

Intellicheck's Law ID™ Increases Officer Safety With Every Contact

Enhanced situational awareness and faster, more accurate reporting

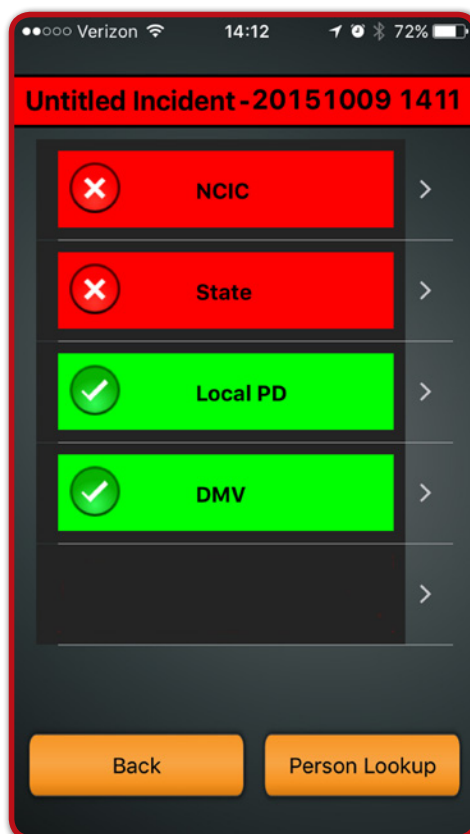
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➤ **Every interaction between an officer and an unknown contact has potential risks. Reducing those risks—for both the officer and the individual—is one of law enforcement's most critical challenges. Intellicheck's Law ID™ reduces those risks, especially during traffic stops.**

Intellicheck's Law ID increases an officer's situational awareness by making it possible to quickly scan an unknown contact's ID while minimizing the officer's loss of visual contact with that person. *LAW and ORDER* talked to Intellicheck's CEO, Dr. William H. Roof, CAPT, USNR (ret) about Law ID and its many benefits for law enforcement. Dr. Roof's background includes work at the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) as well as earning a Doctorate in Software Engineering from the United States Naval Postgraduate School.

The idea for Law ID came about after an incident in the state of Washington, in which a female officer was killed during a 'routine' traffic stop for a car with no license plates. The officer approached the stopped vehicle, asked the driver for license and registration, and the driver complied. The officer then walked back to her vehicle to enter the ID information into her MDT and wait for results. At that point, the officer was vulnerable: it's virtually impossible to maintain visual contact while walking and en-



tering data, and the officer's seated position limited her mobility. The driver approached her and shot and killed her before she had time to respond. After reading about that tragic incident, Dr. Roof thought there had to be a way of enhancing officer safety by getting immediate threat identification without losing sight of a suspect.

Law ID instantly authenticates the contact's identification using a smartphone or tablet by scanning the contact's ID barcode. Critical data fields that indicate the threat level are highlighted in red, yellow and green, and visible at a glance. Having authenticated the contact's identity, the officer can act accordingly and quickly assess whether caution is warranted. "It is a great tool to de-escalate potentially dangerous situations and save lives," Dr. Roof said.

Each significant encounter requires a time-consuming, detailed incident report. Law ID increases accuracy while reducing the time it takes to fill out reports by automatically populating standardized forms with information retrieved during the records search. Patented ID verification technology authenticates more than 200 unique DMV ID barcode formats, from every state and Canadian province, as well as State Justice Information Systems and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) databases.

Law ID works on mobile devices and tablets such as iPhones, iPads, Androids, etc.; operating systems and hardware must meet Federal Informa-

tion Processing Standards (FIPS). The technology minimizes loss of visual contact during traffic stops while ensuring officers always have one hand free, whether on foot, bicycle, horseback, motorcycle or in a car. It instantly highlights critical data fields that indicate the threat level based on DMV and criminal records searches. In addition, the system checks license and vehicle status, state justice status including wants, warrants and domestic abuse restraining orders, active federal wants and warrants and 'be on the lookout' notices, weapon ownership, and can display a contact's DMV photo along with many other important details.

As of press time, one Midwest police department is fully rolled out with Law ID. During the testing phase of three to four months in the field, officers gave their feedback and suggestions, which led Intellicheck to add different features. For example, the placement of buttons on the screen, screen color changes, etc. Dr. Roof explained that certain colors on a phone or tablet screen highlight an officer's face more at night, so they changed those to increase officer safety. According to Dr. Roof, every officer in the large suburban department is currently using Law ID, and the response has been great so far.

Available as a subscription service or a customized solution designed to meet an agency's specific needs, Intellicheck's professional services team of authentication experts are available 24/7. This includes integration with agencies' existing systems and custom databases that may include social media threat analysis, while also adding analytics capabilities for a seamless solution. Training at po-

lice departments and through the Web is also available. "We're always looking for ways to make the product better," Dr. Roof noted.

A significant number of police departments across the country are now interested in Law ID at all levels: Federal, State, and Local. Intellicheck's threat identification technology is also used throughout the retail industry, including large department stores, to mitigate the threat of fake IDs used for fraudulent purposes. Law ID also helps stop underage drinking by recognizing fake IDs. "Once an ID is scanned, an officer will know immediately if he/she has a fake,"

Dr. Roof explained.

Put simply, Law ID is a quick and safe way to do identification and threat assessment in the field. "It is very valuable for both citizen and officer safety," Dr. Roof stated. It all adds up to a safer community, and a more informed and efficient police force.

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