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2018 AAMVA Workshop and Law Institute Next Week!
There's just one week left until the 2018 AAMVA Workshop and Law Institute, March 13-14, in Denver, Colorado. Join us for this unique event that provides AAMVA members with an intimate and collaborative environment to network and learn from fellow motor vehicle and law enforcement colleagues across North America. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from and meet directly with jurisdictions, as well as industry organizations that provide the products and services you need. The two-day schedule is packed with sessions covering hot topics in the motor vehicle and law enforcement community including: autonomous vehicles, cognitive impairment, customer service, cyber security, mobile DL, Real ID, and much more. Learn more and register today at the 2018 AAMVA Workshop and Law Institute website.

2018 Region 1 Conference – Registration Open!
Registration is now open for the 2018 Region 1 Conference, May 14-17 in Wilmington, Delaware. This unique opportunity provides AAMVA members with an intimate and collaborative environment to discuss relevant driver license, motor vehicle and law enforcement issues. As with every AAMVA conference, the ability to network is one of the most beneficial experiences, and this year's Region 1 Conference provides several networking opportunities as well as interactive learning opportunities. Jurisdiction attendees will learn about the successes and challenges of others, share ideas, build relationships, and discover the many products and services provided by our industry partners that can assist in your mission. Industry attendees will have the opportunity to meet with key players in the driver license, motor vehicle and law enforcement arenas. Visit the 2018 Region 1 Conference Website for more information and to register online today!

The AAMVA IDEC 2017 Outstanding Examiner of the Year Award
The AAMVA International Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC) Executive Board and Driver Committee are pleased to announce Ms. Chasity Perry of Kentucky as the recipient of the AAMVA IDEC 2017 Outstanding Examiner of the Year. The award is based upon the Examiner of the Year letters that were submitted to AAMVA by IDEC participating jurisdictions on behalf of their nominees. Each year the IDEC Board recognizes one examiner that has gone above and beyond his or her duties as a driver examiner. This year's recipient was chosen for her integrity and unwavering commitment to her job, coworkers and customers. Her generosity, commitment and professionalism and courtesy to everyone around her and her take-charge attitude and leadership has lead to Ms. Perry being chosen as AAMVA's 2017 IDEC Outstanding Examiner of the Year. Please join AAMVA in congratulating Ms. Perry on her award! For more on the IDEC program, visit http://www.aamva.org/IDEC/

Tennessee Implements S2S; Massachusetts to Follow
AAMVA congratulates Tennessee on successfully implementing the State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) during the weekend of March 4, 2018 and becoming the 15th participant using the new service. All migration activities have completed on schedule. CDLIS and S2S services are fully operational now. AAMVA would also like to thank volunteer states Nebraska and Ohio who assisted with Tennessee’s migration. Tennessee will henceforth be able to use SPEXS to perform its CDLIS and S2S functions. This means, among other things, that Tennessee can now also track pointer information related to its Base Driver Licenses, Permits for Base Driver Licenses, and Identification Cards. This supports the goal of limiting any person to only one driver’s license. For full information, click here.

Massachusetts is scheduled to begin using S2S on March 26, 2018. Other jurisdictions will also begin using the S2S in the upcoming months and AAMVA looks forward to support them during their onboarding process.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the AAMVA Operations
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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

Please respond to these surveys from Indiana, Montana, West Virginia, Wisconsin, New Mexico, North Carolina, Nevada, Colorado, Virginia, Ohio, South Carolina, and AAMVA.

Recreational & Special Vehicles - Licensing (Ends 03/14/2018) Responses received from AK, ID, IL, NC, NE, PA. Contributions toward a patchwork approach, 5) that DOT will provide stakeholders with additional assistance (through guidance, documentation, etc.) for the safe integration of AVs, and 6) DOT will always recognize the need for AVs to continue to operate alongside traditional motor vehicles.

AAMVA at DOT Automated Vehicles Discussion

AAMVA was invited to participate in the 12th annual Biometrics for Government and Law Enforcement conference held in Crystal City last week. The conference focused on the significant challenges facing government in relation to biometrics. The management and development of more efficient and effective large-scale operational capabilities and the establishment of standards were also a topic of conversation. The good work being done by AAMVA members with facial recognition was the focus for a panel made up by: Owen McShane, Director – Field Investigations, New York DMV; Steve Eppens, Chief, Fraud Unit, Nebraska DMV; Selden Fritschner, Sr. Transportation Specialist, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; and, Geoff Slagle, Director – Identity Management, AAMVA.

New Accepting Nominations for the June 2018 CDL Train the Trainer Class
Submit nominations for the Commercial Driver License (CDL) Train-the-Trainer Class, scheduled for Monday, June 18, 2018 through Friday, June 22, 2018 in St. Petersburg, Florida. The session is 40 hours in length and the class size is limited to twelve (12) people. Nominees must have a thorough knowledge of the CDL, current experience conducting the CDL Skills Tests; and, experience training State Examiners or Third Party Examiners on CDL test administration.

The class is designed to be a hands-on training class for lead examiners, or trainers, who conduct examiner and refresher training in their jurisdiction as required. The training class will utilize the curriculum as published in the Certified Commercial Examiner (CCE) Instructor Manual developed by the AAMVA International Driver Licensing Examiner Certification Executive Board. There is no tuition or registration fee for this training. All travel, room and board expenses will be paid by AAMVA. It is important to note that this curriculum meets all of the Examiners training and certification requirements as defined in 49 CFR §384.228 – Examiner Training and Record Checks. Accordingly, all jurisdictions are encouraged to utilize these training materials regardless of their participation in the IDEC CCE Program. All of the training materials and videos are provided to our jurisdictional members free of charge.

Please complete the Nominee Form for each individual being nominated and email them to Karen Morton at kmorton@aamva.org no later than Friday, March 30, 2018, as class sizes are limited. After the nominations are reviewed, detailed information will be sent to those selected to attend. If you have questions or need additional information, please email me at kmorton@aamva.org.

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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.

The Internet Vehicle Sales Working Group Seeks Your Input

Visiting the survey tool. Please contact Janice Dluzynski if you have any questions about using the survey tool.

Please note the following deadlines:

MSF Cards and Reciprocity (Ends 03/21/2018) Responses received from AR, FL, IL, MD, SC, SD, TX, WI, WV.

CDL Fees (Ends 03/21/2018) Responses received from AK, AL, AR, CA, CO, FL, ID, IL, KS, LA, MD, MN, RI, SC, SD, TX, WI.

Prison Release Programs (Ends 03/23/2018) Responses received from AR, IL, LA, NC, OR, RI, SC, TX, WI.

Distracted Driving DUI-E (Ends 03/19/2018) Responses received from CA, CT, ID, IN, IA, MA, ME, NC, ND, NH, PA, UT, VA, WY.

MSF Cards and Reciprocity (Ends 03/21/2018) Responses received from AR, FL, IL, MD, SC, TX, UT.

Motor Vehicle Recall Notification (Ends 03/21/2018) Responses received from AL, AR, CO, ID, KS, LA, MD, NC, ND, NH, PA, UT, VA, WY.

Real ID Exceptions Processes (Ends 03/23/2018) Responses received from AR, CA, FL, GA, IL, IN, LA, MD, MO, MT, RI, SC.

Distracted Driving DUE (Ends 03/19/2018) Responses received from FL, ID, IL, KS, MO, MT, NC, NY, OR, QC, VA.

Suspended Driver Alternative Reinstatement (Ends 03/14/2018) Responses received from AK, ID, IL, NC, NE, NH, OH, OR, RI, SC, SD, VA.

You can view all open surveys and responses to all surveys by visiting the survey tool.

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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.

This Week's Webinars

Facial Recognition Applications & Face Examination Procedures

Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)

Facial recognition technology is a valuable tool in the deterrence, detection, and investigation of fraud. Knowing how to properly examine facial features and how to maximize the use of this technology is important for effective and efficient operations. Attendees will receive valuable information in the areas of facial examination procedures and facial recognition applications to enhance their knowledge and skills in the use of this technology.

JURISDICTION NEWS

Texas Assembled Vehicles Working Group Meets

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) held the first meeting of their Assembled Vehicles Working Group last week. Whitney Brewster, Executive Director opened the meeting and thanked the approximately 20 government regulators and industry representatives for attending and provided her support for the work the group is doing. Jeremiah Kuntz, Director, Vehicle Titles and Registration Division led the meeting as the group considered the current state and federal laws that impact dune buggies, kit cars and other assembled vehicles. The working group’s goal is to evaluate state and federal regulations relating to assembled, reconstructed, and specially constructed vehicles in order to make recommendations for legislative and administrative rule changes necessary to allow for the titling and registration of these vehicles while facilitating safe operation and compliance with all other state and federal laws. Representatives from NHTSA joined by teleconference and AAMVA’s Cathie Curtis, Director of Vehicle Programs attended and provided an overview of AAMVA’s best practices for registration and title of unconventional vehicles.

FEDERAL NEWS

Raymond Martinez Begins Tenure as New Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administrator

U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao swore in Raymond P. Martinez as the sixth Administrator for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). Martinez most recently served eight years as the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission’s Chairman and Chief Administrator where he oversaw the agency’s 2,500 employees and a $330 million annual operating budget with more than $1 billion in annual revenue. Martinez advised the governor and state legislature on all areas of motor vehicle transportation and traffic safety and was responsible for developing the agency’s regulatory and legislative agenda and all project prioritization. Martinez is a former Commissioner of the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, and also served at the U.S. Department of State. He has also been very active in the AAMVA Community, serving as President of AAMVA Region 1 and as a member of the AAMVA International Board of Directors. Read more here.

NHTSA Extends Comment Period for Regulatory Barriers for Vehicles with ADS

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has extended the comment period for “Removing Regulatory Barriers for Vehicles with Automated Driving Systems.” The original request for comment was filed in the Federal Register on January 18, 2018 and requested comments by March 5, 2018. NHTSA has extended the comment date until March 20, 2018. As a reminder, this docket requests comment on identification of 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 (ADS) and certain unconventional interior designs.

NHTSA Announces Drugged Driving Call to Action Meeting

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is announcing a public meeting as part of the Agency’s initiative to combat drug-impaired driving on U.S. roads. NHTSA is holding this public meeting to facilitate a national dialogue on best practices, lessons learned, and to develop a call to-action with short-, mid-, and long term plans to address drug-impaired driving in the U.S. NHTSA is
Bringing together key stakeholders—including safety partners; state and local officials; data and policy experts; law enforcement and criminal justice professionals; toxicologists; drug recognition experts; and others—to join the DOT in setting a course of action and taking measurable steps to address drug-impaired driving. Registration information for this event will be available at www.nhtsa.gov on March 1, 2018. The meeting will be held on March 15, 2018, in Washington, DC, at the U.S. DOT headquarters.

**FHWA Announces Highway Use Tax Evasion Grant Funds For Intergovernmental Efforts**

As directed in The Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) announces grant funds available for projects enhancing compliance of motor fuel and highway use taxes. Of those funds, $2,000,000 are set aside each year for Intergovernmental Enforcement Efforts in identifying and reducing fuel tax evasion. For this award, available funds will be combined from FY 2017 and FY 2018 program funds, for a total available award of $4,000,000. Applicants are encouraged to submit innovative proposals to reduce fuel tax evasion and increase coordination and collaboration among several public agencies, including federal agencies. The application close date is Apr 30, 2018. Applications can be submitted through the grants.gov portal.

**NHTSA Responds to Petitions on Minimum Sound Requirements for Hybrid and Electric Vehicles**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has published a response to petitions for reconsideration regarding Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) Number 141 – Minimum Sound Requirements for Hybrid and electric Vehicles. NHTSA published their final rule establishing the minimum sound requirements in December 2016. NHTSA received submissions from three petitioners requesting changes to the final rule and has decided to grant the petition for four of the discrete changes, denied one, and requests comment in a separate document for the sixth proposed change. NHTSA has granted the petition request to postpone the compliance phase-in schedule by one year. NHTSA has also granted two petition requests relating to the “Sameness” requirements in the final rule to further allow variations in alert sound across different vehicle types, and to reduce the number of compliance criteria to meet the sameness standards. NHTSA is granting a petition request to modify the regulatory language to permit the alteration of the alert sound as originally equipped on a vehicle for repairs and recall remedies.

**GHSA: No National Progress in Reducing Pedestrian Fatalities**

The Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) projects nearly 6,000 pedestrians were killed in motor vehicle crashes in the U.S. in 2017, marking the second year in a row at numbers not seen in 25 years. GHSA’s annual Spotlight on Highway Safety provides the first glimpse at state and national trends in pedestrian traffic fatalities for 2017, using preliminary data provided by the highway safety offices in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Richard Retting of Sam Schwartz Consulting analyzed the data and authored the report. Read more here.

**Alcohol Related Road Casualties in Official Crash Statistics**

The International Transport Forum has released a report that identifies how to improve reporting data regarding real-world numbers of alcohol-related road casualties worldwide. This report reviews the methods of recording data, the quality of this data, and the issue of underreported data. Read more here.

**Self-driving Cars Are Coming, But Are Americans Ready?**

A Northeastern University and Gallup study finds majority of Americans say they are unlikely to use & would not feel comfortable in a self-driving car. In this podcast Gallup talks with Americans across the country, who express both optimism and reservations about the new technology. Later, New York Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul describes her experience riding in an autonomous vehicle in Manhattan and elsewhere, and what she sees for the future of American transportation. Read more here.