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A Skytrak carries a cotton module in Carnegie toward a gin to be processed.

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Christopher Furr
Transportation
Administration
25 Years



Justin Lankford
Petroleum Storage Tank Division
25 Years



Randy Snyder
Public Utility Division
Pipeline Safety
20 Years



Stacy Marsee
Administrative, Judicial and
Legal Services
15 Years



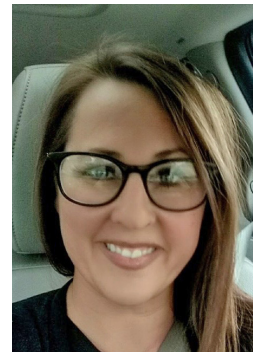
Jenny Dillon
Public Utility
Division
10 Years



Jeff Dunswoth
Public Utility
Division
10 Years



EJ Thomas
Administrative, Judicial and
Legal Services
10 Years



Valerie Tucker
Transportation Division
Enforcement
10 Years



Steven Bentley
Transportation Division
Enforcement
5 Years



Veleshia Oats
Administrative, Judicial and
Legal Services
5 Years



Kenneth Tidwell
Transportation Division
Enforcement
5 Years



Chancey Williams
Oil and Gas Conservation
Division
5 Years

Tonya Hinex-Ford
Administrative, Judicial and
Legal Services
30 Years

Lora Baker
Oil and Gas Conservation
Division
20 Years

Jeff Overby
Public Utility Division
Pipeline Safety
10 Years

David Shephard
Petroleum Storage Tank
Division
10 Years

Brandon Godwin
Transportation Division
Enforcement
10 Years

Brett Smith
Oil and Gas Conservation
Division
5 Years

Curtis Hope
Oil and Gas Conservation
Division
10 Years

Sean Staggs
Transportation Division
Enforcement
5 Years

And Also:



Safety
matters

Don't get burned by wildfire season

Oklahoma faces an elevated wildfire risk between now and the end of March, the predictive services unit of the National Interagency Fire Center says.

Here's why:

- Persistent drought exists across southern and central Texas and parts of Oklahoma.
- Widespread, above-normal grass loading (vegetation growth), likely the most seen since early 2022.
- La Niña-triggered strong winds in March.

Roger Pearman, field operations manager for the Commission's Oil and Gas Conservation Division, offers the following tips:

Do:

- Keep your head on a swivel and stay aware of your surroundings.
- Carry a phone with you at all times to alert authorities of any emergencies.
- Stay upwind of fires and safely egress areas when any are observed.

Don't:

- Park a hot vehicle or leave one running parked in a overgrown area.

Wildfires last spring melted unburied produced water production lines in Logan County.



Photo Provided



Commission's Northeast team celebrated

"Day-in and day-out, you folks are doing the heavy lifting of (carrying out) responsibilities of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, and for that ... folks we serve are thankful. I look forward to being a partner and teammate with you all."

Jim Marshall, interim director of the agency's Office of the Appointing Authority



Agency

EFFORTS our agency's employees make both on and off the job aim to improve the lives of themselves and those of our fellow Oklahomans. Here are some highlights.



The Oklahoma Corporation Commission's Andrew Zerby joined representatives of Bethany Children's Health Center to discuss all terrain vehicle safety with youths at Putnam City's Rollingwood Elementary in November. He also described the work the agency does daily to serve Oklahomans and their kids.

Transportation Division's 2025 Top Shot Awarded

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission's Transportation Division salutes officers who shoot straightest during annual handgun qualifications. Top scorers from each of the division's nine facilities go head-to-head to determine the ultimate Top Shot, who gets to claim a traveling trophy. The Top Shot winner for 2025 is Captain Joshua Welk from the Beckham County Port of Entry.



Madeline Dillner, a senior projects manager in the agency's Oil and Gas Conservation Division, is an accomplished artist who just had one of her paintings published as a puzzle.

A Springbok representative spotted a reproduction of her work, "Bella Vista: Golfito," at the OKC Arts Festival in 2024 and asked about licensing it and another of her pieces, "Aloha Surf Hostel II," for the company to reproduce as puzzles.

"Bella Vista: Golfito" depicts Dillner's view from a tiny Cessna she flew into Golfito Airport, Costa Rica, in 2012 as she was on her way to visit the Finca Bellavista treehouse community. Her original work, an acrylic painting on canvas, sold to a collector a couple of years ago.

Springbok recently began selling the 1,000 piece jigsaw puzzle here: www.springbok-puzzles.com/bella-vista-golfito-1000-piece-jigsaw-puzzle/

"I actually make all my paintings available as multiple products" through her on-demand print shop at fineartamerica.com/profiles/madeline-dillner, she said.

But her deal with Springbok is a first, she added. "If people buy them and want me to sign them, I would be delighted! I've already signed quite a few for our coworkers!" Dillner said.

Occurrences



Agency officers help with fugitive's arrest

Oklahoma Corporation Commissioners in March honored Transportation Motor Carrier Enforcement Lt. Steve Pelto and Davis Weigh Station Motor Carrier Enforcement Officer Brian Wofford for their work in helping U.S. Marshals capture a wanted fugitive traveling through Southern Oklahoma. Pelto observed the man's vehicle, then worked with Wofford and Oklahoma Highway Patrol Trooper Kevin Crawford to stop the vehicle and arrest the man.

2025 SCC Record Set

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission set a new record in 2025 for what it raised during the annual State Charitable Campaign.

Led by Susan Harwell, Stacy Hudson and Andrew Zerby, Sandra Hernandez, Mary Southerland, Jessy Johnson, Sharon Burd, Mary Sanders, Darlene Mayhew, Nancy Williams, Suzannah Hafford, Jim Marlett, Casey Bodenhoff, Stacy Fowler, Nancy Hendrickson, Fate Bennett, Amy Cummings, Jim Nelson, Andrew Scribner, Brooke Wood, Mika Linch, David Melvin, Farzad Khalili and Jeff Dunsworth organized events that included a craft fair and bake sale, candygrams, breakfasts, popcorn, artwork, pizza and more.

The agency raised \$18,201.71 in the campaign, beating last year's total by \$1,103.49.

KPOE organized food drive for families

Donors helped Motor Vehicle Enforcement Officer Drew Combest and colleagues at the Kay County Port of Entry provide more than 50 meal bags to families of children attending Blackwell's elementary school in November.



HOLIDAY ASSIST

Oklahoma Corporation Commission volunteers that included several package wrappers helped Tina Rich, Justin Carroll, Amber Williamson, Holly George and Andrew Zerby decorate the Ronald McDonald House and Toby Keith's OK Kids Korral in OKC for Christmas, helping bring a little extra warmth and cheer to the families staying there.



**Leadership 3
takes off with
drone flights and
up-close look at
cotton gin ops**



Twenty one members of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission's Leadership Class 3 stepped outside in November to visit a park where Public Utilities Division Compliance Investigator Adam Lowery and Dennis Eppley, the agency's Drone Operations Chief, demonstrated how the Commission uses drones to both help ensure safe and reliable power is delivered to Oklahomans and to identify areas of concern after oil and gas incidents.

Later that day, PUD Enforcement Chief Brandon Jimenez took the class to a cotton gin operated by Farmers Co-op Mill and Elevator four miles north of Carnegie, where its management team provided a presentation about its operations and led a tour of the gin as it processed raw modules of cotton into marketable bales of product for manufacturers.

The gin replaced another in downtown Carnegie about five years ago and is capable of processing 60 bales of cotton per hour.



Marshall highlights goal in new role

Improving the public's understanding of and appreciation for the work the Corporation Commission does for Oklahomans is the goal of the agency's newest leader.

Jim Marshall, named interim director of the agency's Office of the Appointing Authority Dec. 31, accepted Commissioners' request to boost that effort after undertaking similar tasks for past Labor Commissioners Brenda Reneau and Mark Costello, past Insurance Commissioner John Doak and Insurance Commissioner Glen Mulready.

The Corporation Commission's responsibilities include ensuring responsible development of oil and gas resources while preventing energy-related pollution of the environment and safe and reliable utility services at fair rates.

It also ensures safe and legal operations of motor carriers, pipelines, railroad crossings and fueling stations and administers processes governing the timely licensing and registration of commercial motor vehicles. The Commission accomplishes those goals while balancing the rights and interests of the public with those of regulated entities by developing and enforcing regulations in an open, transparent, ethical, and just manner.

In a talk with the agency's administrative staff and a video distributed to all agency employees, Marshall described his management style as one governed by systems theory, ensuring that various pieces of a governmental entity work harmoniously together to achieve overall success.

"When there's a system that our division or a unit or an office that's not properly functioning, it impacts the whole agency either indirectly or directly," he explained. Marshall stressed he hadn't seen evidence of that yet.

"Anytime a new guy comes aboard, it's like, OK, what's his mission? What's his objective? What can we anticipate?"

"I would say, as I've told many, my first goal is to do no harm," Marshall said. "The Oklahoma Corporation Commission functions quite well. I don't want to disrupt that which works."



Marshall

Each of the Commission's divisions has unique stories to tell, Marshall observed.

Oil and gas works to identify sources of purges and seeps and takes steps to protect the public and environment while the Transportation division works to make sure trucks traveling down Oklahoma's highways aren't dangerously overweight.

The Public Utility Division works to ensure power is provided reliably and affordably to regulated utility customers while the Petroleum Storage Tank Division ensures people are getting what they pay for at the pump.

He explained his goals are to make sure the agency continues fulfilling its missions while highlighting the divisions' work (as well as that of elected Commissioners) by boosting the agency's efforts to increase its visibility to Oklahoma's citizens, he said.

Marshall said a new Commission Support Services Department, approved by Commissioners in February, will play a key role as part of that new effort.

Each of the agency's elected Commissioners bring extensive leadership abilities to their work, Marshall said.

They and key agency staffers – subject matter experts – will play key roles in accomplishing his goals through public presentations, presentations to college and university classes, social media posts, written news releases and more.

If people see those stories often enough on Facebook, X, Instagram, LinkedIn or other platforms, Marshall predicted they would come to have a better understanding of the Commission and the work it does.

"My vision is to rotate through the different divisions and their functions to build a library and publish it," Marshall said. "There are all sorts of stories to be told."

That awareness would translate into giving Oklahomans' other elected representatives a better understanding of the agency too, he added.

"The success of communications is contingent upon you all. You have an awareness of what works, what's good, what's valuable and what deserves recognition," he said.

Marshall said he didn't commit to serving in this role for a specific length of time, but said he intends to stick with it until the goals he outlined for commissioners as he interviewed for the role are achieved.

"I made a process commitment," Marshall said.