

Oklahoma's state driver's licenses and ID cards ARE biometric ID's

Very few people realize that when they get a state driver's license or a state identification card in Oklahoma that they are having their facial biometrics captured by the high resolution photos for use with facial recognition technology.

It is a fact that our state driver's license and state issued ID's are both biometric identity systems. Oklahoma requires the collection and retention of index finger and facial biometrics in order to get a state identity card. Facial recognition software analyses these facial images daily to check for duplicate images. These facts are not secrets but can be found in a variety of official state documents as well as in news articles and other public sources. Below are just a few examples

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Biometric Drivers Licenses Make Debut in Oklahoma

SAGEM Morpho, Inc. a proven provider of mission-critical biometric systems and services, announced the **successful deployment of biometric technology solutions for the Oklahoma Department Public Safety (DPS)** in conjunction with Viisage, a provider of advanced technology identity solutions. SAGEM Morpho will combine its finger imaging recognition technology with Viisage's facial recognition technology to create accurate **biometric records of the state's approximately four million licensed drivers.** This is part of a new Oklahoma program to maintain digital finger image and photo records of all driver's license holders, eliminate duplicate licenses and reduce fraud such as identity theft. (Source: NFV NEWS <http://www.nfvzone.com/news/2004/apr/1033349.htm>)

This 2010 Request for Information Questions and Answers (for vendors) document issued by DPS discloses technical information regarding their collection of biometric data for driver's license and state ID card applicants including the size of finger and face biometric template files and the size of its "facial recognition database"

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TO SUPPORT THE PLANNING AND POSSIBLE PREPARATION
OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
TO UPDATE OR REQUIRE A NEW DIGITAL DRIVER LICENSE
AND ID CARD SYSTEM

19. What is the size of the database (Text Photo and Signature information)?

Answer: The DDL database size is 515 GB. The facial recognition database contains 70GB.

20. What are the file sizes for the fingerprint and facial images and templates?

Answer: The average fingerprint file size is 11K (2 fingers per record).

Replacing an Oklahoma Driver's License

-  Memo from the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety

If you have renewed or received an Oklahoma Driver's license within the last 4 years, you should have a fingerprint registered and can get a replacement for \$10.00 without any additional identification. Visit the Department of Public Safety or a Tag Agent to get a replacement copy of your Driver's License. This may be the easiest form of identification to replace and may be used as a primary form of identification at many government agencies.

Additionally, the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety is at Moo City Hall, 301 N Broadway and they are able to issue a duplicate driver's license and duplicate ID cards. They are able to use facial recognition and fingerprints to verify your identity. They can not do CDL license or renewals this is for replacing a lost ID Card or Drivers Licenses only.

If you need a replacement ID or driver's license you don't have to worry about bringing any additional ID, according to DPS.

Just bring your finger and your face and they will match you up with their biometric database and give you a new card.