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OTA maintenance and toll staff recognized for 2021 safety accomplishments

The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority maintenance and toll divisions received recognition at February's Authority Board meeting Feb. 22 for their exceptional safety records in 2021.

Frontline turnpike employees face traffic hazards throughout their work days. The safety record across the turnpike system is a representation of their commitment and priority to a safe, efficient turnpike system.

Maintenance crews from the following turnpikes were honored for Perfect Safety Record in Maintenance, meaning no incidents resulting in personal injury during 2021.

- Cherokee Turnpike
- Chickasaw Turnpike
- Cimarron Turnpike
- Indian Nation Turnpike
- Kickapoo Turnpike

In addition, maintenance crews for the Muskogee and Turner turnpikes were recognized for Outstanding Safety Record, with no lost time for injuries during 2021.

OTA Director of Maintenance Mark Kalka and assistant directors Steve Allen and Mike Collins accepted the awards on behalf of the maintenance division.

Crews working on the following turnpikes were honored for Perfect Safety Record in Tolling during 2021.

- Cherokee Turnpike
- H.E. Bailey Turnpike

The Turner Turnpike was also recognized for its Outstanding Safety Record in Tolling in 2021. Director of Toll Operations Mary Biswell accepted the awards on behalf of the toll division.



The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority Board of Directors recognized its maintenance division for perfect and outstanding safety records in 2021. From top left: Authority Board Members Will Berry and Dana Weber, Secretary of Transportation/OTA Executive Director Tim Gatz, Authority Board Chairman Gene Love, Authority Board Members John D. Jones, Todd Cone, John Titsworth. From bottom left: OTA Director of Maintenance Mark Kalka, OTA Assistant Director of Maintenance Steve Allen, OTA Assistant Director of Maintenance Mike Collins, OTA Safety Director Jeremy Smith, OTA Deputy Director Joe Echelle.



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