W3C CCG 2025 W3C Credentials Community Group 2025-02-18

W3C CCG VCs for First Responders



Agenda

Problem and Vision

Examples

CCG Technologies

Next Steps





NEWS

Convicted Arsonist Busted Driving Fake Firetruck Into Palisades Fire Evac Site





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lamag LATEST: Convicted Oregon arsonist Dustin Nehl and his wife, Jennifer, were arrested for allegedly impersonating firefighters and entering a Los Angeles evacuation zone in a fake fire truck.

The couple claimed to belong to a nonexistent fire department and wore official-looking gear to bypass security.

Authorities said the truck, purchased at an auction, had "Roaring River Fire Department" painted on it, misleadingly suggesting legitimacy.

This incident is part of a troubling pattern, with recent cases of impostors exploiting evacuation zones in California.









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Problem

- Uniforms can be faked
- Identification can be faked

It is difficult to get a real-time, "big picture" view of **verified responders** in a large scale incident.



Deploy the right people,
with the right training,
to the right location,
at the right time.

Rapidly and accurately secure the perimeter.

Challenges

- Power is down and then intermittent
- Networks are usually down at critical times
- Not everyone has a mobile wallet
- Environments are dirty
- Many jurisdictions are responding
 - Response is inherently decentralized

Current Focus: Secure Physical Credentials





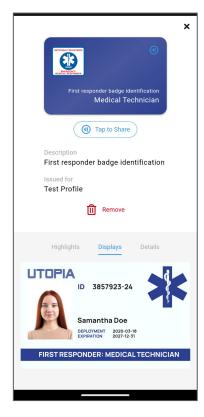
Verify a physical First Responder Credential

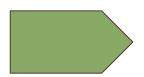


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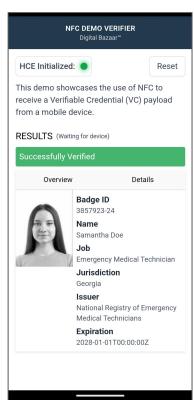
- W3C Verifiable Credentials v2.0
- First Responder Vocabulary
- ECDSA Data Integrity v1.0
- CBOR-LD
- Verifiable Credential Barcodes

Current Focus: Secure Digital Credentials





Verify a digital, offline-capable, First Responder Credential



Physical Verifiable Credentials Technology

- W3C Verifiable Credentials v2.0
- First Responder Vocabulary
- CBOR-LD
- Verifiable Credentials over Wireless



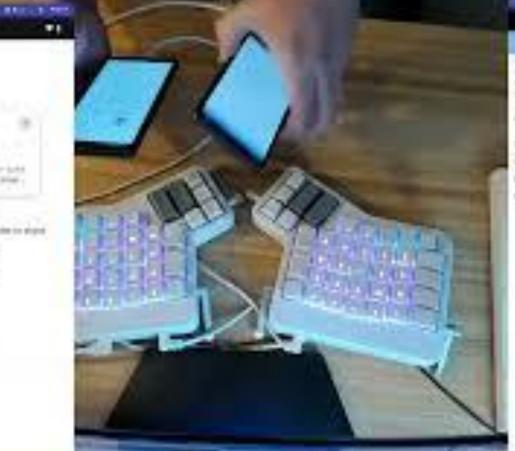
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Next Steps

- Pilot deployments in multiple large US states
- Expecting production deployments soon
- Suggest key CCG specs to go standards track in VCWG
 - VC API
 - CBOR-LD
 - VC Barcodes
 - VCs over Wireless