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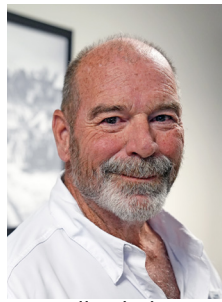
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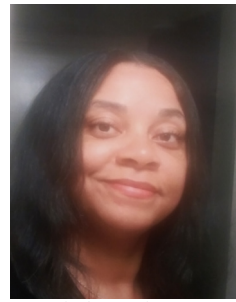
Kelly Phelps
Transportation Division,
Pipeline Safety
40 Years



Nick Hensler
Transportation Division,
IFTA/IRP
35 Years



Joey Parson
Transportation Division,
IFTA/IRP
30 Years



Cojuan Crear
Oil and Gas Conservation
Division, MOEA
25 Years



Tamra Streeter
Transportation Division,
IFTA/IRP
25 Years



Scott Baze
Transportation Division,
Enforcement
20 Years



Virginia Hullinger
Oil and Gas Conservation
Division, Technical
20 Years



Keith Thomas
Administrative, Judicial
and Legal Services, Courts
20 Years



Darrel Wilkes
Oil and Gas Conservation
Division, District I
20 Years



Crystal Stewart
Transportation Division,
IFTA/IRP
15 Years



Debra Buzingo
Transportation Division,
IFTA/IRP
10 Years



Tracy Case
Administrative, Judicial
and Legal Services, Regulatory
10 Years



Janie Hlinicky
Oil and Gas Conservation
Division, Administration
10 Years



Julie Johnson
Transportation Division,
IFTA/IRP
10 Years



Jim Marlatt
Oil and Gas Conservation
Division, Seismicity
10 Years



Beth Greer Raney
Oil and Gas Conservation
Division, Administration
10 Years



Marty Wade
Oil and Gas Conservation
Division, District I
10 Years



Terry Gray
Oil and Gas Conservation
Division, District I
5 Years

And Also ...

Billy Shufeldt
Oil and Gas Conservation Division, District I
35 Years

Michael Norris
Administration, Judicial and Legal Services, Courts
20 Years

Angela Zook
Transportation Division, Enforcement
10 Years



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Safety matters

Annual CLEET training received by port, weigh station staffs



Each year OCC Motor Carrier Enforcement Officers are required to attend 25 hours of continuing education to maintain the CLEET certification. The Transportation Division employs both CLEET and non-CLEET certified officers and all attended training events this year across the state.

Training sessions were aligned with annual facility closures for systems and physical updates. Session topics this year were delivered by CLEET certified Commission employees trained to give aid in combat/tactical conditions and ranged from a refresher course on Regulatory enforcement actions performed and ensuring standard application statewide to officer in-



volved shooting investigations and first aid training. In the first aid training, instructors demonstrated immediate steps officers could take to increase survival chances for someone with significant head, chest, arm and leg wounds by using tourniquets, bandages, splints and other tools.

"First aid is a skill that you lose if you don't stay on top of it," said Brett Macy, Deputy Director of the agency's Transportation Division.

"There's not a worse feeling in the world than rolling up on something where someone needs help and not knowing what to do."

H₂S risks discussed during OKC training

A dozen Oil and Gas Conservation Division inspectors and support personnel recently completed a Hydrogen Sulfide Safety Awareness course designed to remind them about deadly hazards posed by the colorless gas.

The course, taught by Oil and Gas Conservation Division H₂S Safety Specialist Charlie Goodwin, covered hazards posed by H₂S, detection methods, emergency procedures and more — critical knowledge for Oklahoma Corporation Commission team members interested in health and safety issues.

He started off his presentation by showing attendees someone's death certificate after they died from hydrogen sulfide poisoning while at an oil and gas location.

"We don't want to see anyone's name on one of those," Goodwin said.



Charlie Goodwin holds an H₂S detector during an awareness class about the dangerous gas.



Inspectors talley fire damages at oil and gas locations



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More than 100 mid-March fires whipped by extreme winds burned an estimated 192,000 acres, took four lives, damaged hundreds of homes and impacted numerous oil and gas production sites in parts of Cleveland, Creek, Dewey, Grady, Lincoln, Logan, Oklahoma, Pawnee, Payne, Pottawatomie, Roger Mills and Stephens Counties.

Later, Oil and Gas Conservation Division field inspectors evaluated production locations to look for damages.

Dozens of sites — some active, others not — sustained scorched well heads and pump jacks.

Polyethylene lines and fiberglass tanks exposed to temperatures exceeding 1,000 degrees (Farenheit) melted, leaving metal stairs and platforms that once provided oilfield workers access to tanks scattered across the ground at some locations.

Inspectors checked sites across their areas of responsibilities after immediate fire dangers passed.

Observed problems prompted inspectors to contact site operators and generate 1085s to document and track fire-caused issues until they are resolved.

COVER: One fire's intense heat melted more than a half dozen above-ground 1-inch polyethylene lines that once carried produced water from a well east of Guthrie to a nearby disposal well.

PAGE FOUR: A production site near Mannford lost at least two tanks after a fire swept through that area. Meanwhile, heat from a fire that swept across a multi-well production site east of Guthrie melted a line, leaving only a fitting behind.

PAGE FIVE: Fires' impacts on a pump jack and well head near Cleveland and a pump jack near Mannford were observed and catalogued by inspectors in those areas. *Photos Provided*



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Fieldworkers celebrated

for agency contributions



Marland Mansion, Ponca City

Photos by Trey Davis

These Oklahoma Corporation Commission employees made this year's field appreciation events possible.

NE Appreciation Committee: Andrew Zerby, Susan Harwell, and Fatemeh Bennet.

NE Liaisons: Zerby, Bethany Richardson, and Tramesha Teague.

NW Appreciation Committee: Brian Hughes and Sharie Northington.

NW Liaisons: Holly Cobb, Lora Baker, Megan Smith, Brooke Wood, and Rodney McKee.

SE Appreciation Committee: Kyndel Leatherock and Amy Griffith.

SE Liaisons: Audra Shelton, Candice Camplain, Marsha Moore, Brooke Wood and Nancy Hendrickson.

SW Appreciation Committee: Marsha Moore, Sharie Northington, and LaKee-sha Siris.

SW Liaisons: Rodney Miller and Wesley Choate.



"The work that you all do is what the Corporation Commission is all about — regulating our industries and keeping Oklahomans safe — day in and day out."

Brandy Wreath, OCC Executive Director



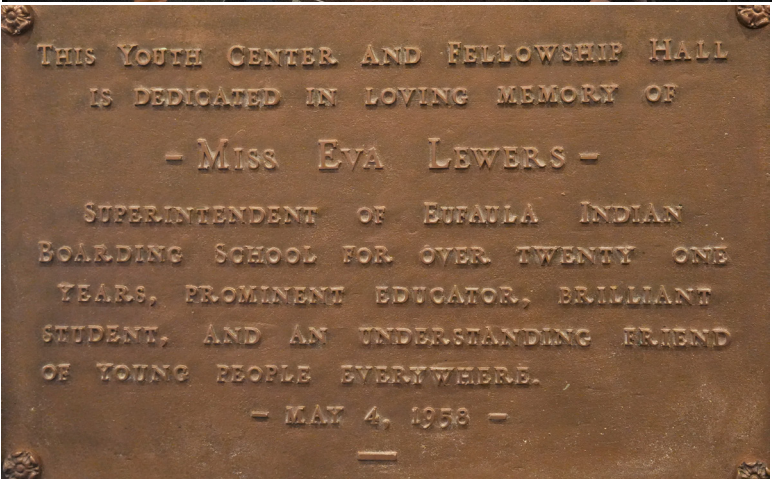
Stafford Air and Space Museum, Weatherford



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Legacy on Main Street, Eufaula



Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center, Sulphur

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Dedicated to the
Unconquered and Unconquerable People of
The Chickasaw Nation
July 2017

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EFFORTS our agency’s employees make both on and off the job aim to improve the lives of themselves and our fellow Oklahomans. Here are some highlights during the past three months.

Law Enforcement Certifications earned by three Commission Enforcement Officers



Tina Rich Rocky Robinson Michael Terrell
On March 12, 2025 Transportation Division Motor Carrier Enforcement Officers Tina Rich, Rocky Robinson and Michael Terrell graduated from the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) Basic Academy in Ada.
The graduation ceremony marked the completion of 600 hours of law enforcement training on multiple topics including Criminal Law, First Aid, Firearms, Defensive Tactics and Law Enforcement Driving.
After graduation the officers received their Basic Peace Officer certification, but must successfully complete a field training program before they are released to work on their own.
CLEET is a state agency which supports Oklahoma’s law enforcement agencies by providing education and training promoting professionalism and enhancing competency within their ranks. CLEET also establishes training guidelines and continuing education programs for all full-time and reserve officers across the state.
The OCC pays the expenses for its officers to attend CLEET. In return, the officers agree to work as Motor Carrier Enforcement Officers for the OCC for at least two years.

Efforts to keep freight, cargo and people haulers safely operating on Oklahoma’s interstates and highways were noted in February’s Uniform Carrier Registration Enforcement Efficiency report.
In particular, the report noted the Oklahoma Corporation Commission Transportation Division’s motor carrier and motor enforcement officers issued 406 violations during the month to out-of-compliance haulers, topping every other reporting state during the month.
The report is the latest demonstration the division’s hard work sets the standard for other states to meet, said Paul Swigart, the division’s director.
“Oklahoma is a leader in motor carrier enforcement,” Swigart said.

Bingman adds Jared Haines as aide to his staff

The newest addition to Commissioner Brian Bingman’s staff is rejoining state government after working in the federal government the past three years.
Jared Haines, an Enid native who earned degrees in philosophy and economics from the University of Oklahoma in 2011 and a law degree from the University of Chicago in 2014, joined the Commissioner’s office as his aide March 31, 2025.
Jared first entered public service in 2014 when he joined the Oklahoma Office of the Attorney General as a member of its Solicitor General’s unit, where he worked on appeals and other sensitive litigation involving the state and its residents.
He also reviewed decisions handed out by Oklahoma’s medical and dental state licensing boards to ensure they were appropriate. In 2016, Jared began arguing on behalf of ratepayers with the AG’s Utility Regulatory unit in cases regulated utilities brought before OCC.
Jared joined the Office of Chief Counsel at the Internal Revenue Service in 2022. He decided the timing was right to leave that role as he neared the end of a three-year commitment to serve the federal agency.
As Bingman’s aide, he said he looks forward to helping the commissioner as he and his colleagues consider all manner of cases, including those involving the state’s regulated utilities.
“This is a case where my experience is wanted and could be helpful,” said Haines. “Hopefully, I will be able to pick things up quickly and move forward.”

Happenings



Reeves and Agers

Port staff shared holiday gifts with seniors for Valentine’s Day
Motor Vehicle Enforcement Officer Waunita Reeves, Administrative Programs Officer Stephanie Agers, Motor Vehicle Enforcement Officer Madison Jones and Motor Carrier Enforcement Officer James Bright assembled and helped distribute Valentine’s Day gift boxes to residents at senior living facility near the Love County Port of Entry to help them celebrate the holiday. Port Captain Rodney Miller made it possible for his troops to engage in that activity, Jones noted.

Recent retirees presented with fond farewell wishes



ENDS of decades-long careers were celebrated in March with the retirements of Jackie Hollinhead, David Landsdale, Kris Prouty, Matt Skinner and Edward Sullivan. Earlier this year, Commissioner Bob Anthony, Scott Greenwalt, Ben Jackson and Judi Taylor also retired.

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission’s (OCC) Transportation Enforcement Department promoted



Sgt. Shelby Ray, assigned to the department’s Kay County Port of Entry, at a pinning ceremony April 9. Ray’s wife Hattie joined him at the event.

Transportation Enforcement Captain Westen Vincent removes Ray’s collar brass to be replaced with the Sergeant’s Chevrons.

Sergeant Ray Gets Pinned

OCC applauded for State Charitable Campaign work

Oklahoma Corporation Commission organizers who raised funds for Oklahoma’s State Charitable campaign were recognized in March by the campaign for their efforts.
OCC raised more than \$17,000 in the campaign, officials reported.



Hodges joins Corporation Commission to lead Oil and Gas Conservation Division

Industry insights brought by the new director of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission's Oil and Gas Conservation Division signal good things are coming for all stakeholders the department serves.

Jeremy Hodges, who joined the commission on March 31, 2025, brings decades of oil and gas industry experience to his new role.

Hodges initially worked as an accountant after earning a degree in that field, with a minor in mathematics, from the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in 1998, before establishing his own mortgage business.



He joined the staff of independent oil and gas operator Huntington Energy in 2006, where he oversaw both financial and oil and gas production data as an assistant controller and production analyst.

"I knew oil and gas was a strong driver of the state's economy and I wanted to get into that," Hodges said.

He also created and implemented a monthly well economics report for the company, oversaw its human

resources and information technology functions and handled Huntington's fleet management responsibilities.

Hodges joined Continental Resources in 2011 as an engineering specialist, responsible for tracking the daily drilling activities for a fleet of the company's rigs in North Dakota. In that role, he closed a

deal between it and a directional drilling company designed to save Continental Resources millions of dollars in annual costs.

Within a few years, Continental Resources elevated Hodges into a corporate planning role as a senior financial analyst, where he prepared and reviewed budgets and forecast metrics, including operating expenses, capital expenditures and production data for the company's board of directors and investors.

In late 2014, Hodges was tapped by Continental Resources to be a project manager, working on joint venture projects with overseas partners needing hydrocarbons to serve their customers.

Through that effort, a joint venture was established between the Oklahoma company and SK E&S, from Seoul, South Korea, a global provider of liquified natural gas, power, and district energy solutions.

In 2020, Continental Resources utilized Hodges again in a senior role as a category manager, where he oversaw the business' operational and strategic sourcing contracts.

Hodges left Continental in April 2024 to reconnect with his wife and four children, coach some baseball and play golf.

He began thinking about returning to a full-time job earlier this year and said this role offers him the chance to give back to the state's oil and gas industry, mineral-rights owners and other Oklahomans impacted by the state's leading industry.

"We have a large number of hydrocarbons in the ground here in Oklahoma, and it's to our benefit to harvest them," said Hodges.

"I just want to be sure it is done the right and proper way."

Pipeline Safety receives perfect federal review

Oklahoma statutes give the Transportation Division's Pipeline Safety Department the authority to promulgate pipeline safety standards and to enforce statutes involving underground damage prevention.

The department's regulations cover designs, construction, operations, maintenance and abandonment issues involving 120,806 miles of intrastate pipelines across Oklahoma.

In 2024, the department conducted 800 routine inspections and 1,385 excavation inspections.

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration recently reviewed the performance of the Pipeline Safety unit for its work in 2024 and gave it a perfect score, setting it up for a full year's worth of reimbursement for associated costs.

Oklahoma Corporation Commission Executive Director Brandy Wreath said the review verifies the quality of the department's work.

"This is great to see," Wreath said.

