

The CID card

The Community Identification Card

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Definitions

- *Community* - People living and working together in neighborhoods.
- *Identification* - The process of acknowledged recognition.
- **The Community Identification Card** -
 - Recognizes people who live and work together in neighborhoods.

Everyone agrees:

ALL Community members in the USA...

- Must be safe
- Must be healthy

REGARDLESS OF:

- IMMIGRATION STATUS
- Language
- Home of origin

Sadly, harmony eludes us ...

- Robberies
- Muggings
- Loss of life, money and documents

Your team must be:

- Committed and trustworthy
- Dependable and focused
- Chosen carefully
- LIMITED to a strong member team with broad, inclusive outreach in the community

Realization

- Many Latinos have become targets
- They have been victimized and robbed of their critical documents
 - Rarely returned
 - Often irreplaceable

Something must be done locally

- But what?
- How can we, as a community, really help?
- Is there any measure to protect our clients?

Local Police and Prosecutor's Officers stepped forward

- Community interaction with police encourages victims to step forward and speak up.
- Positive outcomes encourage more victims to come forward.
- This is a --- l o n g --- process.
- Can we do more?

I started thinking ... we use non-government ID cards all the time:

They look like these



Here's the back:

YOU

- Your name here

- Your address

- Your signature

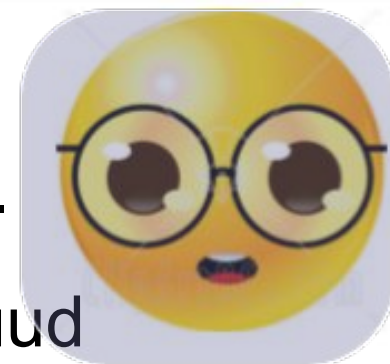
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Victims of crime or injury unable to identify themselves

- Are at increased personal risk
- Frustrate police
- And other service providers

So I wondered ...

- Why can't we make the same kind of card within our community?
- We sure need it!
- Others agreed ...

Our community worked together ...

- Latino Services
- Church Leaders
- Women's Centers

It is also imperative to work with ...

- Community and tribal leaders
- City council members
- Law enforcement and the
- Prosecutor's office

In order to be able to determine what will work best for individual communities

In New Jersey

- The Community Identification Card has met a number of needs ...
- Centers stepped up to issue the CID card
- Police Departments validated our efforts

The CID card

- Allows card holders to keep their valuable and often irreplaceable documents at home or in a safe place:
 - Travel Visas
 - Matriculas Consulares
 - Otros Documentos Importantes

The CID card provides vital info

- Within the holder's community
 - In urgent situations
 - For police and other service providers
 - Including a translator's phone number
- Bearers who would benefit from such a card: Latinos, Haitians, the Hard of Hearing and others with communication issues

The Community ID card

- Is issued by a respected Agency
- Verified by photo id
 - house bills, Mexican or Haitian visa or other documents
 - In extreme cases, Community Leaders or Pastors identify Individuals (as in the case of some who were robbed)

Your turn

- Form your team
- Have your first meeting
- Pick your issuing organization
- Design your card

Protect your community

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