The AAMVA Board of Directors held their annual Spring meeting last week at AAMVA’s headquarters in Arlington, VA. The Board received operational updates on key initiatives and heard briefings from numerous partners and stakeholders, including federal government agencies. The Board also approved a few key measures, including the first official AAMVA Mobile Driver License (mDL) Standard and a new guidance document for driver examiners that will assist them when testing drivers in vehicles with Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS). Both documents will be published and available to members in the coming weeks. The Board also authorized a full membership vote on a new Automated Traffic Enforcement policy at the August annual membership meeting in Omaha, Nebraska.

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AAMVA Leadership Academy This Week

AAMVA welcomed 19 up-and-coming leaders to the Leadership Academy, which will take place this week at AAMVA headquarters in Arlington, VA. This year’s participants include:

- Jolyane Arbour, Société de l’assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ)
- Mary Bienko, California Department of Motor Vehicles
- Tonya Blaine, Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles
- Darcy Bly, Service Alberta
- Rakonda Cobb, District of Columbia Department of Motor Vehicles
- Ryan Ennis, Tennessee Department of Safety & Homeland Security
- Amelia Flores, Texas Department of Public Safety
- Scott Harrington, Kansas Highway Patrol
- Beth Hartley, Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles
- Corey Kleist, Wisconsin DOT, Division of Motor Vehicles
- Kayla Lemieux, North Dakota DOT, Driver’s License Division

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Charlotte, NC

The Leadership Academy provides professional development opportunities for future leaders in the AAMVA community. This week-long program will include modules on defining leadership, working with legislators, teamwork and collaboration, organizational performance management, and more. It is an intense training opportunity focused on the unique characteristics of leading and managing a motor vehicle or law enforcement agency.

Looking for Members to Lend Their Expertise
AAMVA is looking for additional jurisdiction members to lend their expertise on our three standing committees. Serving on a committee is an ideal way to influence policy, develop best practices and network with your peers. Visit AAMVA.org to see the list of specific positions that we are seeking jurisdiction members to fill on our Driver, Law Enforcement, and Vehicle standing committees. If a region is indicated, the applicant chosen will be from that region. If the region is shown as “Any Region,” the applicant chosen could be from any of AAMVA’s regions. We attempt to maintain jurisdictional and regional balance on all committees and working groups. If you would like to serve on one of our committees, please complete the Committee Member Application Form. All applications must be received by June 15, 2019. Even if you submitted an application previously, please resubmit. If you have questions, please contact Dianne Graham via email committees@aamva.org or phone 703.522.4200. Visit https://www.aamva.org/committees-and-working-groups/ for more information.

CDL Coordinators/IT Managers Meeting Presentations Now Available for Jurisdiction and Federal Members
Presentations from the 2019 AAMVA-FMCSA CDL Coordinators/IT Managers Meeting are now available for download via AAMVA’s Web site. Jurisdiction and federal government members can access the presentations and will be prompted to login to the AAMVA website. The meeting took place March 12-19 in Orlando, Florida. Visit https://www.aamva.org/2019-CDL-IT-Coordinators-Meeting/ for more information and to access the presentations.

Guide For USPVS No-Match Responses
It's been over a year since AAMVA introduced options and processes for handling No-Match Responses returned from USPVS. A number of jurisdictions have taken advantage of these options. For more information see the “Guide For USPVS No-Match Responses” on https://www.aamva.org/US-Passport-Verification-Services/#Documentation.

ICBC Road Safety Speakers Reaching Out to Northern BC Students Ahead of Grad Season
ICBC road safety speakers are now travelling across northern BC sharing their personal stories with high school students about risky driving and the importance of making smart decisions. On average, seven youth are killed and 400 are injured in 1,800 crashes each year in the North Central region. ICBC is committed to supporting youth in developing strong decision-making skills on the road to help prevent crashes and save lives. Over the past two decades, ICBC's road safety

Mary MacDonald, New York State Department of Motor Vehicles
Pierre Miles, Georgia Department of Driver Services
Holly Sample, Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles
Jeffrey Schmitz, Minnesota Department of Public Safety
Joseph Shanley, Pennsylvania DOT, Information & Fiscal Services Office
Trisen Sharff, Washington State Patrol
Douglas Staradumsky, Rhode Island Department of Motor Vehicles
Ted Trujillo, Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles
Federal Government Announces Montana Is REAL ID Compliant

In a letter from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Montana Department of Justice’s (DOJ) Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) was formally notified Montana is now in full compliance with the REAL ID Act and regulation. With this notification, federal agencies and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will continue to accept all valid Montana driver licenses and ID cards to board domestic commercial flights and access secure federal facilities until October 1, 2020. Beginning October 2020, only Montana licenses and ID cards that are REAL ID compliant will be accepted to board domestic commercial flights or enter secure federal facilities. Read more here.

Nebraska DMV Expands Customer Experience Pilot

Customers visiting Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) offices may notice a new addition to the lobby, with the deployment of customer service terminals. The terminals are designed to allow a customer to provide feedback on the service they have just received. The terminals were piloted in five Omaha and Lincoln offices over the past year, with over 18,000 customers participating. Following the successful pilot period, the terminals will now be deployed in seven additional DMV offices across the state. Read more here.

Nevada Implements Gender-Neutral IDs

Nevada has joined a growing number of states allowing residents to choose gender “X” on their state-issued driver’s license or identification card instead of “M” for male and “F” for female. The Department of Motor Vehicles implemented the option this morning as the final step in a years-long effort to modernize policies toward transgender residents and those who don’t identify with either sex. Read more here.

New York GTSC, DMV Kick Off 2019 “No Empty Chair” Education and Enforcement Campaign

The New York Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) kicked off the 2019 “No Empty Chair” education and enforcement campaign with a press event at the Chenango Valley High School on Thursday, April 25, 2019. The teen driving safety education and enforcement campaign raises awareness of highway dangers in the hope there will be no empty chairs during prom and graduation season. GTSC and DMV officials will be joined by representatives from the New York State Police, Chenango Valley High School, and a parent advocate for teen driver safety. The statewide campaign runs from Monday, April 29, 2019 to Friday, May 3, 2019. Read more here.

Now in Effect: Pennsylvania Won’t Suspend Driver’s Licenses for Non-Driving Offenses

Act 95 of 2018, signed into law by Governor Tom Wolf in October 2018, is now in effect to eliminate driver’s license suspensions for non-driving infractions in Pennsylvania moving forward. The law amends Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to reflect that a driving privilege suspension will no longer be imposed for certain non-highway safety violations, including substance use violations. Read more here.

Pennsylvania Highlights Innovations Designed to Save Lives, Time, and Money

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Secretary Leslie S. Richards announced that the Pennsylvania State Transportation Innovation
Council (STIC) detailed innovation deployment successes that benefit the travelling public in its 2018 STIC Year-End Report. Available in a new and interactive format on PennDOT's website, the report outlines how the STIC continues its collaborative approach to innovating transportation in Pennsylvania, while emphasizing the importance of transportation stakeholders working together to implement innovations across the state. Read more here.

FEDERAL NEWS

DOT Corrects Drug Testing Regulations for Opioid Inclusion
The United States Department of Transportation (DOT) has corrected via final rule the Department’s regulations governing drug testing for safety-sensitive employees to ensure consistency with previous regulations. Specifically, DOT is correcting for added requirements to test for oxycodone, oxymorphone, hydromorphone, and hydromorphone in conformance with DOT-regulated drug testing programs. The changes were necessary to refer to these substances, as well as the previously covered drugs morphine, 6-acetylmorphine, and codeine, by the more inclusive term “opioids” rather than “opiates.”

NHTSA to Conduct Study on Drug Prevalence in Seriously or Fatally Injured Drivers
The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has submitted an Information Collection Request (ICR) which seeks to examine the prevalence of legal and illegal drugs in the systems of seriously or fatally injured drivers and other crash-involved road users. NHTSA contracted trauma centers and medical examiners will provide the study with de-identified blood samples, when available, that were already collected during their routine clinical treatment activities. The study will then conduct independent drug toxicology testing to determine the prevalence of alcohol and other drugs in the systems of the participants. The trauma centers and medical examiners will also provide the study with other de-identified participant classification information such as patient demographics, cause of injury, and injury severity.

White House Issues Executive Order on Federal Background Checks
The White House has issued an executive order transferring responsible for conducting federal background investigations to the Department of Defense (DOD). Under previous National Defense Authorization Act directives, the Office of Personnel Management was to provide for a phased transition to the Department of Defense the responsibility to conduct background check investigations being conducted by the National Background Investigations Bureau (NBIB). This executive order shifts primary responsibility for conducting background checks government-wide to be transferred from the Office of Personnel Management to the Department of Defense. The order further renames the Defense Security Service (DSS) as the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (CDSA) and designates them as the primary federal entity for conducting background investigations for the federal government. The order cites those federal employees subject to checks and cites those requiring “authorization to be issued a federal credential for logical and physical access to facilities or information systems controlled by the Department of Defense.”

PARTNER NEWS

Tim Burrows Selected to Lead GHSA National Law
Enforcement Liaison Program

The Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) is pleased to announce that it has hired former Toronto (Canada) Police Service Sergeant and law enforcement communications expert Tim Burrows to lead the National Law Enforcement Liaison Program (NLELP). In this role, Burrows will support the nation’s 233 Law Enforcement Liaisons (LELs), who work for State Highway Safety Offices (SHSOs) to promote law enforcement agency engagement in traffic safety activities at the state and local level. Read more here.

Traffic Safety Recommendations for Automated Vehicles Being Developed

As motor vehicle technologies continue to blur the definitions of “driver” and “machine,” the implications for the everyday motorist and the law enforcement officers on the front lines of highway safety can easily be overlooked. On May 8 in Arlington, Virginia, the Governors Highway Safety Association, through the support of State Farm®, will convene a panel of experts to consider these issues and provide recommendations for state highway safety agencies, law enforcement and other safety advocates. The panel represents a wide spectrum of national experts from the federal government, the automotive and technology industries, criminal justice organizations, national safety groups and GHSA’s State Highway Safety Office members. Read more here.

Statement by Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety (DADSS) Research Program on 2018 Virginia Crash Statistics

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles’ (DMV) Highway Safety Office published its 2018 crash statistics. The newly-released data shows a decrease in the number of overall crash fatalities but a 12 percent increase in alcohol-related fatalities—from 248 in 2017 to 278 in 2018. Robert Strassburger, President & CEO of ACTS, responded to the news on behalf of the Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety (DADSS) Research Program. “These latest numbers from Virginia underscore what an intractable problem drunk driving continues to be, and the DADSS Program is proud to partner with the Virginia DMV to advance a new, technological solution to help finally solve it. The data and feedback we have gathered from public demonstrations and in-vehicle trials in the Commonwealth have been invaluable. On this effort, Virginia is leading the nation.” Read more here.