



National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) Advisory Board Webinar Meeting Final Summary

September 24, 2015

Welcome Remarks

Todd Brighton, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Designated Federal Official to the NMVTIS Advisory Board (NAB), called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed an estimated 41 participants. He then reviewed the agenda and then took roll. The following NAB members and federal officials were in attendance on the call.

Board Members

- Mark Binder
Farmers Insurance
- Bernard Brown
The Brown Law Firm
- Greg DePasquale
Copart
- Anne Ferro
AAMVA
- Judith Fitzgerald
National Insurance Crime Bureau
- John Hallerud
Federal Trade Commission
- Richard Holcomb
Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles
- RD Hopper
Sonny's Auto Salvage
- Mario Jorquera
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Board Members con'd

- Steve Levetan
Pull-A-Part
- Carlos Martins
ISO ClaimSearch Solutions
- Robert Maynard
California Highway Patrol
- Christopher McDonold
Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council
- Howard Nusbaum
National Salvage Vehicle Reporting Program
- Shaun Petersen
National Independent Automobiles Dealers Association
- James Spiller
National Vehicle Service, NFPC
- Robin Wiener, Board Chair
Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc.
- Josh Whiteside
Pennsylvania State Police

Federal Officials

- Todd Brighton, Designated Federal Official
Bureau of Justice Assistance
- Kristen Mahoney
Bureau of Justice Assistance
- Patrick McCreary
Bureau of Justice Assistance
- David Lewis
Bureau of Justice Assistance
- Kim Bright
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Following the roll, Robin Wiener (Chair) welcomed the participants and noted her focus for the board during the remainder of this term would be on financial self-sustainability and full state participation.

Inaccurate Reporting

After introductory remarks by Todd Brighton, Kristen Mahoney, and Robin Wiener, Patrick McCreary (BJA) and Anne Ferro (AAMVA) shared concerns with inaccurate reporting and the implications to the system.

- Howard Nusbaum highlighted the need for NMVTIS to continue to serve as a tool to protect the public.
- Robin Wiener asked if there are red flags in the system that would indicate when inaccurate reporting is occurring and asked if the amount of inaccurate reporting can be quantified.
- Bernard Brown then noted that he felt the system is working as intended.
- Steve Levetan highlighted the need for accuracy and data integrity.
- Discussion concluded with agreeing that AAMVA would provide additional data on the topic and inaccurate reporting would be included on a future agenda.

NMVTIS Status Updates

BJA

Todd Brighton in his capacity as BJA's Enforcement Coordinator provided the following update:

Recent successes

- Noted coordination with Treasury Department to add seized vehicles to NMVTIS. BJA worked with Treasury's Executive Office for Asset Forfeiture and their seized property contractor who auctions vehicles to make sure that any junk or salvage vehicles that should be reported into NMVTIS are now in the system. Treasury estimated 150 VINs were updated in this "catch up" phase of reporting and the department will continue reporting going forward.
- Noted also work with the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) to put NMVTIS-related items into an Emerging Crimes Toolkit that will be available on their website. In addition, NCPC will promote the radio spots and the toolkit to its 10,000 crime prevention member network through its e-newsletter and through its more than 45,000 social media followers (Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram). The materials will be available for download, no hard copies.

Awareness activities

- Briefed members of PCI- Property Casualty Insurers Association of America – Physical Damage Committee Meeting.
- Briefed participants at AAMVA's International Conference in Iowa.

Law Enforcement Access Tool (LEAT)

David Lewis in his capacity as BJA Senior Advisor responsible for the development of LEAT provided an update which included the following statistics:

- 9 webinars conducted for law enforcement on the tool
- Invited 3,000 users
- Recorded version of webinars available on LEAT
- Provided presentation at IAHTI conference
- NCIC Theft File and CBP export data will be included

System Operator Update - AAMVA

- Anne Ferro conveyed that AAMVA has a new leadership team.
- Discussed IT cost allocations stemming from audit finding.
- Vivienne Cameron walked through AAMVA's slide presentation (copy provided to board members prior to meeting).

Subcommittee Reports

Mark Binder, Chair – Awareness Subcommittee provided the following:

- He noted that on a recent subcommittee call, one of the invited speakers (Jim Taylor, ADD) passed on concern that continued use of the term “vehicle history report” may be giving the public a sense that the information provided in NMVTIS is broader than it is; for instance that it contains service records, accident reports, etc. He went on to make the case for further consideration of a more narrow/accurate description of the vehicle history report. This may include remarketing efforts more focused on it being a title record.
- The recommendation for approval of the use of program income funds to support the production of a PBS PSA on NMVTIS is under consideration by BJA and AAMVA. The same is true for the recommendation to use program income to support law enforcement awareness initiatives with targeted periodical advertising.
- The group wants to encourage more DMV's to develop their websites to include NMVTIS-related information like the Texas DMV website.

Howard Nusbaum, Chair – Compliance Subcommittee provided the following:

- Discussed accuracy of reporting
- Noted the need to establish additional JSI reporting ID's reflecting the broad scope of entities currently reporting to NMVTIS.
- Also noted the need to establish (identify) JSI reporting population by state.
- Finally, mentioned that the group has discussed the role/scope of authority of the subcommittee and that there was disagreement on the topic.

NMVTIS Financial Review and Self-Sustainability

- Robin Wiener, in her capacity as NAB Chair, led a discussion on NMVTIS financial status and provided highlights from the BJA/AAMVA Operator Agreement.
- Philip Quinlan then reviewed a financial summary slide addressing current and out year projections.
- Howard Nusbaum raised questions regarding the IT cost allocations and impact on FY17 state fees and inquired how the state credits are used.
- Robin, Howard, and Steve Levetan requested additional information for the revenue and expense assumptions included on the AAMVA financial summary slide.

Public Comment Period

Todd Brighton then opened the floor for public comment:

- Bob Passmore, Property Casualty Insurers (PCI) Association of America offered his assistance with raising NMVTIS awareness.
- RD Hopper, NMVTIS Advisory Board Member, expressed appreciation for addressing the need for accurate reporting.

Closing Remarks

Chair Wiener closed the meeting by stating her appreciation for the efforts to date and that she looked forward to receiving AAMVA's financial sustainability assumptions to more fully discuss challenges and opportunities going forward. Todd Brighton thanked all Webinar participants for their interest and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.