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DHS Announces Grants, Commits to Assist States with REAL ID Compliance

On May 13, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano announced the fiscal year 2010 Preparedness Grants for nine federal programs totaling nearly \$790 million to assist state, local and tribal governments and the private sector in strengthening preparedness for acts of terrorism, major disasters and other emergencies. Awards will be made on a rolling basis over the summer. Of note to the MVA community, the grant program includes: \$288 million for the Port Security Grant Program to protect critical port infrastructure from terrorism; enhance maritime domain awareness and risk management capabilities to protect against improvised explosive devices and other non-conventional weapons; conduct training and exercises; and support implementation of the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC); and \$48 million for the Driver's License Security Grant Program to help states and territories improve security of state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards in order to reduce fraud, enhance the reliability and accuracy of personal identification documents and prevent terrorism. Further information on preparedness grant programs is available at www.dhs.gov and www.fema.gov/grants. In a letter to stakeholders, DHS emphasized the May 2011 deadline for REAL ID compliance. The agency has committed to working with states, acknowledging the financial, legal, and privacy concerns that have plagued states' abilities to fully comply with REAL ID. For example, funding has been included in the President's FY 2011 to eliminate the user fees charged for use of the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system.

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Mini Truck Best Practices

Date: June 23, 2010
Time: 2-3 p.m. ET

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CBO Report on Motorcoach Enhanced Safety Act Misses the Mark

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has published its long-awaited budget report on the Motorcoach Enhanced Safety Act of 2009 (S. 554), despite comments [submitted by AAMVA](#) and numerous conversations stressing the potential impacts of the Section 10 of the bill-an entirely NEW passenger carrying endorsement for CDL holders transporting passengers in nine to 15 passenger vehicles. Based on information from FMCSA and NHTSA, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$34 million over the 2010-2015 period. [View the report online](#) for further details.

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TIGER Seminar "Lessons on How to Compete for a DOT Discretionary Grant"

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) will host a seminar on how to compete for the TIGER discretionary grant program. The seminar will be webcast live on May 18, 2010, at 1 p.m. (EST). The purpose of the seminar will be to identify the key elements of competitive applications, provide information on developing benefit cost analysis and present information on the program's processes. Additionally, DOT has received \$600m for TIGER II and information outlining this next round of grant awards will be presented. The TIGER Program created under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) is a \$1.5 billion dollar multi-modal discretionary grant program that was designed to provide support for innovative transportation projects of National, regional, and local significance, including projects that are often difficult to fund under the traditional transportation programs. The program received over 1,400 applications, totalling almost \$60 billion and awarded 51 projects. [Learn more online.](#)

Partnership Explores In-vehicle Driver Alcohol Detection System

For nearly three years, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and leading automakers, working through the Automotive Coalition for Traffic Safety, have partnered on an advanced alcohol detection research program called Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety (DADSS). DADSS is exploring the feasibility, the potential benefits of, and the public policy challenges associated with a more widespread use of in-vehicle technology to prevent alcohol-impaired driving. Aftermarket ignition interlocks have been used successfully among convicted drunk drivers to significantly reduce the incidence of impaired driving. However, to be acceptable for use among the general public, alcohol detection technologies must be far less intrusive and must not impede sober drivers from starting their vehicles. Learn more about the Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety (DADSS) online at www.DADSS.org. Or, read U.S. Department of Transportation [Secretary Ray LaHood's blog](#) regarding the partnership.

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FMCSA Launches Pre-Employment Screening Program

On May 11, 2010, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) launched its Pre-Employment Screening Program (PSP), which allows commercial motor carrier companies to electronically access driver inspection and crash records as a part of the hiring process. The Pre-Employment Screening Program offers access to up to five years of driver crash data and three years of inspection data regardless of the state or jurisdiction. By using driver safety information during pre-employment screening, commercial carriers will be able to better assess the potential safety risks of prospective driver-employees. PSP also gives drivers additional opportunities to verify the data in their driving

history and correct any discrepancies. A driver's records will be protected in accordance with federal privacy laws. The Pre-Employment Screening Program is populated monthly by FMCSA's Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS). The MCMIS is comprised of driver performance data including inspection and compliance review results, enforcement data, state-reported crashes, and motor carrier census data. For complete details on the Pre-Employment Screening Program's fees for driver safety records and how carriers and drivers can participate, visit <http://www.psp.fmcsa.dot.gov>.

AAMVA Endorses National Summit for Rural Traffic Safety Culture

AAMVA is an endorsing sponsor for the "National Summit for Rural Traffic Safety Culture," an event that is scheduled to take place in Big Sky, Mont., July 11-13, 2010. The summit strives for increased understanding amongst traffic safety researchers, practitioners, and policy makers about the role of traffic safety culture on (1) behavioral factors that increase rural (and national) traffic crash risk; (2) attitudinal barriers to public and political acceptance of traffic safety interventions; and (3) organizational resistance to safety program change or implementation. The summit will focus on helping the audience see the connections between theory and practice. Learn more online at www.ruraltscsummit.org/

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Travel Assistance Available to Jurisdictions for AIC Travel

The AAMVA Board of Directors is providing travel assistance for one representative from each jurisdiction if state/provincial travel funds are not otherwise available for attending AAMVA's Annual International Conference (AIC). If your jurisdiction is represented on the AAMVA Board of Directors and the board member is attending the AIC, your jurisdiction is not eligible for this funding. Jurisdictional attendees interested in receiving financial assistance to attend the 2010 AIC should complete the [Travel Assistance Form](#) and return it by email to [Dianne Graham](#) or by fax to 703-908-5868 **no later than Friday, July 19, 2010**. Find more information about the travel assistance program, and all things AIC at www.aamva.org/2010AIC!

AAMVA to Host CDLIS Modernization Town Hall Sessions

To provide jurisdictions with more information and to answer any questions regarding various aspects of Commercial Driver's License Information System (CDLIS) Modernization, AAMVA will host two, one-hour town hall sessions in June and July. Each session will be offered at two different times in an attempt to accommodate everyone's schedule. The dates and topics are:

- Week of June 14 - UNI, backwards compatibility, and the name expansion
- Week of July 12 - Medical Certificate

An announcement will be sent when exact dates have been finalized. Stay up to date with the project online at www.aamva.org/TechServices/AppServ/CDLIS/CDLISModUpdate.htm

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Share Information with Other Jurisdictions

If you haven't already done so, please respond to the following surveys:

- [Intrastate Medical Programs](#) (Missouri - Ends 05/31/2010)
- [Change of Address Over the Phone](#) (New Jersey - Ends 05/19/2010)
- [Vehicle Record Information - Distribution](#) (Texas - Ends 05/19/2010)
- [Administrative Law Process](#) (Indiana - Ends 09/15/2010)

If you need a Web password, please send an e-mail to webportalsupport@aamva.org.

UNI Required Upgrade Supports CDLIS Modernization

Jurisdictions are required to upgrade AAMVA's Unified Network Interface Software (UNI) as part of the Commercial Driver's License Information System (CDLIS) modernization project. The new version supports compliance with application modifications contained in CDLIS modernization. The new version of UNI was made available to jurisdictions in late January. [A number of jurisdictions](#) have already requested, received and installed the software, but AAMVA cannot complete the move to a new CDLIS Central Site until all jurisdictions complete their UNI upgrade. **The upgrade must be installed, tested and promoted to production environment no later than August 2010.** (The new version of UNI supports both current and future CDLIS requirements.) For assistance, and to request the UNI software, please send an email to UNIhelpdesk@aamva.org. If you have questions please contact Reed Rusniak at rrusniak@aamva.org or phone 703-908-5771.

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Proposed Mini Truck Best Practice Webinar

The Unconventional Vehicles Working Group is pleased to announce the first draft of a proposed best practice on mini-truck operation and registration was released and distributed to AAMVA membership. The working group would appreciate your review and comments regarding the draft. **Any comments or suggested changes should be sent to Keith Kiser at kkiser@aamva.org before May 28, 2010.** This draft will also be discussed at the upcoming AAMVA Regional Conferences and as part of the AAMVA Committees Webinar Series on June 23, 2010. Information regarding the webinar can be found at <http://www.aamva.org/CommitteesWebinar/>. The working group will use your comments and suggestions to further refine the draft. The working group will develop a final draft later this year for submission to the AAMVA Board of Directors in January 2011. Download and review the draft online at <http://tinyurl.com/MiniTruckBP>

Standing Committees Looking for Volunteers

You've heard the saying, "you get out of it what you put into it," right? Well, AAMVA wants you to get the most out of membership in the only association that exclusively serves the vehicle registration and title, driver's licensing and enforcement agencies in North America. Year after year, our members tell us the greatest thing they did to enhance their professional careers was to get more involved in AAMVA. They tell us that the real "value" for them in "association" is in sharing with their peers and contributing to peer-generated projects. If you are looking to helping develop best practices, host webinars and influence the solutions to motor vehicle and law enforcement issues, [volunteer now!](#)

HEADLINES:

- [April CDL Coordinators Meeting Presentations Posted Online](#)
- [FMCSA Administrator Anne Ferro to Deliver Keynote at AIC](#)

MEMBER NEWS:

- [Motorcycle Safety Awareness Campaign Hits Washington Roads](#)
- [New Mexico's Motor Transport Police Recognized for Revolutionizing Highway Safety](#)

Quote of the Week

"An opinion should be the result of thought, not a substitute for it."

~Jef Mallett

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