

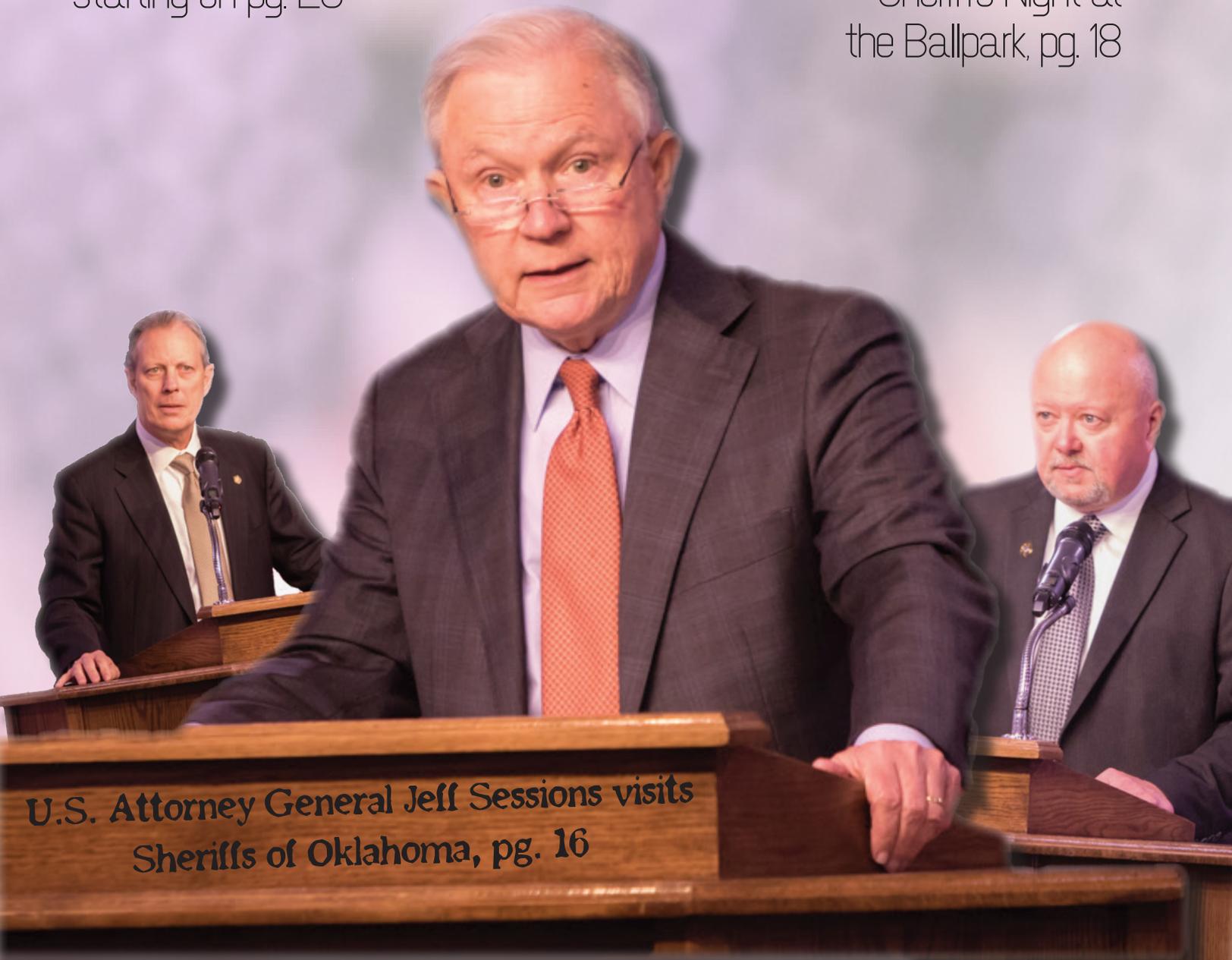
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# OKLAHOMA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Maintain the office of the Sheriff through training and education; developing laws and policies that promote public safety and; providing technical and informational support to assist the Sheriffs of Oklahoma in providing effective and quality law enforcement services to the citizens of the State of Oklahoma.*

### Objectives:

Provide training and education information in the fields of law enforcement, crime prevention and detection, jail management, public safety and civil process to all Oklahoma Sheriffs.

Support the development of laws and policies, which focus on the primary responsibility of government and the public safety of its citizens.

Provide information and technical assistance in support to the Sheriffs of Oklahoma to assist them in providing effective and quality law enforcement services to the citizens of Oklahoma.

Encourage the involvement of each Sheriff to work towards promoting professionalism and high standards in county law enforcement.

Promote positive interaction among all criminal justice agencies and associations in an effort to increase the effectiveness of law enforcement services to the citizens of Oklahoma and for the betterment of the law enforcement profession.

Provide an objective analysis for planned activities for achieving targeted objectives and assuring proper expenditure of funding.

Maintain and enhance the Office of the Sheriff in the State of Oklahoma.

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# President's Message



I am truly honored and blessed to serve as your Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association President. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the board members, active members and the OSA staff for what they do for our Association. They all put in countless hours of hard work, dedication and commitment to making the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association the most successful and largest law enforcement association in the great state of Oklahoma. In my opinion, the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association is moving forward with great leaps and bounds and is growing every year due to these talented individuals.

Additionally, I would like to thank the citizens of Pawnee County for trusting me with this great honor. I believe our Association is united and stands for the voice of **all Sheriffs** in Oklahoma, no matter how big or small our counties may be. I believe that all Sheriffs need to work together so our voices are heard and will continue to be heard throughout the State, as well as at the State Capitol during the legislative session, which will continue making a difference for Sheriffs and our counties. This Association has a wonderful history standing behind it in supporting **all Sheriffs** in this great state of Oklahoma.

I'm proud to say that this is the first time that all 77 Sheriffs are members and we are pushing around 5,000 active members in the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association. I would encourage all of Oklahoma's Sheriffs and employees to continue to be active members and be part of the "Voice" that's makes a difference in our Association. There is no other networking opportunity better than the one with the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association.

As your President, I look forward to the challenges for the upcoming year and keeping our Association moving forward in a positive, professional, and productive manner. If there is anything I can do, please don't hesitate to ask. I have always had, and will continue to have, an open door policy to listen to any advice. God bless you all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Waters". The signature is fluid and cursive.

OSA President  
Sheriff Mike Waters  
Pawnee County Sheriff

# Executive Director's Message

This has been a big year for the OSA which has brought us many firsts and several changes.

This year, we welcomed thirty-one new Sheriffs into their elected position. We completed the construction of the training facility just in time to hold the Sheriffs' Academy. There were forty-seven who attended the forty-hour training.

The 2017 conference was the largest to date, both in attendance and the amount of training provided during the event. For the first time, we brought in nationally renowned speakers such as Lt. Col. Dave Grossman, NSA's Carrie Hill, and Ret. U.S. Marshal Robert Almonte. The awards banquet had over 400 in attendance including over twenty state legislators.



Additionally, in October of this year, the OSA hosted a visit by the United States Attorney General Jeff Sessions. This was the first time a sitting US Attorney has come to Oklahoma to address an organization such as ours. We did this to help shed some light on the implications of State Questions 780 and 781, as well as the support of law enforcement by this new administration. Furthermore, he reaffirmed federal support of the asset seizure and forfeiture law and discussed the reinstatement of the 1033 program and how it gives law enforcement access to government surplus. We also had Lt. Governor Todd Lamb, Oklahoma Attorney General Mike Hunter, Representatives Scott Biggs and Tim Downing, and National Sheriffs' Association Executive Director Jonathan Thompson who all addressed those in attendance.

We are already working on our 2018 schedule which includes our annual membership drive, legislation, training and the annual conference. We welcome your input on any of these issues; feel free to contact me with your suggestions.

The most important accomplishment of this year, and the one we are the proudest of, is that this is the first year in the history of the Association that all 77 Sheriffs are Active Members of the Association. I cannot emphasize enough what it means to the OSA to have the support and trust of every Sheriff in the state. The staff of the OSA strives every day to make you proud of your Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association.

Until we see each other again.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ray McNair". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ray McNair  
Executive Director



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# FALLEN HERO 50



Sheriff Charlie Dougherty of Lincoln County drove a specially designed race car at the Red Dirt Raceway in Meeker on May 26th, 2017. The race was a 50-lap named the Fallen Hero 50. The car paint scheme [pictured left with Sheriff Charlie Dougherty] consisted of the names of our fallen heroes, including three Deputies who have died this year. There was a special tail-gating section on the race track for law enforcement, including hamburgers and hot dogs.

The Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association was grateful for all who attended to support Lincoln County Sheriff Charlie Dougherty at the Fallen Hero 50 race.



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# 2017 NEW SHERIFFS ACADEMY

From March 27th – 31st, 2017, the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association held our first event, the New Sheriffs Academy, in our newly built training facility. We were excited to share this event with Oklahoma's newest Sheriffs. The 45-hour course of instruction included 2 hours of Mental Health and covered many topics from Leadership Values and Sheriffs' Budgets to Evidence Submittal and the Prison Rape Elimination Act. Additionally, Sheriff Charlie Dougherty of Lincoln County, Sheriff (Ret.) Joe Lester of Cleveland County, Sheriff Clay Sander of Dewey County, and Sheriff Shannon Smith of Seminole County came to speak to the new Sheriffs and do a Q&A. The week was successful and the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association is looking forward to working with these new Sheriffs and holding many more events for Oklahoma's Sheriffs' Offices in our new facility.



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# Legislative Report

From Executive Director Ray McNair

Although we had success in the legislature this year, our work is never done. Three OSA request bills were passed in 2017. The first bill that was passed will require DOC to pay the actual cost of incarceration starting in 2019; however, that same bill failed to get the language requiring DOC to start reimbursing at the time of the gavel. It was shortly after passing the DOC bill that Attorney General Mike Hunter provided an opinion that DOC was responsible for reimbursement at the time of the gavel, an opinion that DOC refuses to follow to this day. Secondly, one piece of legislation provided for the Department of Transportation to cover the cost of erecting memorial signs for all first responders line-of-duty deaths. Lastly, a bill affecting an increase in qualifications to run for Sheriff was passed; candidates filing for the office of Sheriff now must have at least four years of full-time law enforcement experience.

There were various other bills that the OSA played a key role in passing, including: the CLEET bridge academy bill which shortens the time before a reserve deputy can attend bridge academy from two years to six months; process service for inmates housed in the county jail can now be accepted by the jail administrator; and a Tulsa County bill that removes the league for the blind from operating a commissary in the jail.

In October, an interim study was held to discuss the Sheriffs' cash accounts. I am sure that everyone was taken by surprise when approximately thirty Sheriffs and OSA representatives walked into the room. This was evident by what was discussed during that study: not one mention of the Sheriffs' cash accounts. I can assure you it is not over; Representatives will not give up on this issue.

Now that Representative Scott Biggs is no longer in the House, we expect to see a full court press by special interest groups to lower offenses from felonies to misdemeanors, along with cutting as many fines, fees and costs as possible. We have been advised that this will be one of our biggest defensive years to date.

It will take all of us voicing our concerns over attempts to remove control and funding from the Sheriffs. Every time an issue comes up, it needs to be met head-on by a show of force. We cannot sit idly by and let a small group try and defeat or pass legislation; it will take all of us. When the call comes to rally at the Capitol, even if the Sheriff cannot attend, send the Undersheriff or Chief Deputy. Showing up in mass and in uniform makes an enormous difference in what legislators will do during session.

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**U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions** traveled to Oklahoma on October 19th, 2017 to personally address the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association. The address took place at Rose State College in Midwest City, OK. Many Sheriffs from across the state traveled to hear the Attorney General. He addressed criminal justice reform and its

impact at the county and state levels. Other speakers included: Lieutenant Governor Todd Lamb, Oklahoma Attorney General Mike Hunter, State Representative Tim Downing, State Representative Scott Biggs, Oklahoma County Sheriff (Ret.) John Whetsel, National Sheriffs' Association Executive Director Johnathan Thompson,

and Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association Executive Director Ray McNair.



*Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association Executive Director Ray McNair with U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions [above].*



*National Sheriffs' Association Executive Director Johnathan Thompson [below] addressed the full audience of Sheriffs, Undersheriffs, and State Legislators.*

*In attendance: [below, from left to right] Payne County Sheriff R.B. Hauf, Pawnee County Sheriff Mike Waters, State Representative Tim Downing, State Representative Scott Biggs, Oklahoma Attorney General Mike Hunter, and Midwest City Police Chief Brandon Clabes.*





*U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions addressing the audience [above.]*



*Many Sheriffs attended, including Pontotoc County Sheriff John Christian [left].*



*Oklahoma Attorney General Mike Hunter [left] addressed the attendees.*



*Oklahoma Lieutenant Governor Todd Lamb [above] spoke at the event.*

**On Friday, June 16th, 2017** the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association sponsored "Sheriffs Night at the Ballpark" at the Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark. The Oklahoma City Dodgers faced the Omaha Storm Chasers in an entertaining game. The event consisted of a barbecue buffet on the Budweiser Deck and an OKC Dodgers baseball cap for all attendees. The evening ended with a fantastic fireworks show. The purpose of this annual event is to give the Sheriffs and Sheriffs' Office employees an opportunity to visit and network with one another, as well as enjoy a free, family-friendly evening.



# SHERIFFS NIGHT



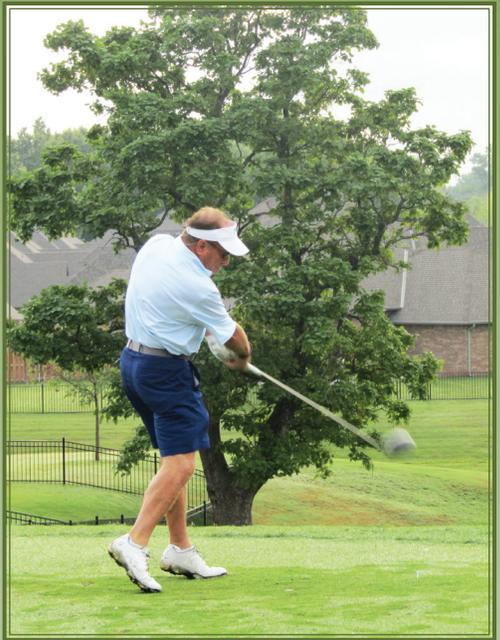


# AT THE BALLPARK



# OSA Annual Golf Tournament





On Monday, August 7th, 2017, the OSA held our Annual Golf Tournament at the Golf Club of Edmond. Team Sponsors included: Pottawatomie County, Ellis County, Account Management Resources, TurnKey Health Clinics, CTC, Inc., Tiger Correctional Services, Oklahoma Employees Credit Union, Prodigy Solutions, Securus Technologies, Voice Products, and Collins, Zorn, and Wagner. Players enjoyed a beautiful day of weather while playing and the Tournament ended with a delicious lunch provided by The Golf Club of Edmond and door prizes provided by the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association and Oklahoma Employees Credit Union.

1st Place: **Collins, Zorn, and Wagner**  
 2nd Place: **Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office**  
 3rd Place: **Account Management Resources**  
 Longest Drive: **Mark Olsen**  
 Closest to the Pin: **Mark Olsen**





# OSA FIREARMS COMPETITION

On August 7th, 2017 the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association hosted the annual Pistol Match at the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office Training Facility. The Pistol Match is a Firearms Competition for the Sheriffs, Undersheriffs, and Deputies of the Sheriff's offices across Oklahoma. Additionally, Buffalo Armory provided a demonstration of their armor at the Pistol Match and did a door prize drawing for three of their Hard Armor Plates. The OSA would like to thank the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office for the use of their facility, Buffalo Armory for their time and donations, and of course all of our participants. Congratulations to all of our winners!

## TEAM COMPETITION WINNERS

- 1st** - Deputy Nick Myers, Payne Co. & Sheriff RB Hauf, Payne Co.
- 2nd** - Sheriff Johnny Christian, Bryan Co. & Undersheriff Jeremy Rogers, Dewey Co.
- 3rd** - Deputy Bill Myers, Payne Co. & Sheriff Chris West, Canadian Co.

## SHERIFF CLASS WINNERS

- 1st** - Sheriff Johnny Christian, Bryan Co.
- 2nd** - Sheriff Clay Sander, Dewey Co.
- 3rd** - Sheriff Chris West, Canadian Co.

## UNDERSHERIFF CLASS WINNERS

- 1st** - Undersheriff Tim Donaldson, Lincoln Co.
- 2nd** - Undersheriff Terry Gouker, Seminole Co.
- 3rd** - Undersheriff Tony Taylor, Atoka Co.

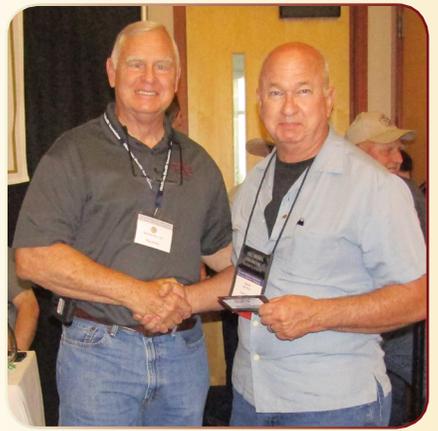
## DEPUTY CLASS WINNERS

- 1st** - Deputy Nick Myers, Payne Co.
- 2nd** - Deputy Bill Myers, Payne Co.
- 3rd** - Undersheriff Jeremy Rogers, Dewey Co.





# 2017 EXPOSITION SHOW



The OSA Annual Exposition Show was held during the 2017 Annual Training Conference at the Sheraton Hotel and Reed Conference Center in Midwest City. The Conference was from August 7th-11th, 2017, and the Exposition Show was held on Tuesday, August 8th.



Over 90 exhibitors filled the Exhibit Hall, bringing the Sheriffs of Oklahoma the latest products and cutting edge technology.



Canadian County Sheriff Chris West [above] and Major County Sheriff Steve Randolph [below] could not help but stop and get their boots shined during the Exhibitor Show.



OSA Executive Director Ray McNair and Sam Sae-gar from Garfield County drew winners for the countless exhibitor door prizes given away.

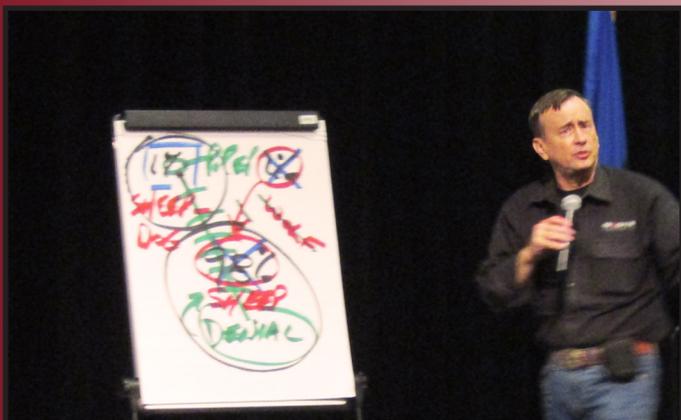




# Bullet Proof Mind: Lt. Col. Grossman

At the 2017 OSA Annual Training Conference, Lt. Col. Dave Grossman presented an 8-hour course titled “The Bullet Proof Mind.” A retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel, Dave Grossman is an internationally recognized scholar, author, and speaker who is one of the world’s foremost experts in the field of human aggression and the roots of violence and violent crime. He is also one of the nation’s leading law enforcement trainers. Dave is a former Army Ranger, West Point psychology professor, and Professor of Military Science who drew on his combined experience to

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Director of the National Center for Jail Operations

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Carrie Hill is an attorney and national criminal justice consultant. She has dedicated her twenty-nine year career to providing professional development seminars in correctional law, along with criminal justice consulting, to educate and empower those working in the correctional industry.

Ms. Hill's passion for and expertise of corrections law is known nationally. She makes the law come alive and applicable regardless of rank - from report writing techniques and legal-based policy development to risk assessment and offensive approaches in the event of prisoner litigation.

Ms. Hill's contributions to corrections go beyond professional development to consulting for and defense



of correctional facilities, management and staff. She is also the former General Counsel to the Utah Department of Corrections, Editor of Corrections Managers' Report, and the Senior Administrative Manager to Sheriff Richard Stanek in Hennepin County, MN.

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Deputy Chief (Ret.)  
**Robert Almonte**

Deputy Chief (Ret), El Paso, Texas Police Department and former U.S. Marshal Robert Almonte presented at the OSA's 2017 Annual Training Conference; his course of instruction was titled: "Patron Saints of the Mexican Drug Underworld." Almonte has 32 years of law enforcement experience with expertise in narcotics investigations and undercover work. He served as the United States Marshal for the Western District of Texas from 2010 to 2016.

He previously served 25 years with the El Paso, TX Police Department where he spent the majority of his career in narcotics investigations and retired as a Deputy Chief. As the Narcotics Commander with the EPPD, he championed innovative programs like the Hotel/Motel Narcotics Interdiction Unit and the West Texas High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Stash House Task Force, both of which yielded successful apprehensions through community-policing initiatives.

Robert Almonte has received numerous awards, including the 1999 White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) award for National



"Outstanding HIDTA Task Force Commander", as well as Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition in 2003. He has provided training to thousands of law enforcement officers throughout the United States and Sweden. He has spent years conducting extensive research on the Mexican drug trade, and how they pray for protection from law enforcement. He is also the creator and producer of the DVD; "Patron Saints of the Mexican Drug Underworld".



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  - Power Tools for Relationship Success
- Constitutional Aspects and Legal Ramifications Involving the Operation of a Sheriff's Office in the State of Oklahoma
  - Outlaw Biker Gangs



Ashley L. Altshuler, [pictured left] Asst. US Attorney of the Western District of OK, instructed the course, "Federal Prosecution and Firearm Laws."



Gerald Konkler, [pictured above] General Counsel for CLEET, instructed the course, "Legal Update."

Haskell County Sheriff Tim Turner and Adair County Sheriff Jason Ritchie [pictured below] on their way to one of the many offered training courses during Conference.



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The 2017 President's Reception was hosted by Pawnee County Sheriff and OSA President Mike Waters and the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association on the evening of August 9th, 2017. The evening was a come-and-go social event consisting of light hors d'oeuvres and appetizers. The OSA is extremely grateful for all of the sponsors of this event.



Our Gold Sponsors were: Turn Key Health Clinics and Diamond Pharmacy Services and Medical Supply. Our Bronze Sponsors were: GeoSafe, BKL Architects, Kaseware, Buffalo Armory, All Detainment Solutions, and Romaine Companies.

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# 2017 SHERIFFS ACADEMY REUNION LUNCH



On Thursday, August 10th, 2017, the attendees of the 2017 Sheriffs' Academy reunited for lunch with the OSA Board of Directors during the annual conference. The purpose of the event was to gather recently elected Sheriffs to determine how the Academy aided them and what additional training topics would be helpful during the Academy in the future.





On Friday, August 11th, 2017, the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association hosted the annual Spouses' Brunch at the Reed Conference Center in Midwest City. The purpose of the annual event is to show support to the spouses and women of the Sheriffs' Offices.



The OSA would like to thank Turn Key Health Clinics for their bronze sponsorship for this event.



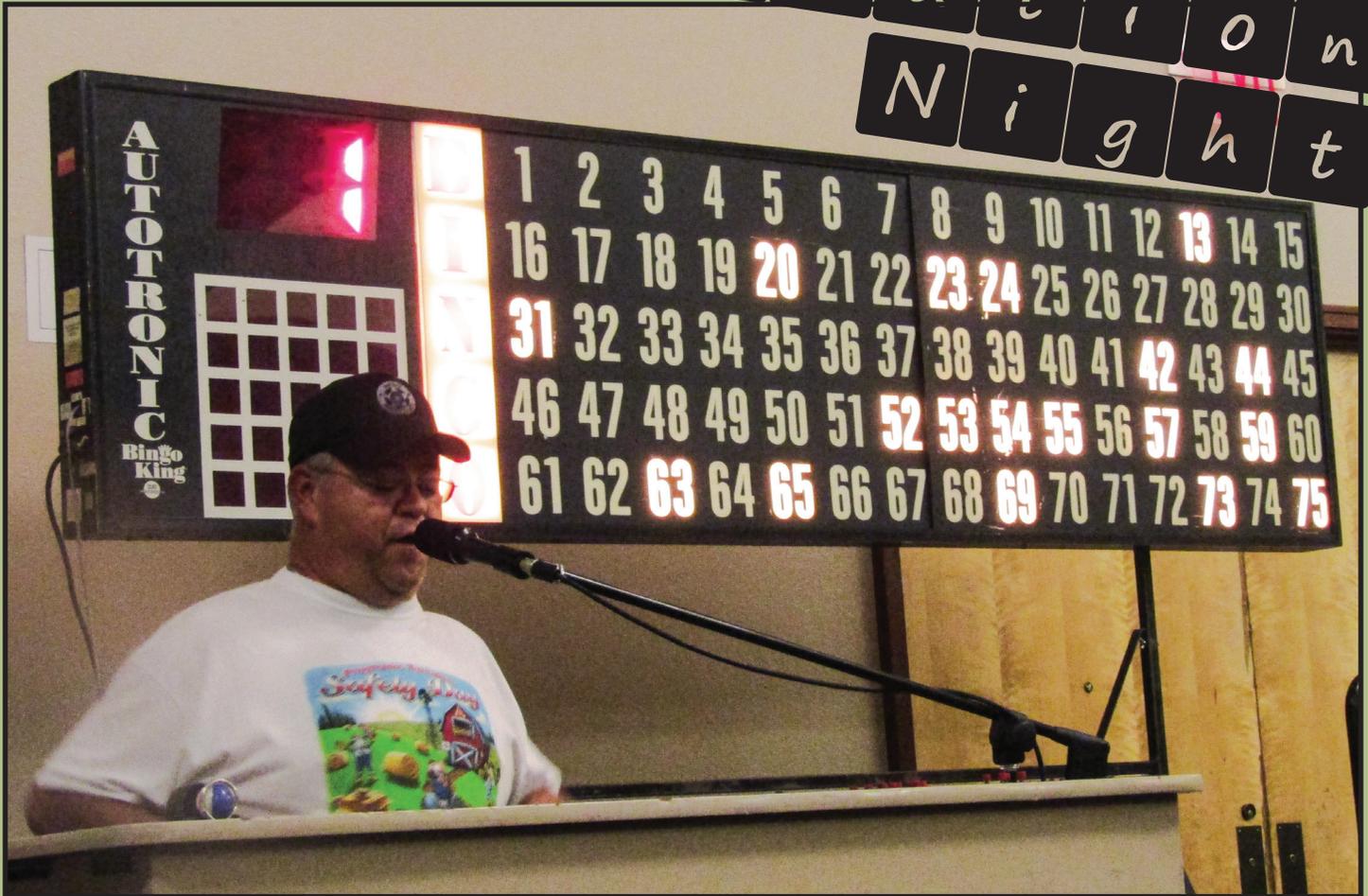
Sheriff (Ret.) Margaret Parman [right] of Blaine County visited for the annual Brunch and served as host and speaker for the event. Door prizes were given away to each attendee, with a grand prize of a beautiful ring, donated by Grady County Sheriff's Office, valued at \$700.00. Fittingly, Sheriff (Ret.) Parman was the lucky winner of the grand prize and the attendees cheered for her and Sheriff (Ret.) Parman's excitement.



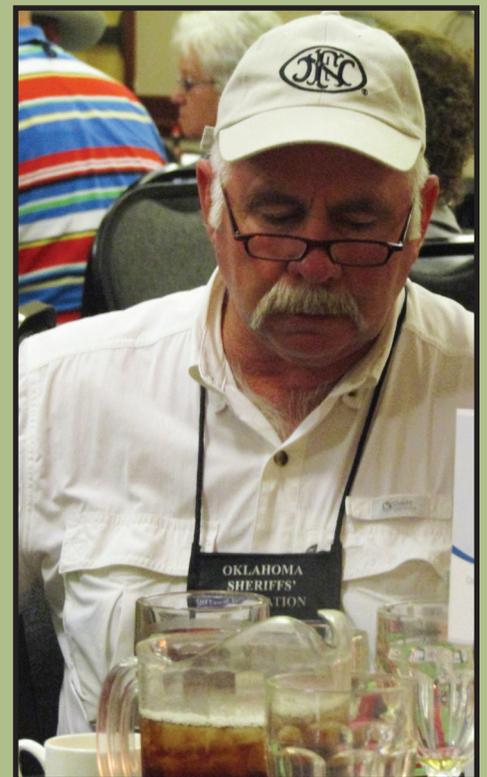
# Spouses BRUNCH

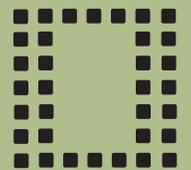
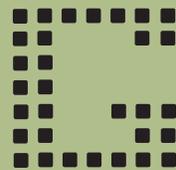
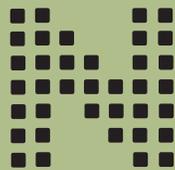
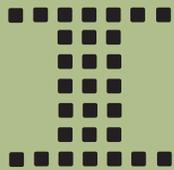
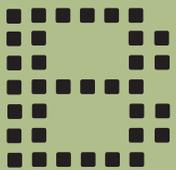
# Appreciation Night

## Sheriffs



On August 10th, 2017, the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association hosted Sheriff's Appreciation Night during the 2017 OSA Conference at the Reed Conference Center in Midwest City. The evening consisted of a delicious barbecue buffet dinner, socializing, and many rounds of Bingo played until the late hours of the evening. The OSA and counties all across the state donated door prizes to be given away to the winners. This year, our county donors outdid themselves and our prizes consisted of brand new TVs, gifts cards worth up to \$500, vacation stays, rounds of golf, firearms, and we even gave away two diamond rings! The event was sponsored by Prodigy Solutions (Gold Sponsor), Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (Silver Sponsor), and Turn Key Health Clinics (Silver Sponsor).





# AWARDS BANQUET

**ON** August 11th, 2017 the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association hosted our Annual Awards Banquet at the Reed Conference Center in Midwest City. The event honored over 100 individuals from the Sheriffs' Offices statewide. Awards such as the OSA

Scholarship Awards, Meritorious Service Awards, Medals of Valor, Life Saving Awards, and Legislative Awards are all given at the Awards Banquet. Additionally, the traditional Of-the-Year awards are also given that evening. This year,

Sheriff (Ret.) Joe Lester of Cleveland County was the recipient of the 2017 Sheriff of the Year award. The OSA also inducted Sheriff Norman Fisher of Cherokee County into the Sheriffs' Hall of Fame. The Banquet had nearly 450 individuals in attendance, consisting of many Sheriffs and their families from across the state, as well as 22 Oklahoma State Legislators. Of those 22 Legislators,

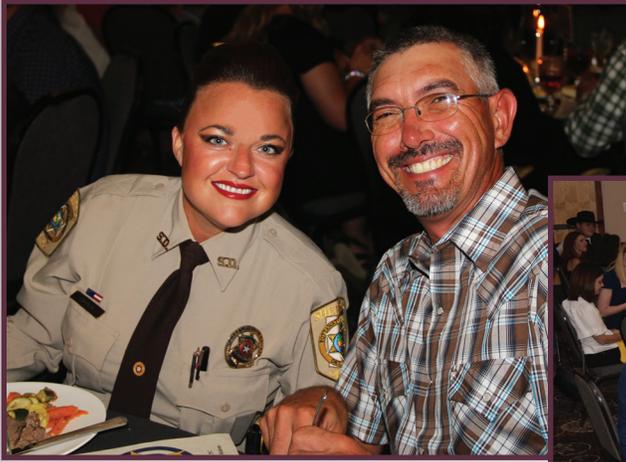
Representative Jon Echols also graciously acted as our Master of Ceremonies. The Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association would like to thank all who attended and showed their support for the OSA. It is our pleasure to honor those individuals yearly who go above and beyond the call of duty for the Sheriff's Office.



*Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office's Color Guard [above].*



The Annual Awards Banquet was sponsored by: Prodigy Solutions (Gold Sponsor), Turn Key Health Clinics (Gold Sponsor), and Verizon Wireless (Silver Sponsor).

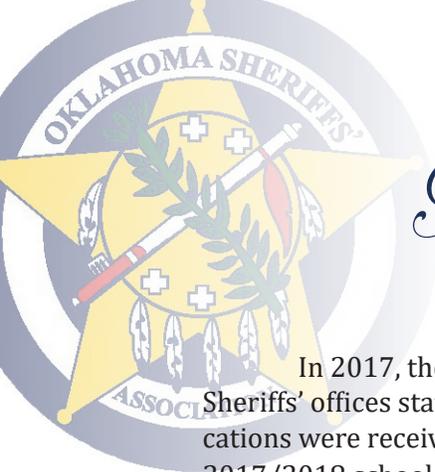


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# 2017 Annual Award Winners

## Scholarship Award Winners

In 2017, the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association offered scholarships to deserving applicants. Sheriffs' offices statewide received the notice of their availability and a large number of applications were received. Funds were available to award twelve (12) \$750.00 scholarships for the 2017/2018 school year thanks to the continued support of donors.

Deputy Dariel Momsen	Kamryn Randolph	Austin Booth
Peydon Griffith	Cameron McGee	Brina Thomas
Brandi Moore	Tierra Christian	Macall Myers
Katlynn Huckabay	Cody Johnston	Alexandra Thomas

## Recognition Award Winners

Recognition Awards are presented to an employee for conduct or a specific act in the performance of their duties.

Lieutenant Bradley Logan.....	Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office
Dispatcher Crystal Ford.....	Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office
Dispatcher Tyler Ross.....	Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office
Corporal Greg Crump.....	Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office
Sergeant Bruce Henley.....	Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office
Corporal Michael Belanger.....	Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office
Captain Bob Green.....	Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office
Deputy Jacob Briggs.....	Canadian County Sheriff's Office
Deputy Brant Bishop.....	Garfield County Sheriff's Office
Deputy Greg Randolph.....	Logan County Sheriff's Office
Deputy James Caskey.....	Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office
Reserve Deputy Shaun Copelin.....	Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office
Sergeant Chris Contreras.....	Canadian County Sheriff's Office
Reserve Deputy Jeff Neighbors.....	Sequoyah County Sheriff's Office

## Meritorious Service Award Winners

Meritorious Service Awards are presented to those who have distinguished themselves by outstanding meritorious achievement or service to the Sheriff's Office.

Reserve Deputy Art Cantu.....	Rogers County Sheriff's Office
Sergeant Quint Tucker.....	Rogers County Sheriff's Office
Deputy Carey Duniphin.....	Washington County Sheriff's Office
Lieutenant Ken Vanduser.....	Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office
Lieutenant Jimmy Brewer.....	Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office
Lieutenant Travis Sullivan.....	Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office
Dispatcher Lisa Williams.....	Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office
Deputy Robin Opela.....	Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office
Deputy David Sanderson.....	Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office
Deputy Josh Gradick.....	Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office
Sergeant Renee Kendrick.....	Canadian County Sheriff's Office

## Lifesaving Award Winners

Lifesaving Awards are presented to an employee for a specific act which resulted in the life of another being saved.



*From left to right: Canadian County Sheriff Chris West, OSA President Mike Waters, Deputy Chris Findley, OSA Executive Director Ray McNair.*

### *Deputy Chris Findley*

#### **Canadian County Sheriff's Office**

On April 21st, 2017, Canadian County had received several inches of rain, creating a flash flood. Deputy Findley responded to a single vehicle accident that consisted of a car flipped over in a rain swollen ditch. Deputy Findley arrived to find a mother and two small children trapped beneath the car. A group of 4-5 citizens surrounded the vehicle, attempting to help the trapped passengers. Deputy Findley was handed a limp four-year-old child, rescued from the vehicle by a citizen. He immediately began performing CPR; two minutes later, she began to cough, cry and breathe on her own. Deputy Findley stayed with the girl until Mercy EMS transported her to the Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City. She is healthy today and living the life of a fun-loving four-year-old due to the actions of Deputy Chris Findley.

### *Reserve Deputy Rex Swearingin*

#### **Love County Sheriff's Office**

On March 1st, 2017, Love County Dispatch was notified of an 18-year old victim of a gunshot wound to the neck. Deputy Billy Fox and Reserve Deputy Rex Swearingin arrived at the scene and Swearingin, trained in Tactical Combat Casualty Care and a Law Enforcement First Responder, immediately applied a gauze with coagulant to the victim's wound. EMS arrived approximately ten minutes later and the victim was taken by helicopter to a Plano medical center. Doctors believed the victim may not walk again due to paralysis, but the victim walked out of the hospital a few months later when released. His physicians stated that if Reserve Deputy Swearingin had not intervened to stop the bleeding that day, the victim would not have survived.



*From left to right: OSA President Mike Waters, Reserve Deputy Rex Swearingin, OSA Executive Director Ray McNair.*



*From left to right: Seminole County Sheriff Shannon Smith, OSA President Mike Waters, Jaymi Steele [accepting on behalf of Deputy Garrett Steele], OSA Executive Director Ray McNair.*

### *Deputy Garrett Steele*

#### **Seminole County Sheriff's Office**

On August 31st, 2016, Deputy Steele was on patrol when he heard a call over the radio for a 44-year-old unresponsive male. The man was located at a grocery store in northern Seminole County and Deputy Steele quickly headed his way. Upon arrival, Deputy Steele immediately began performing CPR on the victim and continued until the ambulance arrived and transported him to the hospital. Due to Deputy Steele's quick response, the victim was able to be revived and made a full recovery.

## Lifesaving Award Winners, cont.



From left to right: OSA Past President Mike Booth, Deputy Gabriel Alexander.

### *Deputies Gabriel Alexander and Barry Stewart* **Love County Sheriff's Office**

On April 2nd, 2017 Deputies Stewart and Alexander responded to a call for a 64-year-old woman who was not breathing. They arrived and quickly began performing chest compressions, switching between the two of them without missing a beat. The compressions continued for approximately ten minutes until a faint pulse was finally identified. The victim, Sally Cowan, stated that she was very happy to be alive and is currently seeking additional treatment. She wrote, "I hope when I return to Marietta, that I will be able to thank these two gentlemen in person."



From left to right: OSA President Mike Waters, Deputy Barry Stewart, OSA Executive Director Ray McNair.



From left to right: OSA Past President Mike Booth, Deputy Johnny Berryman.

### *Deputy Johnny Berryman* **Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office**

On January 1st, 2017 Deputy Berryman was nearby when Valley Brook Officer Brian Southerland was shot during a traffic stop. Deputy Berryman arrived at the scene and immediately applied a tourniquet to Officer Southerland's leg to slow the bleeding; Officer Southerland had already lost over four pints of blood at the scene. Thankfully, EMSA arrived and transported Officer Southerland to OU Medical Center; afterwards, the Paramedic and OU Medical Staff stated that Officer Southerland may not have survived his injuries if Deputy Berryman had not intervened. Additionally, Deputy Berryman stayed behind at the crime scene to preserve the evidence and started the crime scene log. By his unselfish acts and his unmatched professionalism, in addition to saving the life of a fellow officer, his actions preserved the evidence which will be invaluable in prosecuting the person responsible for such a heinous crime.

### *Deputy Jordan Crawford* **Logan County Sheriff's Office**

On March 20th, 2017, Deputy Jordan Crawford and Corporal Marcus Williams responded to an accident with injury in Logan County. They arrived to find a truck had driven over a guardrail and plummeted into a creek; the cab of the truck quickly filled with water. Deputy Crawford scaled down unstable rocks to reach the driver; he attempted to open the car doors with determination, but they would not budge. The cab filled rapidly and the driver was distressed, and called for help. Luckily, Corporal Williams provided an axe to Deputy Crawford which allowed the Deputy to shatter the window of the truck and free the driver.



From left to right: OSA President Mike Waters, Deputy Jordan Crawford, OSA Executive Director Ray McNair.

## Lifesaving Award Winners, cont.

### *Deputy Steven Sample*

#### **Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office**

On December 30th, 2016, a grass fire began in rural Pottawatomie County. It quickly spread and Deputy Sample witnessed it extending to a nearby home which rapidly caught fire. Deputy Sample bravely entered the home to evacuate any residents and saved an elderly man who had been unaware that his house was even aflame. He courageously brought the citizen through the fiery field and back to the patrol vehicle and safety. Then, on March 6th, 2017, Deputy Sample responded to a call in reference to a male subject who had injected himself with 100cc of Methamphetamine in an attempted suicide. Deputy Sample arrived to find the male subject unresponsive and he quickly administered a NARCAN kit which resulted in the male subject regaining consciousness. The male subject was then transported to the hospital by ambulance. For both of these instances, Deputy Sample was more than deserving of the Life Saving Award.



*From left to right: OSA President Mike Waters, Deputy Steven Sample, OSA Executive Director Ray McNair.*

### *Officer Jairo Rios*

#### **Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office**

On April 17th, 2017, Officer Rios was conducting rounds of his assigned unit when he noticed one inmate who was in distress. After ensuring that the immediate area was safe, he entered the cell to render immediate aide. After closer examination, Officer Rios realized that the inmate was not breathing and would not respond to his calls. Without a second thought for his own safety, Officer Rios called for medical assistance and began life saving measures. Officer Rios continued chest compressions until the inmate began to breathe on his own. If Officer Rios had not been so diligent, this inmate may not have survived. Because of his training, dedication to his job assignment, and willingness to act, Officer Rios was able to save this individual's life.



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## Medal of Valor Award Winners

The Medal of Valor Award is presented to a member for an action of great personal risk.

### *Sheriff L. Clay Sander* **Dewey County Sheriff's Office**

In November of 2016, a large portion of the state joined together on the manhunt for fugitive Michael Vance. On the evening of November 30th, Sheriff Clay Sander was informed that the suspect was seen within Dewey county and set up a perimeter with pairs of his Deputies. Sheriff Sander sat parked at a highway junction when he spotted a pick-up truck dragging a chain; he intended to inform the citizen that due to the dry weather a fire was possible with the friction of the chain against the roadway. However, upon pulling the truck over and before exiting his vehicle, Sheriff Sander was under gunfire and was hit twice, once in his left elbow and once in the shoulder. After being wounded, Sheriff Sander was still able to return fire causing Vance to flee. Sheriff Sander, realizing it was Michael Vance, quickly called in the description of the vehicle and the direction of travel, despite his injuries. Due to Sheriff Sander's actions, the fugitive was located a brief time later by law enforcement and justice was duly served. It was later discovered during the investigation that Vance had fired over 30 rounds at Sheriff Sander striking his vehicle.



*From left to right: OSA Past President Mike Booth, Sheriff Clay Sander.*

### *Deputies Jared Strand, James Caskey, Brad Setzer* **Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office** *Deputy Tony Long* **Lincoln County Sheriff's Office**



*From left to right, back: OSA President Mike Waters, Deputy Jared Strand, Deputy Tony Long, OSA Executive Director Ray McNair; From left to right, front: Deputy James Caskey, Deputy Brad Setzer.*

On May 18th, 2016, these Deputies engaged in pursuit of a male suspect who had already put Shawnee Police Department Officers in danger. Deputies Caskey and Strand began in a car pursuit of the man as he fled Shawnee Officers. The male suspect shot several rounds at Deputy Caskey's vehicle, yet he remained in pursuit until his vehicle was rendered inoperable due to gunfire. Deputy Setzer then joined Deputy Strand as they continued pursuing the male subject; meanwhile, Deputy Long predicted where the pursuit may travel and set up spike strips on a county road. The suspect continued to fire rounds at Deputy Strand's vehicle. Deputy Long heard these rounds being fired, but continued to hold his position to stop the suspect from trying to harm anyone else. As the suspect approached Long by vehicle, he avoided the spike strips and shot at Deputy Long who was able to return fire and strike the suspect's driver side door. Deputy Setzer continued to pursue the suspect, but was ultimately unable to keep up with the suspect's erratic driving behavior. The suspect was eventually located the next day after a long stand-off in Shawnee. All Deputies showed extreme valor to stop a vicious criminal who had no issue firing at officers or putting the public in danger. The suspect, Jerrod Parsons, has been sentenced to thirty years to the Department of Corrections.

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## Dispatcher of the Year

The Dispatcher of the Year award is presented to a member of the communications staff for performance above and beyond the call of duty.

### *Dispatcher Cinnamon Rodkey* **Beaver County Sheriff's Office**

Serving the Beaver County Sheriff's Office since 2011, Dispatcher Cinnamon Rodkey is one of the most efficient, hard-working, and devoted employees Beaver County has ever had. She is the first to step up and work shifts for those who are sick or have family emergencies. If she doesn't have enough to do by being a mother of three she will come and assist on her own time when there is a major event or if she hears the office is really busy. She is always thinking of the Sheriff's office and wants to help. She is an integral and wonderful member of the communications staff, but her duties do not end there. About four years ago, the staff took money from their own pockets and purchased Christmas presents for children who were in DHS custody. Cinnamon has taken on the role of fundraising, shopping, and delivering these presents every year since then. She is known at Beaver County Sheriff's Office to be dependable, have a strong work ethic, and a big heart. The Sheriff wrote "I have received several calls from citizens about her skills in communicating with someone who simply needs a phone number to a person needing a deputy, who is in a bad situation, by keeping them calm and assuring them everything will be alright".



*From left to right: OSA President Mike Waters, Dispatcher Cinnamon Rodkey, OSA Executive Director Ray McNair.*

## Detention Officer of the Year

The Detention Officer of the Year award is presented to a member of the jail staff for performance above and beyond the call of duty.

### *Sergeant Ajoa Milton*

#### **Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office**

Sergeant AJ Milton currently oversees the Laundry unit of the Oklahoma County Detention Center. An often overlooked area of corrections, Sgt. Milton has taken pride in her position and built her unit into one others should emulate. Aside from the daily tasks of making sure there are clean clothes and linens for an average inmate daily population of around 2,200, Sgt. Milton has gone above and beyond in her duties which have built the laundry unit into one of the smoothest operating divisions in their command. Unknown to most, and of her own accord, Sgt. Milton began repairing mattresses utilized for the inmates. A recent internal audit identified that Sgt. Milton had repaired 4,416 mattresses from October 2014 through June 2017. Because of the high-cost of inmate bedding and the wear and tear normally associated with it, this selfless act has saved the Sheriff's Office approximately \$210,000 which equates to an average savings of approximately \$216.46 per day. Sgt. Milton has successfully built her unit around organization and efficiency.



*From left to right: OSA Past President Mike Booth, Sgt. Ajoa Milton.*

## Reserve Deputy of the Year

The Reserve Deputy of the Year award is presented to a Reserve Deputy for outstanding contribution to the Sheriff, county, state or nation.

### *Reserve Deputy Randy Drew* **Logan County Sheriff's Office**



The 2017 Reserve Deputy of the year is one who all the Reserves look up to as a leader and a mentor at his County Sheriff's Office. Working for the Sheriff's Office since 2006, Reserve Deputy Randy Drew has worked for three different Sheriffs and has consistently provided guidance and had a positive attitude with the newer Deputies. The amount of hours this Deputy works far surpasses all requirements and expectations. He is responsible for collecting hours worked and maintaining time sheet documents; in addition to aiding in coordination for Reserve coverage at special events. His professionalism and dedication to the job makes him a role model to the other Reserves. Reserve Deputy Randy Drew takes his role very seriously and takes care to represent the Logan County Sheriff's Office in a positive light by always showing up with a clean pressed uniform and keeping his patrol vehicle spotless.

*From left to right: OSA President Mike Waters, Reserve Deputy Randy Drew, OSA Executive Director Ray McNair.*

## Jail Administrator of the Year

The Jail Administrator of the Year award is presented to a Jail Administrator for performance above and beyond the call of duty.

### *Jail Administrator Jamie Faulkenberry* **Sequoyah County Sheriff's Office**

Jail Administrator Jamie Faulkenberry has served her county for ten years. She runs a 114-bed facility that commonly houses 130 to 150 inmates. She has performed all supervisory duties on top of financial duties such as billing, payroll, and running commissary. She has also often worked with Judges on bonds, medical requests, and fielding grievances. This year, she has created a new booking area, vastly improving the booking process and time; and she has created a new commissary system to bring in additional income to the jail. Despite overcrowding issues, the jail has been running more efficiently than ever under her guidance. The Sheriff wrote, "Jamie has been a huge help to me by utilizing her lengthy experience in dealing with employee issues as well as legal matters in the jail". This Jail Administrator truly cares about the operation, safety, and liability of the jail and deserved to be recognized.

*From left to right: OSA President Mike Waters, Jail Administrator Jamie Faulkenberry, OSA Executive Director Ray McNair.*



## Deputy of the Year

The Deputy of the Year award is presented to an Undersheriff or Deputy Sheriff for outstanding contribution to the Sheriff, county state or nation.

*Captain Chad Pope*

**Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office**



Captain Chad Pope, recipient of this year's Deputy of the Year award, is a Deputy whose professionalism, work ethic, determination, and success has been second to none. He has expanded his Sheriff's Office's Warrant Team and cultivated and maintained positive and successful working relationships with outside agencies such as the US Marshals Service and the OHP SWAT team. He values training and consistently seeks additional resources for his team; a valued party in his County, the Warrant Team is often called on by outside agencies. This County's Treasurer stated, "He goes above and beyond what is expected of him. He's always professional and thorough with anything he does for my office." Supervisory Deputy of the U.S. Marshals Service claimed, "I have been in law enforcement for 15 years... I have never seen a more skilled interviewer on criminal investigations." Captain Chad Pope shows overwhelming consideration, compassion, and concern for his fellow teammates and law enforcement officers.

*From left to right: OSA President Mike Waters, Captain Chad Pope, OSA Executive Director Ray McNair.*

## Legislative Awards

The Legislative Award is presented to an Oklahoma Legislator for a significant act or support of the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association and the Sheriffs of Oklahoma.

### **Representative Dustin Roberts, Representative Mike Sanders, Senator Jason Smalley**

The Sheriffs qualifications bill, House Bill 1259, was a request by the Dewey County Sheriff's office, ran through the OSA, that required persons running for the office of Sheriff to have served a minimum of four years as a full-time peace officer. We have attempted to run this bill many times in previous years to improve the professionalism of the office of Sheriff, but thanks to the hard work of Representative Sanders and Senator Smalley, and the help of an amendment from Representative Roberts, it was successfully signed into law this year.

### **Representative Mike Osburn, Representative Sean Roberts, Representative Glen Mulready, and Senator Anthony Sykes**

House Bill 1235 was a request bill by the Canadian County Sheriff's office that allowed the jail administrator to accept process service for inmates housed in their county jail. Senator Sykes and Representative Osburn allowed us to add a late amendment to their existing bill that will not only enhance jail security, but also save time in doing so.

### **Representative John Bennett, Representative Leslie Osborn, Representative Johnny Tadlock, Representative Kevin Wallace, Senator Kim David, and Speaker Charles McCall**

House Bill 1483, commonly referred to as the DOC reimbursement bill, has been a priority of the OSA for the last two years. The bill allows Sheriffs to receive their actual daily costs for housing Department of Corrections inmates in their county jails. This bill was the biggest legislative victory for this session and it was truly a team effort and a very difficult battle. The leadership of these elected officials was the reason why it was finally and successfully signed into law.

## Legislative Awards, cont.

### **Representative Matt Meredith and Senator Dewayne Pemberton**

House Bill 1263, a request bill from Cherokee County Sheriffs Office, shortened the amount of time required for a reserve officer to attend the Bridge Academy at CLEET from two years to six months before becoming a full-time officer. This bill was introduced by Representative Matt Meredith, who is also a former Cherokee County Deputy, and co-authored by Senator Pemberton. This bill quickly came to the attention of the OSA as it will save Sheriffs both time and money by allowing the quicker promotion of reserve deputies to full time status.

### **Representative Todd Thomsen and Senator Greg McCortney**

House Bill 1670 was a CLEET request bill that was supported by the OSA. This bill increased the fees collected on citations by one dollar in an attempt to address recent budget cuts. When the bill was mistakenly vetoed, Senator McCortney and Representative Thomsen continued their work on getting the language from this bill inserted into a last-minute appropriations bill.

### **Representative Rande Worthen and Representative Tim Downing**

While Representatives Worthen and Downing did not personally author any OSA-requested legislation, their expertise on criminal justice was invaluable to the OSA this session. There were several criminal justice reform bills introduced this year that would have been disastrous if they had been passed in their introduced form. Representatives Worthen and Downing worked tirelessly in committee to ensure these bills made the public safer and still accounted for victims' rights.

### **Representative Josh Cockroft, Representative John Pfeiffer, Representative Casey Murdock**

Senate Bill 166, the memorial sign request bill by the OSA, allows the state to pay for memorial highway and bridge signs for peace officers who have fallen in the line of duty. In a year that has seen so many officers fall, this bill could not have been more timely. Added as a late amendment to Representative Murdock's existing bill, Representatives Cockroft and Pfeiffer worked diligently to get their language signed into law.

### **Representative Scott Biggs and Representative Jon Echols**

These two Representatives didn't just author bills. They worked on almost every bill listed above and many more that are not on the list. They work on every issue that the OSA faces at the State Capitol and are invaluable to our effort. They do everything from assisting on legislative strategy, to legal advice, to just being there when we need them. They are also working behind the scenes to pass or defeat legislation. They are immersed in our daily activities in such a way that we truly could not do it without them. Without the support of these two individuals the OSA would not have been able to make the gains it has over the last two years. We want to give a special thank you and acknowledge all of the hard work and commitment of Representative Jon Echols and Representative Scott Biggs.



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## President's Award

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*Ken McNair*

**Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association**



*From left to right: OSA President Mike Waters, Ken McNair, OSA Executive Director Ray McNair.*

spected, financially solvent association. Three years ago, he stepped down as Executive Director and passed the baton to the Deputy Director, though stayed on as an advisor to the association. In August of 2017, he decided that it was time to move onto other endeavors. The current OSA Executive Director, Ray McNair, said that, "it has been an honor and a privilege to work with my father over the last thirteen years and be a part of something great; I can only hope to build on the legacy he has left."

Ken McNair is more deserving of this award than most others. The story started in 2003 when the OSA was suffering from near bankruptcy, both financially and morally, one that included the past Executive Director and most of the staff. Ken had already retired from two previous law enforcement positions and was not necessarily looking for a full-time job when a Sheriff and OSA board member asked him to come and interview for the Executive Director's position. He was told they were looking for someone with integrity, values, and morals that could never come under question.

He began his campaign to rebuild the OSA by personally visiting every Sheriff in the state convincing them to support and instill their trust in the OSA again. Ken began working on legislation such as the Hallet Fund, which reimbursed Sheriffs for medical expenses in the jail, the misdemeanor warrant collection program which intended to lower the jail population, and the medical liability legislation that made anyone booked into the jail with a pre-existing condition personally responsible for that medical care.

Within a very short period of time, he transformed the OSA into a well-re-

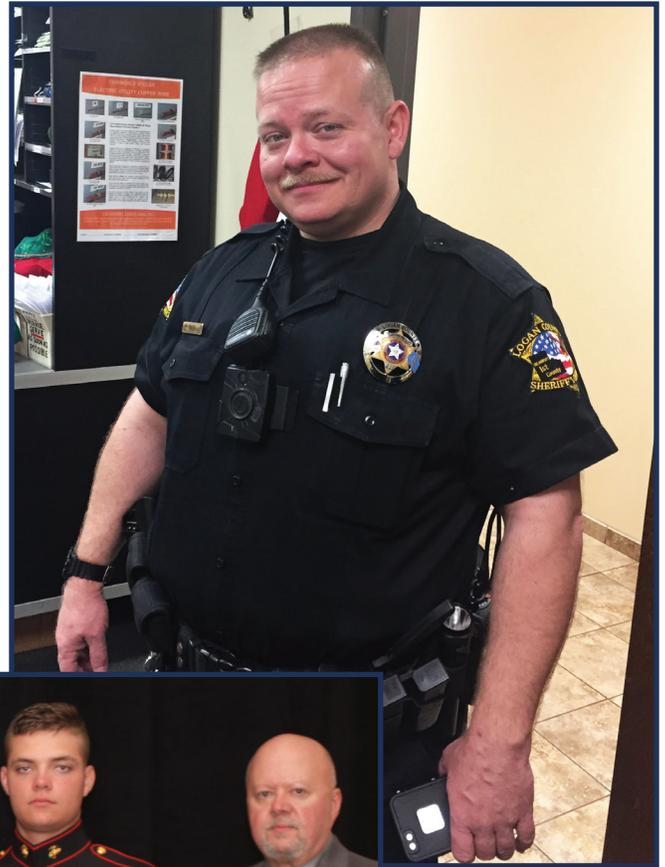
## Sheriff's Cross Awards

The Sheriff's Cross award is presented to next of kin of a member who lost his/her life in the line of duty.

*Deputy David James Wade*  
Logan County Sheriff's Office

Deputy David James Wade received his Bachelors from UCO in both Criminal Justice and Forensic Science. He served his country in the Army National Guard from 1996-2004. He continued to serve his community by becoming a police officer with the Cashion Police Department starting in 2013, and then finally with the Logan County Sheriff's Office since December of 2014.

On April 18th, 2017, Deputy Wade was serving an eviction notice when we came under fire and suffered several gunshot wounds. However, he was a warrior and a fighter, and while receiving medical care, Deputy Wade continued to relay information pertaining to the suspect over the radio to his fellow Deputies. Sadly, the wounds of Deputy Wade turned out to be fatal. Deputy Wade's watch ended on April 18, 2017; the OSA honored his family with the prestigious Sheriffs' Cross award.



*From left to right: OSA President Mike Waters, Logan County Sheriff Damon Devereaux, the family of Deputy David James Wade, OSA Executive Director Ray McNair.*

Sheriff's Cross Awards, cont.

*Deputy Edward Jason Wright*  
**Logan County Sheriff's Office**

Deputy Jason Wright was on patrol in Guthrie when he suffered a medical emergency in October of 2016. Deputy Wright just happened to have Deputy Fleetwood riding with him. Upon seeing Wright in distress, Fleetwood managed to reach over and get their vehicle safely stopped. Fleetwood immediately called for medics and began emergency rescue efforts.



Guthrie police and EMS arrived on scene; however, Guthrie Police Officers found Wright unresponsive with no pulse. They began emergency CPR efforts and were able to resuscitate Wright, who was transported to Mercy Hospital in Logan County, then to the Oklahoma Heart Hospital where he was placed into a medically-induced coma.

Deputy Wright's watch ended October 23rd, 2016. His dedication to the protection of the citizens of Logan County was overshadowed only by his dedication to family and God.



*From left to right: OSA President Mike Waters, the family of Deputy Edward Jason Wright, Logan County Sheriff Damon Devereaux, OSA Executive Director Ray McNair.*

## Sheriff's Cross Awards, cont.

### *Deputy Sean Cookson* **Craig County Sheriff's Office**



Sean grew up and attended school in Tahlequah. He played basketball for Tahlequah High School and graduated in 2012. After high school, he attended college at Northeastern State University and achieved a Bachelor's degree. He was very active at NSU; he played tuba and trombone in the band, and was the school mascot, "Rowdy the Riverhawk."

On June 4, 2016, he married Cassandra Harman in Parkhill, Oklahoma. He and Cassandra made their home in Tahlequah and were enjoying being newlyweds. On February 1, 2017, he took his first job in law enforcement as a deputy for the Craig County Sheriff's Office. He was excited to start this new adventure and was well liked by his "blue" family.

Deputy Cookson's watch ended on February 27th, 2017 from injuries sustained in a car crash earlier that month. He had been on his way to a mandatory training for the Craig County Sheriff's Office. He was a fun-loving guy who was loved by

all who knew him and he will be deeply missed.

*From left to right: OSA President Mike Waters, the family of Deputy Sean Cookson, OSA Executive Director Ray McNair.*



## Sheriffs' Hall of Fame

### *Sheriff Norman Fisher*

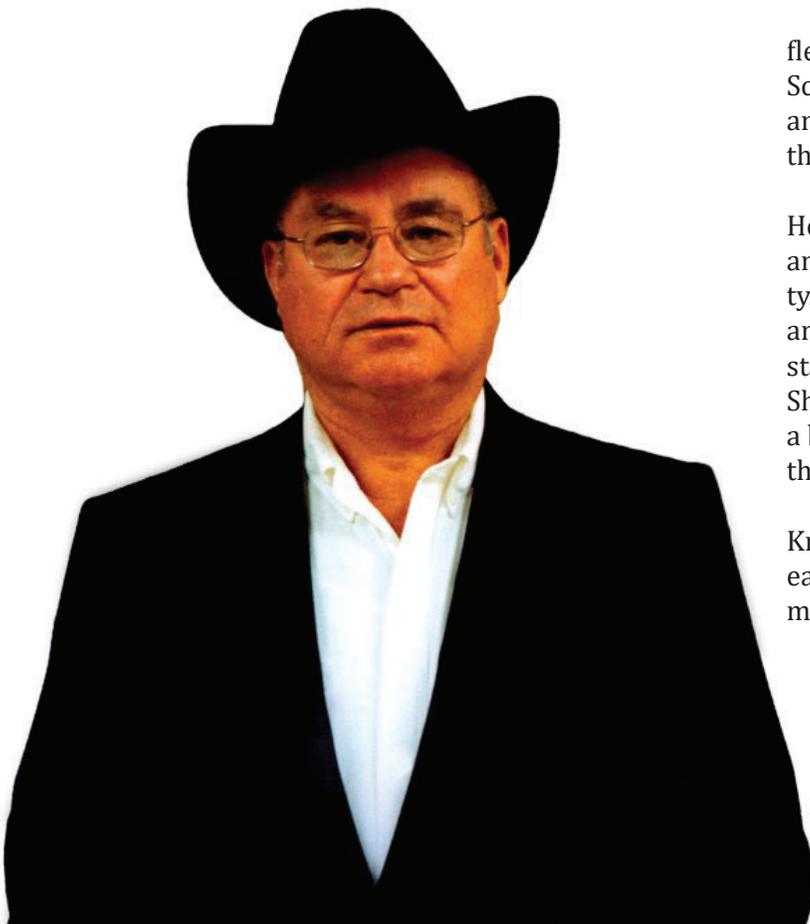
#### **Cherokee County Sheriff's Office**

Presented to a Sheriff who has been lawfully appointed or elected for a minimum of 10 cumulative years; has provided a high level of service to the Office of Sheriff in Oklahoma through activities of the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association; has implemented proactive programs and crime prevention initiatives; has demonstrated leadership to employees, the citizens of the County, and the State of Oklahoma; and has demonstrated and maintained the highest degree of character in their law enforcement career.

Sheriff Norman Fisher has been a law enforcement officer for nearly fifty years and is the longest serving Sheriff in his county. His career began at the Tahlequah Police Department where he was elected Chief and served three terms. He was elected to Sheriff in 2004 and has served in that capacity since. Since elected Sheriff, he has completely upgraded the vehicle



*From left to right: Cherokee County Undersheriff Jason Chennault, OSA President Mike Waters, Cherokee County Sheriff Norman Fisher, OSA Executive Director Ray McNair.*



fleet, constructed a firing range and classroom, added School Resource Officers in his county's rural schools, and implemented Tasers and In-Car-Computers for the Deputies.

He is an inspiration to his employees and co-workers and an invaluable asset to the residents of his county. His name is recognized statewide as a dedicated and devoted lawman who has served his county and state with an exemplary record of being the peoples' Sheriff, a Sheriff who brings to the table more than a badge, but a mindset of both firmness and fairness that is revered by those who work for him.

Known for his mantra, "Do what's right, not what's easy," integrity and leadership with good character make up the foundation of his life.

## Sheriff of the Year

*Sheriff (Ret.) Joe Lester*

### **Cleveland County Sheriff's Office**

Presented to a Sheriff for outstanding contribution to his/her office, county, state or the nation.

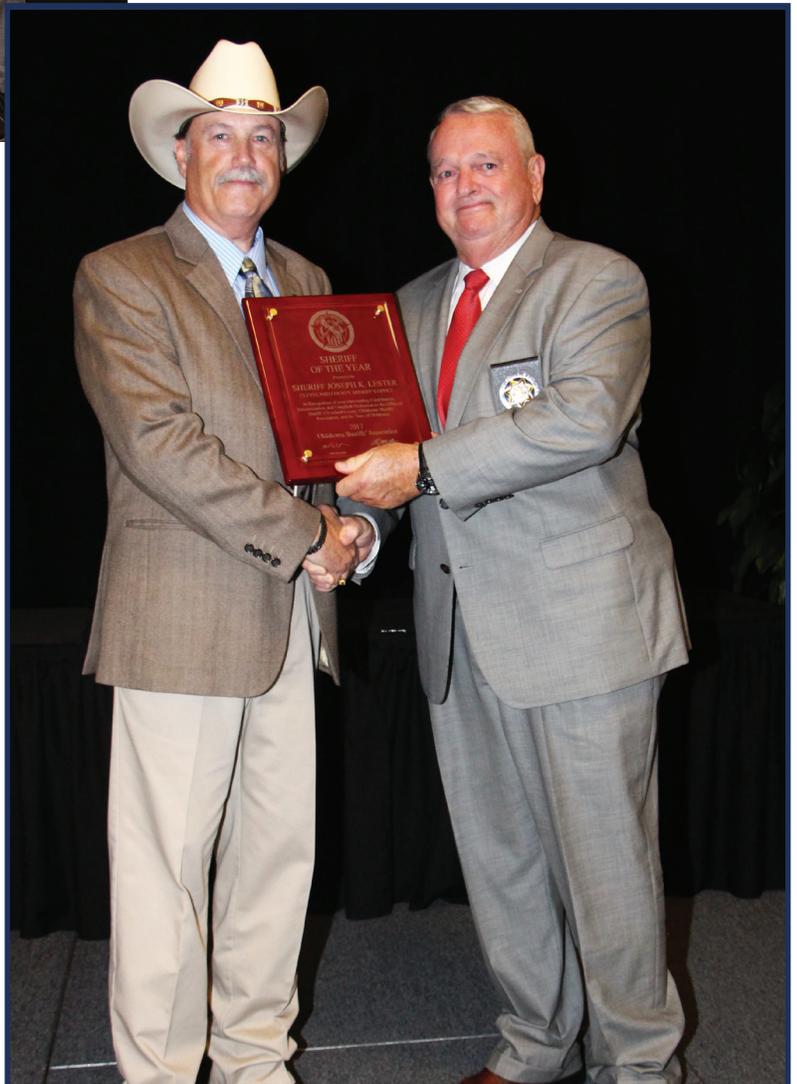
The 2017 Sheriff of the Year Award was given to Sheriff Joe Lester who began his law enforcement career in 1965 while serving the U.S. Army as a military policeman. He went on to the Tulsa Police Department in 1969 where he served for 23 years. He advanced to Detective, then retired as Lieutenant in Tulsa, where he held one of the highest records of undercover arrests and convictions.

*From left to right: OSA Past President Mike Booth, Cleveland County Sheriff (Ret.) Joe Lester.*



*From left to right: OSA President Mike Waters, Cleveland County Sheriff (Ret.) Joe Lester, OSA Executive Director Ray McNair.*

From 1991 to 2003, he worked as the Director of Public Safety for the University of Oklahoma where he guided the agency into one of the most respected agencies in the Midwest. During his time at the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office, he transformed the Sheriff's Office into a high-speed law enforcement entity. He started the SCAP program, which focused on finding the cause of the extensive incarceration of women in Oklahoma. He led the agency into a new 574 bed detention center and pushed for more space. He streamlined the outsourcing of feeding and medical care for inmates which has resulted in a savings of money and litigation for tax payers. He increased the ease of access to the public to contact and communicate with him and his office through phone apps and social media. He served in different capacities on at least thirteen different community groups such as the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Commission as President, the Red Cross Board, and not to mention the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association's Board of Directors.





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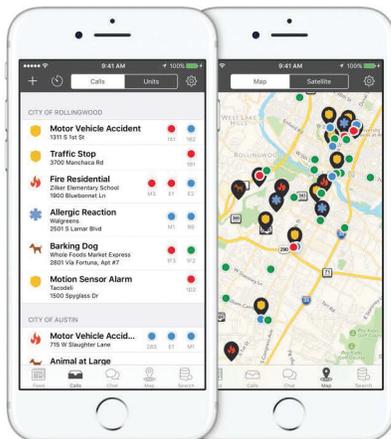


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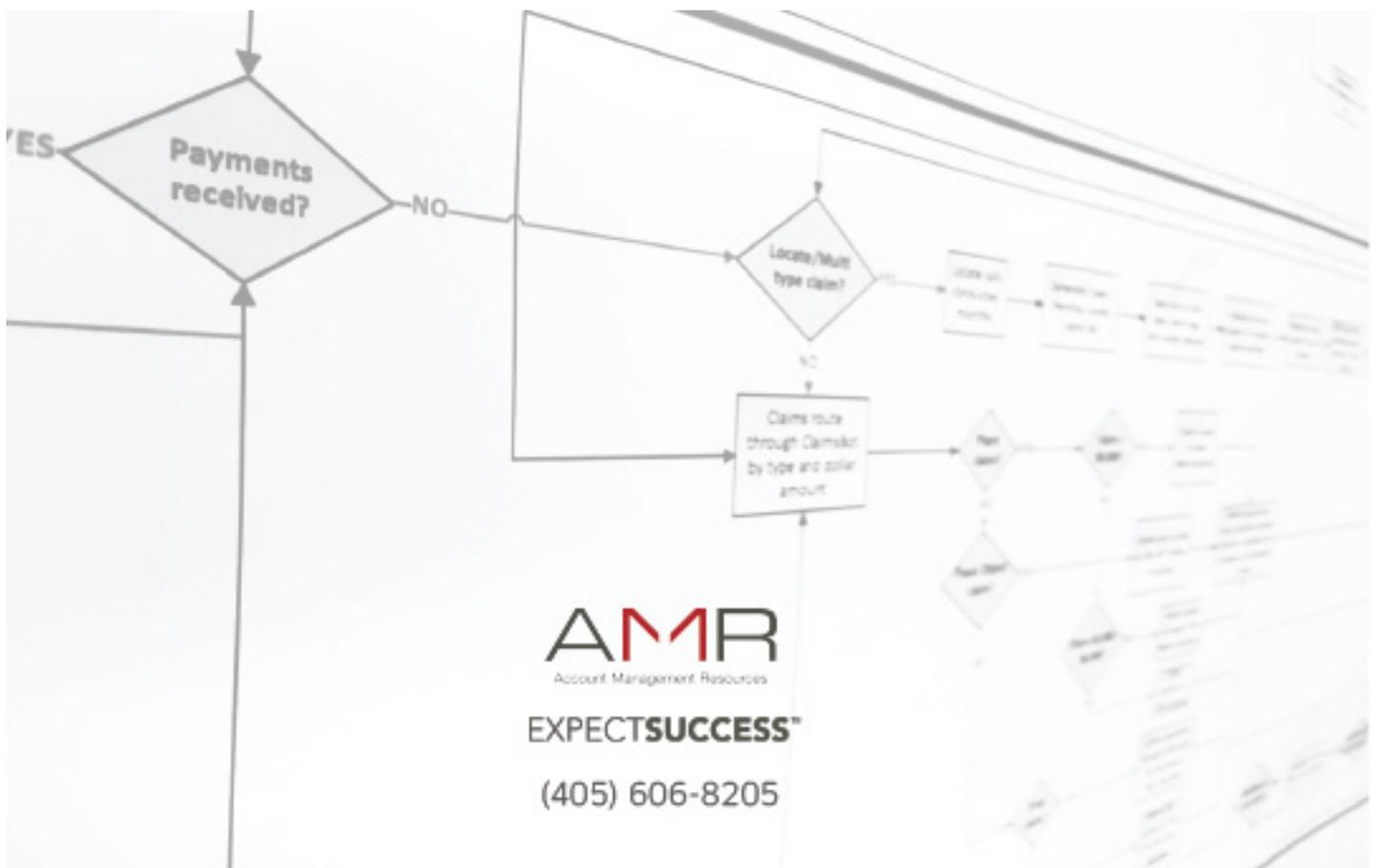
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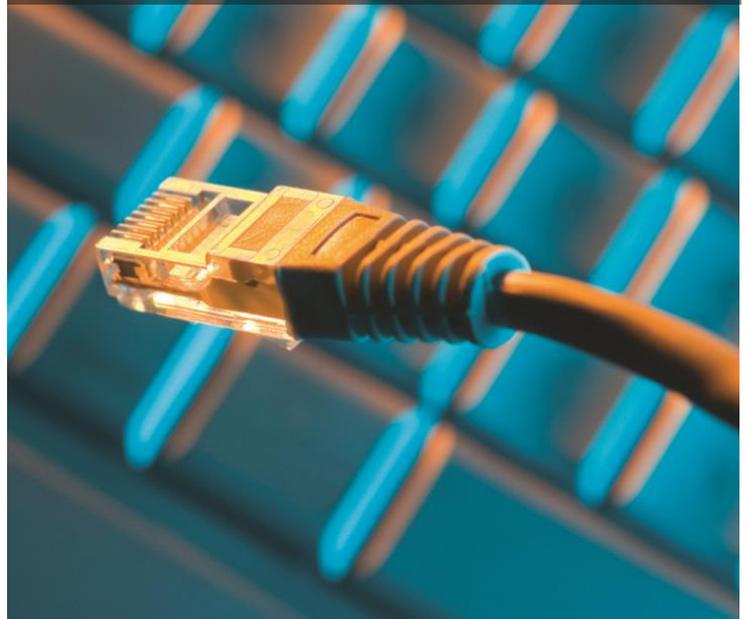
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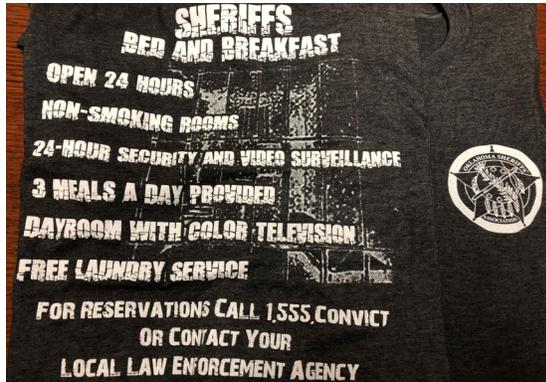
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