this link](#) will provide information to help them understand the current laws and practices related to suspending driving administration in jurisdictions. Please take a few minutes to provide your valuable input by **March 14, 2018**. The working group expected to publish the best practices in late 2018.

AAMVA Seeks Volunteers for Internet Vehicle Sales Working Group

AAMVA has a working group to develop best practices for the regulation of internet vehicle sales, in an effort to provide recommendations and education to member jurisdictions for deterring and stopping fraud and deceptive practices. We are seeking **two jurisdiction applicants from either Region 1 or Region 2; one representative with dealer licensing expertise and one representative with experience investigating fraud activity related to vehicle sales**, to fill existing vacancies on the working group.

After reviewing the expectations, if you are interested in serving on this Working Group, [please complete the application](#) and send it to Dianne Graham at committees@aamva.org by **February 28, 2018**. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. If you have questions about the working group, please contact [Cathie Curtis](#), AAMVA Staff - Project Manager.

The Internet Vehicle Sales Working Group Seeks Your Input

The Internet Vehicle Sales Working Group is charged with developing best practices of the regulation of Internet sales and to provide recommendations and educational materials to member jurisdictions to identify, understand and combat fraud and deceptive Internet vehicle sales practices. [The survey found at this link](#) will provide information to help them understand the current regulations related to advertising vehicles in jurisdictions. Please take a few minutes to provide your valuable input by **March 16, 2018**. The working group expected to publish the best practices in early 2019.

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 January are now ready for viewing. To request a copy of these reports, please click on the following link [REQUEST](#)

Welcome Associate Members!

AAMVA is pleased to welcome the following organizations to our Associate Membership Program. Follow the links below to learn more about each organization:

- AJT Media, Inc. - <https://www.etags.com>
- Duncan Solutions - <https://www.duncansolutions.com>

OUR SURVEYS

Please respond to these surveys from Florida, British Columbia, Ohio, Virginia, Connecticut, Nevada, South Carolina, Rhode Island, and AAMVA.

[Electronic Crash Diagraming](#) (Ends 03/02/2018)

Responses received from AR, IA, ID, IL, KS, MD, ME, NM, NY, OH, PA, SC, VA.

[Road Test Scoring Criteria](#) (Ends 03/02/2018)

Responses received from AB, AL, CO, FL, IL, ME, MS, ND, NE, NH, NM, SC, TX, VA, WI.

[Call Monitoring Information Request](#) (Ends

03/02/2018) Responses received from FL, ID, IN, MD, MO, MS, NE, NY, OH, SC, VA.

[CDL - Returning Surrendered License Documents](#)

(Ends 03/07/2018) Responses received from AR, CA, DE, FL, ID, IL, MN, MO, ND, NE, SC, VA, WA, WI.

[Driver Education Requirements \(Operator's License\)](#)

(Ends 03/07/2018) Responses received from CA, FL, ID, IL, LA, MD, MN, MO, NC, ND, NE, NH, OH, SC, TX, VA, WA, WI.

[Handicap Permits/Placards](#) (Ends 03/06/2018)

Responses received from AB, AL, FL, ID, IL, NE, NH, OH, OR, WI.

[DL/ID Production Charge](#) (Ends 03/12/2018)

Responses received from FL, ID, IL, MD, ND, NH, SC, WI.

[Distracted Driving DUI-E](#) (Ends 03/19/2018) Response

received from NC.

[Real ID Survey](#) (Ends 03/15/2018) Responses received

from FL, NE, NH, SC.

[Internet Vehicle Sales Working Group Survey 2](#)

(Ends 03/16/2018) Response received from AL.

[Fees & Taxes - Heavy Trucks, Tractors and Trailers](#)

(Ends 03/19/2018)

[Suspended Driver Alternative Reinstatement](#) (Ends

03/14/2018) Responses received from IL, SC, SD.

[Medical Review of Drivers](#) (Ends 02/26/2018)

Responses received from AB, AR, CA, FL, ID, IL, IN, KS, LA, ME, MO, MS, NE, NH, NJ, NV, NY, OH, OR, SC, VA, WI.

[Duplicate/Replacement License](#) (Ends 03/06/2018)

Responses received from AB, CA, CO, DE, FL, ID, IL, IN, MN, MS, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, NY, RI, SC, SK, TN, TX, VA, WA, WI.

JURISDICTION NEWS

PennDOT, State Police Raise Awareness of Lesser-Known Highway Safety Laws

To encourage safer driving in the state, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Secretary Leslie S. Richards and State Police Commissioner Tyree Blocker urged drivers to review and obey driver safety laws that may not be well known among the public. During Pennsylvania's Highway Safety Law Awareness week, which runs from February 18-25, the agencies advised drivers of several updates and safety reminders. [Read more here.](#)

FEDERAL NEWS

FMCSA Reaffirms RVIA Exemption for Driveaway Operations

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has [reaffirmed](#) its renewal of the Recreation Vehicle Industry Association's (RVIA) exemption from federal commercial driver's license (CDL) requirements for drivers who deliver certain newly manufactured motorhomes and recreational vehicles to dealers or trade shows before retail sale (driveaway operations). FMCSA has determined that RVIA's operations may continue in accordance with the terms and conditions of the exemption renewal announced on April 12th, 2017, and believes that drivers who qualify for the exemption will maintain a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety that would be obtained by complying with the CDL requirements.

NHTSA Announces Removing Regulatory Barriers for Vehicles With Automated Driving Systems Public Meeting

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) [is announcing](#) a public meeting to identify any regulatory barriers in the existing Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) to the testing, compliance certification, and compliance verification of vehicles with Automated Driving Systems (ADSS) and certain unconventional interior designs. The Agency published a Federal Register Notice of Request for Comments (RFC) titled Removing Regulatory Barriers for Vehicles with Automated Driving Systems on January 18, 2018, that included specific questions for which the Agency seeks comment (83 FR 2607, Docket No. NHTSA-2018-0009). NHTSA is holding this public meeting to present to the public a summary of the RFC and activities underway at NHTSA and across the industry regarding the identification and removal of barriers that might impede safe deployment of ADSS. Public comments are welcome at this meeting, but all should be oral, and any supporting presentations or materials should be submitted to the docket for consideration. NHTSA will hold the public meeting on March 6, 2018, at the U.S. Department of Transportation headquarters in Washington, DC.

NHTSA Traffic Safety Marketing: Saint Patrick's Day Drunk Driving Prevention - March 17, 2018

For too many in the United States, St. Patrick's Day has ended in tragedy due to drunk drivers getting behind the wheel. Over St. Patrick's Day from 2012 to 2016, a total of 269 lives were lost in drunk-driving crashes. NHTSA's marketing tools can be used to fit your needs and objectives while, at the same time, partnering with other States, communities, and traffic safety organizations on this drunk driving prevention initiative. Click [here](#) and get your campaign materials now.

President Trump Submits 2019 Budget Request

President Donald Trump has submitted his fiscal year [2019 budget](#) request to the United States Congress. The administration's budget proposal calls for a 19.2

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percent cut to the Department of Transportation's discretionary budget from fiscal 2017 enacted levels. The Department's discretionary budget would be cut from \$19.3 billion to \$15.6 billion, representing an even larger cut than that proposed by the administration in FY2018 when the request was \$16.2 billion. The cut is described as part of a reorganization of transportation spending planned to intersect with their accompanying infrastructure initiative. That infrastructure proposal would spend \$200 billion over 10 years, but increases the responsibility placed on state and local government to shoulder higher project funding percentages. The budget request includes \$60.9 billion in mandatory spending for highways, bridges, transit and other accounts with a projection that the Highway Trust Fund will become depleted by the start of FY 2023. The budget request does not propose transferring additional funding to the account or otherwise raising revenues. The budget proposal would eliminate the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grant program. The budget also proposes cutting a grant program that provides for state and local law enforcement to provide security to airports.

President Trump Submits Infrastructure Framework

President Donald Trump has submitted a [framework](#) for rebuilding infrastructure in America to the United States Congress. The proposal would leverage \$200 billion of federal money to theoretically encourage up to \$1.5 trillion in total spending by dividing the initial investment of \$200 billion over 10 years among five programs. The largest of the five programs would include allocation of \$100 billion in incentives to states and local governments whose applications would be scored against how much non-federal funding they can supply in partnership. The proposal was coupled with the administration's FY 2019 budget request which included a 19.2 percent cut to the Department of Transportation's budget over 2017 figures earlier in the week. While those reductions negatively impact amounts available, a budget agreement (P.L. 115-123) reached last week would include a promise to spend \$20 billion more on infrastructure. The proposal drastically changes the infrastructure environment in that the \$100 billion incentive program requires states, localities and private investors to provide up to 80 percent of the cost of each project. It also includes a proposal for the sale of federally-owned assets (specifically energy assets) and proposed increases in tolling, but doesn't specifically include any additional new revenue.

PARTNER NEWS

Prevalence of Drowsy-Driving Crashes: Estimates from a Large-Scale Naturalistic Driving Study

The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety has released a report that examines data collected by TRB's second Strategic Highway Research Program Naturalistic Driving Study (SHRP 2 NDS) to explore the prevalence of driver drowsiness immediately prior to crashes. This is the first study to use the validated measure to quantify the proportion of crashes in which the driver was drowsy using pre-crash video from a large sample of crashes that involved members of the U.S. general driving population. [Read more here.](#)

Research Letter: The April 20 Cannabis Celebration and Fatal Traffic Crashes in the United States

A [research letter](#) published in the Journal of the American Medical Association found a 12 percent relative increase in fatal crashes on April 20. On April 20 each year, thousands of Americans celebrate the intoxicating properties of marijuana on a popular counterculture holiday known as "4/20." Legal marijuana sales surge in anticipation of the "High Holiday," and college students report increased cannabis consumption on 4/20 itself. In many cities, activists and enthusiasts gather at public celebrations that feature synchronized mass consumption of cannabis at 4:20 pm. [Read more here.](#)



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