

**DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC COORDINATOR
COUNTER-TERRORISM AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU**

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TO: All Commanding Officers

FROM: Department Traffic Coordinator, Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau

SUBJECT: MEXICAN CONSULATE IDENTIFICATION CARDS

The purpose of this Notice is to inform all Department personnel of recent changes to the "matricula consular" or consular identification cards issued by the Mexican government. The Mexican government has modernized the appearance and improved the security features of the new consular identification cards. The new consular identification cards are now equipped with enhanced security technology features that will protect against fraud, tampering and counterfeiting. The new consular identification cards are manufactured electronically and the most recognizable feature is the security chip that is visible on the front side of the card.

As a reminder, Mexican consular identification cards are only issued to Mexican citizens living in another country to prove their Mexican citizenship. Community members who are in possession of the old consular identification cards are not required to obtain a new consular identification card. The old consular identification cards remain valid until the printed expiration date on the front side of the card.

Officers are also reminded that both versions of the Mexican consular identification card are recognized by the City of Los Angeles as a valid form of identification, and shall accept the Mexican consular identification card as proof of identification in the same manner as any other valid form of identification.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Traffic Coordination Section, Emergency Operations Division, at (213) 486-0690.

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NEW HIGH SECURITY CONSULAR ID

It is reported that as of October 23rd, 2014 the Consulate General of Mexico began issuing a new high security consular ID, as it was announced last August by President Enrique Peña Nieto during his work visit to the City of Los Angeles. This is the result of a process of continuous improvement driven by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico and the commitment of our government to provide the best quality services to Mexicans in the United States.

The new consular ID includes the following features:

- Improved safety standards that are unfalsifiable.
- Features new technology developed by the Mexican government.
- Has a security chip that enables reliable data storage from the carrier.
- Its produced electronically, not manually.
- Improved appearance.

Very important:

- The previous high security consular IDs shall remain valid until their expiration date.
- Both previous and new consular IDs, are recognized as identification by authorities in Los Angeles.
- The cost remains at \$27.00 USD.

Previous Consular ID:

