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Texas Official Elected International Chairman of the AAMVA Board of Directors, Will Lead Association's Highway Safety and Security Efforts

Arlington, VA—During its 70th Annual International Conference in Bismarck, N.D., the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) unanimously elected Jerry Dike, director of the Vehicle Titles and Registration Division (VTR) of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), chair of its International Board of Directors.

Dike has more than 30 years of experience with TxDOT. As a director at TxDOT, Dike administers motor vehicle registration and titling, the international registration plan, salvage yards and automobile theft prevention activities. Prior to joining TxDOT full-time in 1969 in the Automation Division, Dike was a summer employee in Texas' Tyler District. He holds a master's of business administration degree from the University of Texas at Austin. He was honored in 1995 with the Raymond E. Stotzer Jr. Award for outstanding leadership, dedication and service to the state in the field of transportation.

"Chairman Dike has a long history serving the residents of Texas," said AAMVA President and CEO Linda Lewis. "His experience and record of success in Texas and the motor vehicle community will certainly be an asset to all our members."

Dike and the VTR staff partner and work very closely with the 254 Texas County Tax Assessor-Collectors, who are independent elected officials with a statutory responsibility for titling and registration.

"One of the nicest parts of our job is working with the counties who do such a tremendous job of serving our customers," Dike said.

Over the last several years, Dike has served in numerous leadership roles within AAMVA. He has served as an international board member, an officer, and as a Region II board member, officer and president. Additionally, he served as an advisor to the association's Public Affairs and Consumer Education (PACE), Vehicle Registration and Titling (VRT) and Information and Technology (IT) committees.

Over the next year, Dike will serve as a spokesperson for the AAMVA at various motor vehicle administration, highway safety and identification security forums throughout North America. His term as chairman concludes at the 71st Annual International Conference in Fort Worth, Texas in August 2005.

"We are pleased that TxDOT is represented in a leadership position for an organization that is so active in motor vehicle administration issues in an international forum," said TxDOT Executive Director Michael W. Behrens. "This is only the second time in AAMVA's history that a chair from Texas has served, and TxDOT will benefit from taking such an active role in the association."

Born in Palestine, Texas, Dike lives in Austin where he is active in the local Methodist community.

Founded in 1933, AAMVA actively promotes traffic safety and uniformity among North American jurisdictions. Representing chief motor vehicle administrators and law enforcement officials, the association develops uniform programs in driver licensing, vehicle titling/registration and motor carrier services, among others.

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