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## 2017 IDEC Examiners of the Year Announced

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## This Week's Webinars

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

Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)

Before a jurisdiction issues a title or other ownership document or record, the SWI can provide information to help the jurisdiction determine whether the ownership documentation presented with the application are valid. The information supports jurisdictions' titling processes for both new and used vehicles. The Anti-Car Theft Act requires each jurisdiction to perform an instant title verification check before issuing a title to an applicant claiming to have purchased the vehicle from an individual or entity in another jurisdiction. The SWI VIN search feature can be used to satisfy this legal requirement. In addition, the NMVTIS best practice is that jurisdictions perform an inquiry before issuing a title or other ownership document or record, whether or not the applicant claims to have purchased the vehicle in another jurisdiction.

## JURISDICTION NEWS

### Illinois Secretary of State's Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Meets in Chicago

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White's Traffic Safety Advisory Committee met in Chicago to examine impaired driving laws and consider measures aimed at making Illinois roads safer by reducing impaired driving crashes and fatalities. The advisory committee reviewed the following three measures designed to combat impaired driving:

- Strengthen DUI laws by revising the statute defining a first-time DUI offender. Under current statutory summary suspension law, motorists are considered first-time DUI offenders if five or more years have passed since their last DUI.



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**OUR EVENTS**

**FEBUARY**

**5-6** | [2018 February Disability Placard Fraud Working Group Meeting](#)  
Phoenix, AZ

**6-7** | [2018 February NMVTIS Business Rules Working Group Meeting](#)  
Phoenix, AZ

**8-9** | [2018 February Suspended Driver Alternative Reinstatement Working Group Meeting](#)  
Phoenix, AZ

**OUR WEBINARS**

**JANUARY**

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**JANUARY**

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Strengthen prosecution of DUI by allowing prosecutors to introduce as evidence past DUI offenses committed by the defendant to a jury during a trial. Currently, the law does not allow past DUI convictions to be introduced as evidence during a jury trial.

- Strengthen impaired driving laws by cracking down on impaired driving with a special emphasis on prescription drugs such as opioids. This measure is in response to the opioid epidemic and the increase in DUI cases involving the use of prescription drugs. Amends certain sections of the Illinois Vehicle Code to include prescription drugs alone, or in combination with alcohol, that may result in impairment and administrative sanctions.

[Read more here.](#)

**FEDERAL NEWS**

**Congress Reaches Deal to Reopen Government**

United States Senate Republicans and Democrats have reached a compromise that would effectively end the government shutdown on Monday afternoon. The compromise lends Senate Democratic support to a three-week stopgap spending measure (HR 195) with a commitment from the Senate majority to immediately consider legislation on the floor of the Senate if no immigration agreement is reached prior to February 8th - the same date affixed to the expiration of the compromise short-term funding extension. The United States Senate has passed that measure by a vote of 81-18. Assuming the U.S. House of Representatives also lends their support, the measure passes, and the President signs the bill, the government would immediately reopen and funding for the federal government would be extended through February 8.

**NHTSA Requests Comment on Modifying FMVSS for Vehicles with Automated Driving Systems**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) seeks public comments to identify any regulatory barriers in the existing Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) to the testing, compliance, certification and compliance verification of motor vehicles with Automated Driving Systems (ADSs) and certain unconventional interior designs. Through the announcement, NHTSA indicates that it is focusing primarily, but not exclusively, on vehicles with ADSs that lack controls for a human driver (e.g., lacking steering wheel, brake pedal, or accelerator pedal.) The absence of manual driving controls, and thus of a human driver, poses potential barriers to testing, compliance certification and compliance verification. For example, many of the FMVSS refer to the "driver" or "driver's seating position" in specifying where various vehicle features and systems need to be located so that they can be seen and/or used by a person sitting in that position. Further, the compliance test procedures of some FMVSS depend on the presence of such things as a human test driver who can follow instructions on test driving maneuvers or a steering wheel that can be used by an automated steering machine. Finally, NHTSA seeks comments on the research that would be needed to determine how to amend the FMVSS in order to remove such barriers while retaining existing safety requirements. Comments are due by March 5<sup>th</sup>. AAMVA members submitting comments are encouraged to send a copy of those comments to [governmentaffairs@aamva.org](mailto:governmentaffairs@aamva.org) so that AAMVA may reflect its members comments in its own.

**FHWA Requests Information on Infrastructure Needs for Automated Driving Systems**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has [issued](#) a Request for Information

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**OPEN RFPs**

[AAMVA RFQ FY18-034: Video Production Services](#)

Deadline: January 26, 2018

[AAMVA RFP No. FY18-031: Banking Services](#)

Deadline: February 1, 2018

[Ohio 2018 Deputy Registrar Request for Proposals \(7 RFPs\)](#)

Deadline: February 2, 2018

[California Department of Motor Vehicles RFP -- Report of Sale and Temporary License Plate System](#)

Deadline: February 5, 2018

[Indiana RFP: BMV/C STARS System Modernization RFS 18-023](#)

Deadline: February 14, 2018

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

New Deadline: February 28, 2018

**OUR SURVEYS**

Please respond to these surveys from Utah, Oregon, Maryland, Alabama, Rhode Island, Montana, Florida, and Washington.

[Customer Service Rep or Equivalent Information](#) (Ends 02/02/2018) Responses received from CO, FL, ID, IN, KS, MD, ME, MS, NH, NM, PA, VA, WA.

[Non-Commercial Drive Test Scheduling & Monitoring](#) (Ends 02/14/2018) Responses received from ID, IL, LA, MN, MO, NH, VA.

[Data Governance or Warehouse](#) (Ends 01/30/2018) Responses received from FL, GA, ID, IL, MD, MI, MN, MO, OH, ON, SC, TN, TX, VA, WA.

[State DMV Exam Office Hours](#) (Ends 02/19/2018) Responses received from AK, CO, DC, FL, ID, IL, LA, MD, MN, MS, NE, NH, NM, NY, TN, TX, VA, WA.

(RFI) regarding Automated Driving Systems (ADS). FHWA cites that ADS are increasingly being tested and introduced onto the public roadways and is interested in hearing from stakeholders on a range of issues related to assessing the infrastructure requirements and standards that may be necessary for enabling safe and efficient operations of ADS. Comments on the RFI must be received by March 5, 2018. AAMVA members submitting comments are encouraged to submit a copy of those comments to [governmentaffairs@amva.org](mailto:governmentaffairs@amva.org) so that those reflections can be reflected in AAMVA's own.

## SAVE Modernization Webinar Training for Web Service Agencies

DHS will release an updated version of the Web3 screens on 1/31/18. These changes will not be reflected in current releases of VLS, they will appear in VLS 3.2. Example: If a DMV uses VLS for step 1 verifications the existing functionality will continue for the case. If a DMV uses Web3 for step 2 or 3 verifications of the same case, the new functionality will be encountered in Web3. DHS is providing the following training webinar to demonstrate the new functionality:

### TRAINING WEBINAR - SAVE MODERNIZATION ENHANCEMENTS

The Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program continuously works to improve and modernize the SAVE system. This phase of modernization will be implemented on January 31<sup>st</sup> for both Web Access and Web Services Users. Please join one of the webinar sessions below to learn more.

**TRAINING WEBINAR SCHEDULE - The Training Webinars for SAVE Modernization Enhancements are offered on the following dates and times. Click "[attend](#)" to join a webinar on any of the dates/times listed below.**

**DATES:** January: 16-19, 22-26, 29-31; February: 1-2

**TIMES: (EST)** 09:00 -10:00 AM; 11:00-12:00 PM; 01:00-02:00 PM; 03:00-04:00 PM

For information or questions, please contact SAVE customer support at: **1-877-469-2563** or send an e-mail to [SAVE.HELP@uscis.dhs.gov](mailto:SAVE.HELP@uscis.dhs.gov)

## PARTNER NEWS

### New Report Calls for Lowering Blood Alcohol Concentration Levels for Driving, Increasing Federal and State Alcohol Taxes, Increasing Enforcement, Among Other Recommendations

Despite progress in recent decades, more than 10,000 alcohol-impaired driving fatalities occur each year in the U.S. To address this persistent problem, stakeholders -- from transportation systems to alcohol retailers to law enforcement -- should work together to implement policies and systems to eliminate these preventable deaths, says a [new report](#) from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. The committee that conducted the study and wrote the report recommended a number of actions, such as lowering state laws criminalizing alcohol-impaired driving from 0.08 to 0.05 percent blood alcohol concentration (BAC), increasing alcohol taxes significantly, strengthening policies to prevent illegal alcohol sales to people under 21 and to already-intoxicated adults, enacting all-offender ignition interlock laws, and providing effective treatment for offenders when needed. [Read more here.](#)

**[License Duration for Refugee and Asylees](#)** (Ends 02/05/2018)

Responses received from ID, MD, MI, NH, VA.

**[Record Accounts](#)** (Ends 02/19/2018) Response received from NE.

**[E-Gov Services](#)** (Ends 02/21/2018) Response received from ID.

**[Sample Driver License and ID Cards](#)** (Ends 01/26/2018) Responses received from AK, AL, AR, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, MB, MD, ME, MI, MO, NE, NH, ON, OR, QC, SC, TN, TX, VA, VT, WA.

**[Mobile Homes - Titling](#)** (Ends 01/31/2018) Responses received from AL, CA, CT, FL, ID, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MO, MT, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OK, OR, UT, VA, WI.

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.



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