

## **Coalition for a Secure Driver's License presents Kansas with its Document Security Excellence Award**

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TOPEKA – The Kansas Department of Revenue's new, more secure driver's license design and process garnered accolades Wednesday from the Coalition for a Secure Driver's License.

The Washington D.C. based national non-profit crime prevention educational public charity presented its Document Security Excellence Award to Revenue Secretary Nick Jordan and Director of Vehicles Donna Shelite at a ceremony with Gov. Sam Brownback.

"A fraudulent driver's license or ID card can be the initial building block for more serious crimes," Shelite said. "Our focus is to ensure that a person pictured on a Kansas driver's license or ID card is who the card says they are, we are pleased to see our efforts recognized on a national level."

The state's redesigned license was released in October and includes several security features that make it one of the most secure and difficult to counterfeit driver's license in the country.

"The combination of a secure design and more secure application process helps make Kansas one of most difficult states in which to commit driver's license or identification fraud," said Gov. Sam Brownback.

The enhancements include:

- Ultra-violet image of the cardholder's portrait and date of birth on the back of the card (viewable with UV light)
- Multi-colored, highly detailed holograms
- Highly detailed ultra-violet (UV) image of the state flower (viewable with UV light)
- Two ghost images of the cardholder's portrait in addition to the conventional photograph
- Tactile printing that you can feel

The design did not increase costs for Kansans.

Brian Zimmer, President of the Coalition for a Secure Driver's License, said, "Based on this year's annual assessment of anti-counterfeiting and anti-fraud protections, I'm pleased to make this award and to recognize the important security improvements achieved by the Kansas Department of Revenue."

“The Department of Revenue’s multi-year team effort has produced a highly secure credential that will benefit Kansas residents for years to come,” he continued.

Since last year, Kansas driver licensing stations have also begun processing driver’s license applications at a single station. Because one examiner handles the process from start to finish, customers don’t have to spend time in multiple lines and there is less chance of fraud.