

Wyoming Department of Transportation Driver License/Identification Card Update

Background

The Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) is responsible for the issuance of driver licenses and identification cards for the citizens of Wyoming. These cards are redesigned on a periodic basis based on multiple criteria including manufacturer and security considerations. The current card design was developed in 2009-10 to be compliant with the Department of Homeland Security's guidelines for REAL ID Act implementation as well as the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) standards.

Issue

The current card has served us well, but is showing its age. There has been a noticeable increase in false documents being confiscated by law enforcement and if you know where to look, you can actually purchase our cardstock online. With a decent color printer - you are in the fake ID business. These factors and updates to the standards led to a decision to redesign our card; all the way down to the the material is is printed on.

In order to make a secure card we will start with a substrate that is not readily available on the market. Utilize printing techniques that are difficult to simulate with readily available equipment. Incorporate multiple levels of security features; visible, invisible and tactile, in a manner that make them difficult to duplicate. Finally, incorporate new technologies that have not been demonstrated to be easy to simulate or duplicate in other applications.

Recommendation

The new driver's license and identification cards will begin being issued in May or June of 2019. Current credentials will be valid until their normal expiration date.

