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## Drunk Driving Awareness

On New Year's Eve in 2017, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol (OHP) reported **zero** fatal alcohol-related vehicle accidents, which was an achievement from the previous year's holiday that ended in two fatal crashes. This New Year's Eve, however, OHP reported that they are investigating a fatal car crash resulting in two deaths in Jackson County due to suspected impairment.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) states that in the United States, nearly 30% of all fatal vehicle crashes include drunk drivers. In 2017, 10,874 people were killed in vehicle accidents where a driver had a higher blood alcohol concentration than the legal limit. In Oklahoma, law enforcement arrested 11,172 adults in 2017 for driving under the influence, comprising almost 11% of all adult arrests in the state.

NHTSA offers the SaferRide app for smartphones year-round. Using the simple app, impaired users can locate themselves and call a taxi or friend. This year, AAA Oklahoma has ended its 34-year long program "Tipsy Tow," which provided a ride service for those too impaired to drive. Instead, those needing a ride were encouraged to plan ahead and to use ridesharing services like taxis, Lyft, and Uber. The Oklahoma Highway Safety Office (OHSO), as part of the ENDUI program implemented in November 2014, offers \$10 Uber coupons for the holidays to assist in reducing the likelihood of drinking and driving.

For more information and resources on drunk driving awareness, please visit: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's [Drunk Driving Campaign](#) State of Oklahoma Highway Safety Office [Impaired Driving](#) Section

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## OCJS Welcomes Monique Mogilka

Monique Mogilka joined the unit in December 2018. She will be joining Kara Miller as a Statistical Research Specialist for the Office of Criminal Justice Statistics, as well as the Statistical Analysis Center. She will be fulfilling research requests, assisting with the collection, analysis, and publication of criminal justice data, and presenting research findings. Monique completed her bachelor's degree in Sociology and Art History at the University of Oklahoma, and later achieved her master's degree in Art History at OU. She completed her capstone in Criminology with a paper on routine activities theory and natural crime prevention. She brings multidisciplinary experience and knowledge to the unit, in addition to creative problem-solving and research.

## Oklahoma Campus Safety Programs

Approved in Congress in 2008, **National Campus Safety Awareness Month** in September aims to promote, during the back-to-school period, a conversation about maintaining and improving campus safety. Nevertheless, keeping campuses safe is a major concern every season and every day of the year.

According to the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security and Campus Crime Statistics Act, signed in 1990, all university and colleges receiving federal financial aid must report crime statistics for their campuses and provide that information to the public.

Further, universities enact a multitude of safety measures and procedures to ensure campus safety, and some universities use crime pattern analysis to determine if such programs are effective. These include bike patrols, posters and brochures, campus-wide alerts, and detailed information on university websites about crime and how to avoid it. Campus police utilize bike patrol for surveillance and to engage with the community, while special emergency telephones indicated by a blue light allow users to connect immediately with a police dispatcher.

Additionally, campus police departments will conduct safety training programs, like self-defense, for members of the university related to security issues, or offer to provide that service where universities request it. They are often present at university events to increase awareness of their presence and these programs.

Social media presence, smartphone applications, and escort programs have gained traction in campus safety awareness. Campus police may report any alerts, general helpful information about crime, or recent arrests via social media accounts and connect to their community through its use. Some universities tailor specific smartphone applications to their community, and these applications can utilize a range of different functions such as alerting users of nearby dangerous situations. Escort programs allow university personnel to get a personal escort across campus at night to provide a sense of security and to guarantee their safety.



See below for some examples of campus safety initiatives in Oklahoma:

### University of Oklahoma

**Safe Deal Zone:** The University of Oklahoma Police Department (OUPD) offers their location as a meeting place for online business transactions to ensure the buyers' safety and to double check that the items being sold are not stolen.

**Adopt-a-Cop:** Specific housing units on the OU campus may "adopt" an officer, where the officer attends housing events, provides educational programs, and encourages open communication between residents and OUPD.

**Guardian Application:** The free *Guardian* application allows users to call OUPD directly, notify people they trust to check up on them when in an unfamiliar place, and maintain a "safety profile" that is available to police.

**Operation I.D.:** This nation-wide crime prevention project encourages students to electrically engrave or mark their valuables with their driver's license number to deter theft. Housing offices on the OU campus offer this service for free.

**OU SafeRIDE:** Students may use this service as free taxi transportation on the weekends in an effort to prevent drinking and driving.

### University of Central Oklahoma

**Broncho Five-O:** The University of Central Oklahoma Police encourage campus personnel to call or email Broncho Five-O for leaving tips about criminal activity. This can be done anonymously and to help those who may be hesitant to notify police.

### Oklahoma State University

**Orange Shield Application:** This app, tailored to Stillwater, allows users to place emergency calls and initiate tracking, send a report to police, or request a public service officer. The app is so tailored to its location that users can even connect with police inside specific athletic venues.

### University of Tulsa

**CaneCares:** The University of Tulsa offers CaneCares, an online tool that allows trained staff to assist with any comments or concerning observations users make about their local community.

**R.A.D.:** The Rape Aggression Defense System is a program taught by the University of Tulsa's accredited instructors multiple times throughout the year. Instructors focus on helping women to be assertive, aware, reduce and recognize risk, and use avoidance or physical defense strategies.



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*To collect, analyze, and disseminate criminal justice research to educate and assist law enforcement and the citizens of Oklahoma.*