



# Happy Holidays



**\*\*\*Thank You\*\*\***

**The year has flown by again. We at CVR would like to tell you how much we truly appreciate you and your business. Happy Holidays from the Illinois CVR Team !**

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## **Fall Seminar**

Thank you everyone who came out to the State seminars we hosted. The Department of Revenue and the Secretary of State had so much information for us it was wonderful. You can get a copy of the PowerPoints they used on our support Website. It is on the Illinois page, click on User group ... <https://support.cvrreg.com>

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## **Pilot Program**

Also at the seminars we showed a sneak peak of our new software. We have it up and running in almost a dozen stores that have volunteered to grunt through the beginning stages of our pilot program. We will be looking for round 2 of pilot stores. If you would like to participate we are looking for dealers that are willing to make the change. We need dealers that are dedicated to use the new software and not switch back and forth to the old software. We will put the title clerk and the finance managers on the Web product and train them the same day. If your store is interested, please have a manager email JoAnn at [jseckus@cvrreg.com](mailto:jseckus@cvrreg.com)

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## **Return 2017 registration stickers**

It's time to start thinking about returning your 2017 stickers. Hopefully you have your 2018 registration stickers in house. 2017 needs to be returned by March 2017.



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### TEMPORARY Sticker

Starting with the January 2017 renewals, the ILSOS will start a Plate Replacement program that will replace license plates that are 10 years or older. They will be replaced by the SOS "with the SAME ALPHA – NUMBERS" plate. This program will go on forever and will happen at plate renew time after the plate is 10 years old. At Renewal time a T sticker will print. On the registration the customer receives with the T TEMPORARY Sticker it will say:

*Keep this registration in the vehicle. The T sticker issued by the IL Secretary of State for this period does not have a license plate number or control number printed on it. Law Enforcement Officers may call our police inquiry line 24 hours a day at 217-785-0309 if they have questions.*

**To activate this function in CVR make sure you have loaded the newest software to all CVR PC's 4.6A**

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### Flood Titles - Hurricane Matthew

In an effort to protect Illinois consumers, the Secretary of State's Vehicle Services Department is screening title applications from vehicles that were registered in regions of Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, or South Carolina that were declared disaster areas because of flooding and storm damage from Hurricane Matthew. Title applications submitted between today and October 2, 2017 for vehicles registered in the affected counties will receive a flood title designation unless the title application is accompanied by a natural disaster disclosure statement signed by the previous owner declaring that the vehicle was not in a natural disaster area or was not damaged.

Beginning immediately, IADA recommends that you • Check the National Insurance Crime Bureau's (NCIB) database of known flood damaged vehicles. (<https://www.nicb.org/>) • If the vehicle was registered in a zip code that was declared a natural disaster area, then an Illinois title application must be accompanied by a natural disaster statement signed by the owner declaring that the vehicle was not located in a natural disaster area or was not damaged. The Secretary of State's Natural Disaster Disclosure Statement can be found here. <http://www.illinoisdealers.com/>



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### **\*\*Illinois Department of Revenue Offers Relief from Failure to File Penalty\*\***

The Illinois Automobile Dealers Association met with the Illinois Director of Revenue, Connie Beard, and members of her senior staff to discuss the issue of motor vehicle dealers who received large penalties for failure to file tax returns for tax-exempt motor vehicle transactions, despite the lack of an informational bulletin to dealers explaining the Department's new statutory penalty.

Pursuant to Public Act 98-425, which took effect on August 16, 2013, the Department of Revenue began imposing a penalty of \$100 per return for motor vehicle sales tax returns that were not filed within the statutory 20-day period for filing the returns (Forms ST-556 and ST-556 LSE). When enacted, this statute imposed the \$100 penalty on all late motor vehicle tax returns, regardless of whether the related transaction was subject to tax. The statute was amended, effective August 10, 2015, to provide that the \$100 penalty applies only to tax-exempt transactions. Common examples of tax-exempt transactions include, but are not limited to, dealer trades, auction sales, and sales to schools, governmental bodies, religious organizations, or charities, and sales to certain out of state customers.

After meeting with IADA, the Department of Revenue has agreed to offer relief from the failure to file penalty. Specifically, the Department of Revenue has agreed to:

- Abate all penalties for transactions conducted on or after August 16, 2013 and before August 10, 2015. Dealers will not be required to file returns for transactions conducted during this period.
- Abate all penalties for transactions conducted on or after August 10, 2015 and on or before November 10, 2016, provided, **that dealers must file returns for these transactions no later than January 31, 2017.**
- All tax-exempt transactions conducted on or after November 11, 2016 are subject to the \$100 penalty if the corresponding returns are not filed within the statutory 20-day deadline.

Going forward, please make sure to timely file Form ST-556 or ST-556-LSE whenever you sell or lease a vehicle to a tax exempt customer. Furthermore, be sure to audit your files for tax-exempt sales made since August 10, 2015 to make sure that any unfiled returns get submitted to the Department of Revenue no later than January 31, 2017.





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## **IADA University L&T Training Seminars Taught by SOS, DOR and IADA-CVR staffs**

**Where: IADA Office – 300 W. Edwards St., Springfield**

**When: 2nd Wednesday of month, Next session is Jan 11 9:30-Noon,**

**IADA has been assisting IL Dealer Title Depts. for over 30 years, so now we'd like to pass that expertise along and offer free monthly training for all Illinois Dealers**

### **- - - Title & Registration Seminar -- Do it Right the First Time - - -**

Do you have a new or current title department employee who needs training or a refresher course on the Illinois Secretary of State, Department of Revenue or CVR process? IADA has the answer for you. Send your staff to one of the new IADA monthly seminars **FOR FREE** and *learn directly* from IADA-CVR, IL Secretary of State and Department of Revenue staffs. We will host a free seminar on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at our IADA Office in Springfield. Once the first 20 spots are filled, you will have the opportunity sign up for a future date.

This seminar will provide practical, applicable information about vehicle titling, registration, transfers, transfer limitations and many more dealership titling and registration issues.

