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Rodney Paul  
Administrative, Judicial and Legal Services  
40 Years



Reesa Wilson  
Transportation IFTA/IRP  
40 Years



Amy Jackson  
Transportation Enforcement  
15 Years



Bryan Ross  
Transportation Enforcement  
10 Years



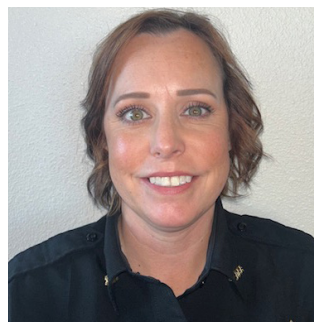
Courtney Ross  
Petroleum Storage Tank  
10 Years



Michael Velez  
Administrative, Judicial and Legal Services  
10 Years



Travis Weedn  
Administrative, Judicial and Legal Services  
10 Years



Trisha Bridge  
Transportation Enforcement  
5 Years



Khalia Landon  
Administrative, Judicial and Legal Services  
5 Years



Terry Miller II  
Transportation Enforcement  
5 Years

JoRay McCoy, Oil and Gas Conservation, 25 Years  
Joseph Bradley, Transportation Enforcement, 5 Years  
Justin Carroll, Transportation Enforcement, 5 Years  
Andy Hill, Transportation Enforcement, 5 Years



# OKLAHOMA Corporation Commission

## Situational Awareness

By Brett Macy

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"No one deserves to be the victim of a crime. I'll repeat myself for those in the back. NO ONE DESERVES TO BE THE VICTIM OF A CRIME!"

We each can decrease our chances of becoming a crime victim. How, might you ask? By a concept known as Situational Awareness.

According to BlackBerry, "Situational Awareness is the ability to perceive, understand, and effectively respond to one's situation. It involves comprehending a given circumstance, gathering relevant information, analyzing it, and making informed decisions to successfully address any potential risks, hazards, or events that might occur. Situational awareness aims to enable quick and safe responses to disasters by informing human decision-making."

- Get your face out of your phone! Pay as much attention walking as when driving, always knowing where you are, who is around you and your best escape route. As you perceive a threat, formulate a plan. Are you armed? Do you have pepper spray? How about a whistle? Can you walk closer to other people? Is there another route that looks safer?
- Do not wear headphones while walking in public. Vision/hearing are critically important, and any impairment to your ability to hear diminishes your awareness level, making it easier for someone to sneak up on you.
- Note exits when you go to a restaurant, movie or anywhere indoors. Your quickest exit is often not the same way you entered. Be aware of others around you. Is anyone acting suspiciously? Also note fire extinguisher locations.
- Try to park your car in well-lit areas close to the door you will enter/exit. If you must park a long way away and are working late, move your car closer after others have left. If leaving alone, take time to scan the parking lot thoroughly before walking out. If you see something/someone that doesn't look right, do not leave the building. Call security, police or the Capitol Patrol. You should have these numbers programmed into "favorites" on your phone.
- Carry your key fob in your hand as you walk to your car. If you see something/someone suspicious, activate your vehicle alarm. The last thing someone with nefarious intent wants is to have attention drawn to them. If your vehicle does not have an alarm, attach a loud whistle to your keys. If you have no option but to walk out, call someone on your cell phone and talk to them while you walk. Continually scan your surroundings and describe to them exactly what or who you are seeing. Keep them on the line until you are safely on the road.
- When stranded or lost, change your phone voicemail to a message giving your location, time, date, situation you're in (lost, out of gas, broken down), where you are heading (walking towards town, staying with car), special circumstances (injured, low blood sugar, dehydrated, etc.). If your phone dies or you become incapacitated and cannot answer, anyone who tries to call will be alerted to your circumstances.
- AVOID BEING INTOXICATED IN PUBLIC! I cannot tell you how many times in my law enforcement career I dealt with victims who were so intoxicated they could barely remember what happened to them, much less give an accurate description of their attacker. Intoxicated individuals are very easy targets. If you are going out celebrating and are going to be drinking, go with a group – several of whom will NOT be drinking. Your sober friends can look out for you and safely get you back home.

## Safety matters

Several YouTube videos discuss Situational Awareness. This one provides some great information!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mLcE3x-8oWoo&t=10s>

Now, that's a mouthful! What does it mean? Situational Awareness is being aware of your immediate surroundings, identifying potential threats and having a plan to mitigate them. Be prepared, but not paranoid.

Criminals for the most part are cowards looking for easy victims who prey on those weaker than themselves. They look for situations where their chances for success are high and the potential of being caught is low.

THEY LOOK FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT PAYING ATTENTION TO THEIR SURROUNDINGS!

This is where situational awareness helps. If a bad guy (or girl) sees you walking with your eyes up, not distracted, confident and scanning your surroundings, they will most likely not want anything to do with you!

Throw in walking with others in a well-lit area and your risk of becoming a victim almost vanishes.

On the other hand, if someone with criminal intent sees you walking alone with your face buried in your phone, earphones in, oblivious to your surroundings, they will assume you will be an easy target. They can oftentimes walk right up next to you before you are aware they are there.



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EFFORTS our agency’s employees make both on and off the job aim to improve the lives of themselves and their fellow Oklahomans. Here are some highlights during the quarter from inside the Will Rogers Building and from other locations across the state.



**EMPLOYEES** were treated to hot food and sweet treats Dec. 16 after agency Executive Director Brandy Wreath and Commissioners Bob Anthony, Kim David and Todd Hiett expressed their appreciation for their work in 2024. Wreath joined volunteers Andrew Scribner, Kelsey Schwartz, Karl Griffith, Robyn Strickland and Stacey Fowler to serve up more than one hundred plates of food as part of the annual appreciation event held for employees at the Will Rogers Building.



**ABOVE:** Motor Carrier Enforcement Officer Andrew Zerby delivered these toys, coats, puzzles and games donated by agency employees in Oklahoma City to school teachers and administrators serving needy Tonkawa and Ponca City families before Christmas.



**LEFT AND BELOW:** Motor Carrier Enforcement Maj. Charles Carroll, Motor Carrier Enforcement Sgt. Clint Holland and Motor Carrier Enforcement Officer Aubrey Stanfield helped deserving children from Atoka pick out gifts during a Shop With A Cop event held in the community before this year’s Christmas holiday.

Photos provided



# Happenings



**RIGHT:** Commissioners Anthony and Hiett also attended Beth Weldon’s Oct. 31 retirement celebration in Oklahoma City. Weldon, a court reporter at the commission, retired after 43 years serving Oklahomans.

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**LEFT and BELOW LEFT:** A failed check for valid International Registration Plan plates and International Fuel Tax Agreement decals on a truck entering Oklahoma through Kay County’s Port of Entry led to the discovery of contraband marijuana by agency motor carrier enforcement officers and Oklahoma’s Department of Public Safety on Nov. 12. The truck’s driver and a passenger were arrested. Officers Brianna Sage, Larry Anderson, Bryan Ross, Sgt. Tim Peters and DPS Inspector Scott Carpenter were involved in the stop, search and arrests.

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**BELOW RIGHT:** Kay County Port of Entry Motor Carrier Enforcement Officers Tzinio Reyes-Ramirez, Kenton Westermier and Capt. Westen Vincent brought an enforcement vehicle with them as they took part in a “touch a truck” event at Tonkawa’s elementary Nov. 21. Other police and fire vehicles also were displayed as part of a fun night to get families involved with the school.

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# Fundraiser highlights Dillner’s creativity

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission’s Madeline Dillner is doing her part – a stroke of paint at a time – to support the Allied Arts’ annual campaign to raise funds for the organizations it supports.

Dillner, a specialist who works in the commission’s Oil and Gas Conservation Division’s Brownfields program, also is an accomplished artist who has been selling her work to art lovers since 2016.

Her paintings attracted the attention of Allied Arts’ leadership team, who selected Dillner as the organization’s Step-Up artist for its 2025 Employee Giving Campaign that’s underway now.

For the past decade, Allied Arts has presented Step-Up Artists’ works as special gifts to every individual who agreed to donate \$200 or more as part of the campaign.

This year’s donors who give that much or more will receive a numbered, original “White Sands Oasis” painting by Dillner, who has been working on creating 1,650 of them for about six months – she so far has painted about 650 through late-January.

Dillner is individually painting images of a Rio Grande Cottonwood tree she saw inside of the White Sands National Park in New Mexico during a visit there in 2012.

The tree’s exact Global Positioning System coordinates are stamped on the back of each piece.

“It was just this big, gorgeous specimen that at the time was loaded with golden leaves,” Dillner said, adding that she spotted it as she toured the park while taking part in a conference for the Southwest Association of American Geographers.

“It was the very first conference I had ever gone to and the first time I had visited New Mexico, so it was really a very special moment in my life and just a very special tree,” she said.

Each of Dillner’s paintings is on a piece of sanded, cradled birch board, giving her an appropriate texture for her brush.

While each piece captures the tree itself, no two paintings are exactly alike.

“If I were using stencils, I could make them



Dillner shows off her studio where she works.

look exactly the same, but I really didn’t want to do that because I want each person to feel good about having a unique piece of art. It also is more fun for me, because I would probably go a little bit crazy if I had to paint the actual exact same thing 1,650 times,” she said.

Dillner has drawn/painted for as long as she can remember, noting she still possesses a manilla envelope she used as her canvas for a



humpback whale she drew when she was just three years of age.

She didn’t begin to sell her works of art until shoppers at a Norman arts festival enthusiastically bought prints of watercolors she had painted. These days, she prefers acrylics.

“I love the bright colors and the deep, rich, saturated tones you can get with acrylic paints,” Dillner said.

“Almost all of my paintings are of real places that I have seen. I take photographs and basically try to recapture the feeling that I had in those places” through the art she creates, she said.

Allied Arts funds 48 cultural and art organizations across the state that impact more than 1 million Oklahomans annually and provide 495,000 experiences for school ages each year. It raises millions each year through campaigns like this year’s Employee Giving Campaign, officials have said.



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# Dozens see Bingman start commission term

Commissioner Brian Bingman was sworn into his first six-year term as Oklahoma Corporation Commissioner during a public ceremony Jan. 13 at the Supreme Court Ceremonial Chambers inside the State Capitol.

Oklahoma Supreme Court Vice-Chief Justice Dana Kuehn administered the oaths of office to Bingman as his left hand rested on the family's Bible held by his wife, Paula.

The Bible's cover was crafted especially for the Bingmans by a member of their home church, First Presbyterian, in Sapulpa.

The couple's daughter, Annie Bilby, and grandson (and Jenks High School senior) Blake Bilby attended the ceremony. Corporation Commissioner Todd Hiett, Commission Chairwoman Kim David and past Corporation Commissioners Jim Roth and Jeff Cloud also were among dozens of others in attendance.



Prior to administering the two oaths of office required of Corporation Commissioners,

Justice Kuehn spoke to the audience assembled for the swearing-in about Bingman's dedication to a life of public service.

Bingman's previous public service includes holding elected office in the City of Sapulpa as City Commissioner in 1992 and Mayor in 1994. He represented District 30 in the Oklahoma House of Representatives from 2005 to 2007.

During his first term in the State House, Bingman was elected to the State Senate in 2006 by voters of the 12th District.

In 2011 he was chosen by his caucus members to serve as Senate President Pro Tempore, a position he held until term limited in 2016.

His service continued beyond his time in the Legislature when Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt appointed Bingman as Oklahoma's Secretary of State and as Oklahoma's Secretary of Native American Affairs in October 2020.

Bingman, a citizen of the Muscogee Nation, served in those roles until September 2023 when he resigned to run for Oklahoma Corporation Commissioner.

Bingman and his wife live in Sapulpa.

