

DEPARTMENT NOTICE

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Department of State's Next Generation Passport

The U.S. Department of State started issuing new modernized U.S. Passport books in 2021. The Next Generation Passport uses new technologies to produce a more robust passport with enhanced security features, such as a polycarbonate data page, laser engraved personalization and updated artwork. Criminals may use stolen, false, or altered U.S. Passports to conceal their identity or facilitate other criminal activities. As a reminder, all previously issued passports are valid until their expiration dates. Please see attached Next Generation Passport sample and features.

Training programs and additional resources are available to law enforcement agencies	and other
stakeholders. If you would like more information regarding Next Generation Passport	s, please
contact	. For
investigative inquiries regarding passport or visa fraud, please contact	

WILLIAM SCOTT Chief of Police

Per DN 20-150, all sworn & non-sworn members shall electronically acknowledge this Department document in PowerDMS. Members whose duties are relevant to this document shall be held responsible for compliance. Any questions regarding this policy should be made to sfpd.writtendirectives@sfgov.org, who will provide additional information about the directive.



Meet the Next Generation Passport Smarter, Safer, Better,



The Next Generation Passport is a secure document that streamlines the entry and exit process. New enhanced security features include:



ALPHANUMERIC SYSTEM:

Every Next Generation Passport book number begins with a letter, followed by eight numbers. Please make sure your system accepts U.S. passport numbers that begin with a letter.



INFORMATION AT A GLANCE:

Endorsements are now on page 3, viewable concurrently with the bearer's biodata. No more page-flipping.



TACTILE SECURITY:

The plastic data page includes raised features that display images and patterns. The Next Generation Passport should feel different.



LASER PERFORATION:

The alphanumeric passport number is laserperforated throughout the book, including the plastic data page and the inside back cover.