Jurisdictional Guidelines for the Safe Testing and Deployment of Highly Automated Vehicles Now Available

AAMVA's Autonomous Vehicles Working Group has completed an important product to assist our members in navigating the emerging area of vehicle automation. Jurisdictional Guidelines for the Safe Testing and Deployment of Highly Automated Vehicles was created to assist motor vehicle and law enforcement agencies seeking to address the testing or use of Level 3, 4, and 5 automated vehicles in their jurisdiction. It provides voluntary guidance and recommendations that balance public safety with the advancement of vehicle innovations that have the potential to reduce crashes, fatalities, injuries and property damage. As your jurisdiction addresses the use of Highly Automated Vehicles, you may want to use these guidelines to ensure your jurisdiction is addressing key components while giving consideration to creating a consistent regulatory approach across jurisdictions. The report is based on a combination of research, experience, and knowledge accumulated over the last three years by the members of the AAMVA Autonomous Vehicles Working Group who are professional staff members of different motor vehicle and law enforcement agencies throughout North America. While some jurisdictions have developed requirements for entities to test HAVs on public roadways and others have not, the group utilized the collective experiences of the jurisdictions to assist in shaping these recommendations. Visit here to view the document.

2018 Region 1 Conference This Week!

The 2018 Region 1 Conference gets underway this week, May 14-17, in Wilmington, Delaware! The conference provides an opportunity for you and your peers to discuss relevant driver's license, motor vehicle and law enforcement related issues. As with every AAMVA conference, the ability to network is one of the most beneficial experiences, and this year's regional 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's license, motor vehicle and law enforcement arenas. Visit the 2018 Region 1 Conference Website for more information and to register!

AAMVA Attends EReg Annual Meeting in Berlin, Germany

AAMVA was recently invited to attend and
participate in the Association of European Vehicle and Driver Registration Authorities (EReg) general meeting and annual conference. The event was hosted in Berlin by the German Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure and their motor vehicle administration – Kraftfahrt-Bundesamt (KBA). Geoff Slagle, AAMVA's Director of Identity Management, gave a keynote speech outlining the program of work for the association. He was joined by the Chief Executive for Austroads, Nick Koukoulas, who provided an overview of efforts in Australia and New Zealand. Some of the topics that garnered the spotlight this year included: mobile driver licenses; toll and entry systems; cyber security and vehicle software; international data exchange (Eucaris); and, vehicle certificate of conformity. The gathering also featured a ‘carousel’ of demonstrations where delegates were able to see in action some of the programs and applications that have recently been developed or are close to being stood up.

CDL Coordinators/IT Meeting

FMCSA Administrator Raymond Martinez, AAMVA Test Maintenance Subcommittee Chair Larry Boivin (ME) and AAMVA President and CEO Anne Ferro welcomed attendees to the FMCSA CDL Coordinators and IT meeting in Columbus, OH. Attendees discussed strategies and requirements of the federally mandated CDL and CDLIS programs, including partnerships with courts and prosecutors, the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners, the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse rule, approaches to Employer Notification Systems, CDL Skills Testing and training tools available, CDLIS, and state innovation stories.

Pennsylvania to Join State to State Verification Service (S2S)

Pennsylvania will begin using AAMVA's State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) on Monday, May 21st, 2018. Tasks related to on-boarding Pennsylvania will be conducted during the weekend of May 19th, 2018. During this process (Saturday evening to Monday morning), there will be periods during which the CDLIS/S2S Central Site (Central Site) will be in inquiry-only mode or unavailable (over and above the regularly scheduled maintenance window of 2:00 AM ET to 5:00 AM ET on Sunday, May 20, 2018). Click here for more information and the full timeline. If you have any questions on the CDLIS/S2S downtime that need immediate attention please contact the AAMVA Operations Help Desk at helpdesk@aamva.org. For any inquiries relating to this matter, please contact Pam Dsa (pdsa@aamva.org).

This Week's Webinars

NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) — Understanding the Administrative Features
Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)
The NMVTIS SWI Web Application is used by the states to perform title verification and data corrections. This webinar focuses on how the states use the administrative features to oversee the states user community. A brief overview of the SWI application is also provided. The SWI application has been built so that each state manages their own user community. This includes configuring the system with organizations to which users are assigned. The state administrator is responsible for user role assignments and user account activation and deactivation. The SWI Application also includes a reporting component that allows state administrators to monitor user activity.
Pat Kohler Stepping Down from Washington Department of Licensing

Pat Kohler, director of the Washington Department of Licensing, is stepping down. Her last day will be June 30. Kohler is also a member of the AAMVA International Board of Directors. In her resignation letter to Governor Inslee, Kohler said that the tragic loss of her brother earlier this year is prompting her to re-evaluate her priorities and that she is currently exploring future opportunities. She has served as DOL director since June 2013. Under her leadership, the department has modernized business processes, implemented several new technology modernization systems on time and under budget, reduced customer wait times, and significantly increased employee satisfaction. Prior to coming to DOL, Kohler served 10 years as executive director of the Washington State Liquor Control Board (prior to the inclusion of cannabis in its mission and name). Her career in state government also includes experience with the Washington State Department of General Administration and the Washington State Auditor’s Office. Read more here.

April Crackdown on Disabled Parking Placard Abuse Results in 381 Citations in California

Investigators with the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) caught 381 out of 4,951 people fraudulently using disabled person parking placards during 22 enforcement operations in April. Investigators confiscated the placards and issued each offender a misdemeanor citation that carries a $250 to $1,000 fine. The violation will also appear on their driver record. Since July 1, 2017, DMV investigators have issued 2,212 citations during 213 crackdown efforts, which is significantly more than the 1,625 citations they handed out during the 2016/17 fiscal year. The DMV carries out as many as 24 enforcement operations each month in an effort to reduce the impact disabled person parking placard fraud has on the mobility of those with disabilities. Read more here.

Mississippi Releases 2019 License Plate Design

The new Mississippi license plate design for 2019 has been released. Governor Phil Bryant shared the design Thursday, pointing out specifically that the design will feature the Mississippi State Seal, which includes the national motto “In God We Trust”. Read more here.

As Car Buying Season Approaches, New NHTSA Report Shows Newer Vehicles Are Safer

As consumers flock to local dealerships during May—the beginning of the busiest car buying season — the U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration released new data that shows new model year vehicles are the safest on U.S. roads. NHTSA’s analysis looked at fatal crashes involving passenger cars, SUVs, and pickup trucks, and the data showed that a greater proportion of deaths among passengers in fatal crashes occurred within older model year vehicles, compared to new model year vehicles. As vehicle safety improvements become more widespread, this trend is expected to continue.

To help educate consumers, NHTSA created a pocket shopping guide to make today’s driver assistance technologies easy to understand for all drivers. It’s available on NHTSA.gov, along with the agency’s 5-Star Safety Ratings that evaluate how vehicles perform in crash tests. Read more here.
White House Submits Rescissions Package

The Trump Administration has detailed a series of budget authority rescissions amounting to a total of $15.4 billion. Under section 1012 of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 the rescissions affect programs of the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Energy, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Justice, Labor, State, Transportation, and the Treasury. Affected Transportation accounts include rescissions of:

- $85 million from unobligated balances available in FHWA's Surface Transportation Priorities account
- $45 million from unobligated balances available in FHWA's Appalachian Development Highway System account
- $48 million from unobligated balances available in FHWA's Miscellaneous Highway Projects
- $53 million from unobligated balances available in FRA's Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail Corridors and Intercity Passenger Rail Service
- $46 million from unobligated balances available for Transit Formula Grants from FY 2005 and previous fiscal years

FHWA Invites Public Comment on Biennial Performance Reporting for the TPM Program ICR

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for a new information collection on the Biennial Performance Reporting for the TPM Program. The MAP–21 (Pub. L. 112–141) and FAST Act (Pub. L. 114–94) transformed the Federal-aid highway program by establishing new requirements for transportation performance management (TPM) to ensure the most efficient investment of Federal transportation funds. The TPM Program, as established by MAP–21 and FAST Act, requires states to measure condition or performance, establish targets, assess progress towards targets and report on condition or performance. State DOTs now must submit biennial performance reports (23 U.S.C. 150 (e) and 23 CFR 490.107). The information being requested in the TPM Biennial Reports will be provided to the DOT in an electronic format through an online data form called the Performance Management Form (PMF). Comments are due by July 9, 2018.

100th, 48th LRS Pass AAMVA Inspection, Will Host CDL Program

The 48th Logistics Readiness Squadron and 100th LRS passed an American Association of Motor Vehicles Administrators inspection here, April 26-27. The inspection verified procedures and the course layout to be used for a commercial driver’s licensure program. The CDL course is part of an Air Force-wide initiative, with RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall set to be the first bases in the U.S. Air Forces in Europe to implement the program. Read more here.

IIHS: Study Highlights Rising Pedestrian Deaths, Points Toward Solutions

Pedestrian deaths have jumped 46 percent since reaching their lowest point in 2009, as pedestrian crashes have become both deadlier and more frequent. The increase has been mostly in urban or suburban areas, at nonintersections, on arterials — busy roads designed mainly to funnel vehicle traffic toward freeways — and in the dark, a new IIHS study shows. Crashes were increasingly likely to involve SUVs and high-horsepower vehicles. A total of 5,987 pedestrians were killed in crashes in 2016, accounting for 16 percent of all crash fatalities. The
number of pedestrians killed each year has declined 20 percent since 1975, but the 2016 toll was the highest since 1990. Visit here for more information.

2017 Traffic Safety Culture Index
The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety has released a report that summarizes the results of a survey of U.S. motorists to determine the degree to which traffic safety is valued and pursued by drivers in the United States. The survey explores perceived threats to personal safety by other drivers, as well as self-reported unsafe driving practices. For more information, visit here