

**AGENDA**  
**Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**

**Public Meeting:**     **Monday, September 9th, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.**  
The Cedar Gate – Event Legacy Barn  
County Rd. N. 2740  
Kingfisher, OK 73750

The Commission may vote to approve, disapprove, or take other action on any of the following items. The Commission may vote to authorize public comment on any agenda item requesting a rule change.

1. Call to Order – Chairman Barwick
2. Roll Call – Tammy St. Yves
3. Invocation – Ken Cunningham
4. Pledge of Allegiance – Ken Cunningham
5. Introduction of Guests
  
6. Presentation on fisheries management programs in Northwestern Oklahoma – Ken Cunningham, Chief of Fisheries Division and Chas Patterson, Regional Fisheries Supervisor.
  
7. Presentation on the Byron State Fish Hatchery – Ken Cunningham and Colter Fluman, Assistant Hatchery Manager
  
8. Presentation and Update on Northwest Region Wildlife Management Activities – Bill Dinkines, Chief of Wildlife Division and Scott Parry, Assistant Chief of Wildlife Division.
  
9. Consideration and vote to approve, amend, reject, or take other action on minutes from the August 5th, 2024, regular Commission meeting.
  
10. Director's Report
  - a. Oklahoma Legislative Update
  - b. Calendar Items – discussion of upcoming department calendar items.
  - c. Agency Update – an update on current activity within each division of the agency.
  
11. Presentation of the July 31st, 2024, Financial Reports and consideration and vote to approve, amend, or reject miscellaneous donations – Andrea Crews, Chief of Administration.

12. Consideration and vote to approve, amend, reject, or take other action on \$1000 donation to the ODWC Stars and Stripes License Project from The Oklahoma State Game Warden Association. – Wade Farrar, Assistant Chief of Law Enforcement and Marshall Reigh, Oklahoma State Game Warden Association
13. Consideration and vote to approve, amend, reject, or take other action on authorization to request an official Attorney General opinion, with respect to the enforceability, application, and constitutionality of 29 O.S. Section 3-303 C., which requires the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission to make annual payments to counties for certain real property owned by the Commission, in lieu of ad valorem taxes – Chairman Barwick
14. Discussion and possible action to convene in Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S.2021, § 307(B)(1), to discuss “the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation” of the Interim Director; and Scott Parry, the recently designated Assistant Chief of Wildlife, to include compensation – Commissioner Diehl, Chairman of the Performance Review Committee
  - a. Vote to enter Executive Session.
  - b. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 25 O.S.2021, § 307(B)(1).
  - c. Vote to exit Executive Session.
  - d. Possible action regarding item(s) discussed in Executive Session.
15. New Business – Discussion of any matter not known about, or which could not have been reasonably foreseen 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.
16. Announce the October 7th, 2024, Commission meeting will be in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
17. Adjourn\*

\*The Wildlife Commission and Department Staff will have lunch and have been invited to a clay shooting fundraiser hosted by Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Foundation at the Cedar Gate immediately following adjournment. A quorum may or may not be present. No business will be discussed, nor will any action be taken following adjournment of the regular meeting of the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission.

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# September 2024 DIRECTOR'S REPORT



OKLAHOMA  
DEPARTMENT OF  
**WILDLIFE  
CONSERVATION**

## CALENDAR ITEMS:

Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Foundation Clay Shoot Fundraiser  
Sept. 22-25 Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) Annual Mtg; Madison, WI  
Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting, OKC  
Oct. 12-16 Southeastern Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA) Annual Conference; Augusta, GA

## AGENCY UPDATE

### ADMINISTRATION

#### Accounting

##### Accounts Payable:

- # of Claims Audited and Paid: 379
- Total Dollar Amount of Claims Paid: \$3,095,839.7

##### Purchase Card Program:

- Total # Agency Cardholders: 192
- Total # Agency Approvers (no cards): 13
- Total Agency Monthly Standard Spending Limits: \$455,500.00
- Total Agency Spending Limits w/ Approved Increase Requests: \$622,000.00
- # of PCard Spending Limit Increase Requests Approved: 39
- # of P/Card Transactions Processed: 776
- # of ODWC In-depth Audited Transactions: 71
- OMES documentation requests for PCard transactions: 0
- Total Dollar Amount of P/Card Purchases: \$257,342.10
- PCard Program Refresher Training: 4
- New Approver Training at OMES: 0
- New Cardholder Training at OMES: 1

##### Risk Management:

- OMES Surveys or Premiums Completed: 2
- New Cases Reported: 3

##### Purchasing:

- # of Purchase Orders/CO issued: 45
- IT Acquisitions Processed: 5
- Construction Site Visits: 1

#### Federal Aid

- Federal Reimbursement Request: \$2,182,396.98
- Program Income: \$51,702.84

- In-Kind Contributions: \$7,105.00
- New Grants or Amendments Submitted: 32
- Grant Reports Submitted: 8
- Reviewed 725 Pcard charges with grant-related transactions, for a total of \$212,163.03 charged to grants
- Subaward Invoices Processed: 17
- Ongoing support for annual audit (Finley & Cook) - providing documents, answering questions, etc.
- Continued struggles/adjustments to PeopleSoft
- Noteworthy: Two vacancies

## **Human Resources**

- Open Full-time Positions - 47
- Positions Interviewed - 6
- Candidates interviewed - 25
- Positions Announced - 11
- Candidates Screened - 178
- Filled Positions - 3 (1 promotion, 2 hires, transfers 0)
- See included personnel report that shows personnel actions for the month.
- Temporary Employees Processed (Interns & Aids), - 5
- Full time employees on March payroll - 331
- DB Plan Members - 145
- DC Plan Members - 187
- Hourly employees on supplemental payroll - 38
- Retirement meetings and / or calculations - 2
- Work Comp Injuries - 2

### Other miscellaneous:

- Submitted HR Corner article for the August WOG
- New Employee Orientation for 1 new hire
- Continue work on PeopleSoft GPC timekeeping / payroll
- Leadership Development Program - online webinar with OMES Statewide Learning Services
- Prepare and submit items for Finley & Cook Annual Audit
- Prepare and submit Census data to Difiniti
- Continued work on state job description project
- Coordination of agency mid-year reviews
- Attend statewide Workday user group meeting

## **License**

- Processed 810 orders, including 708 licenses/permits and 606 hard cards (mail and walk-in orders) - \$270,061 in revenue
- Processed over \$155,000 in miscellaneous revenue, such lease payments, fines restitution, etc.

- Reviewed 1,098 online and paper applications for various licenses and permits.

July License Review

Recreational Licenses were down 5% for the month compared to July 2023.

Notables include:

<b>License Type</b>	<b>Pct Change MTD (# Sold)</b>
Resident Combo	+62% (940)
Resident Fishing	+10% (13,132)
Resident 1-Day Fishing	1,020 sold (1st month of sales)
Nonresident Fishing	+28% (3,659)
Nonresident 1-Day Fishing	+23% (6,730)

The percentage change in overall recreational licenses sold is skewed based on the discontinuation of youth licenses, Resident 2-Day Fishing, and Nonresident 6-Day Fishing licenses. Revenue shows a 25% increase in this category for the month.

Lifetime License sales up 33% for the month compared to July 2023. Over 1,200 sold.

Notables include:

<b>License Type</b>	<b>Pct Change MTD (# Sold)</b>
Lifetime Combo	+204% (316)
Lifetime Fishing	+34% (131)
Senior Citizen Combo	-3% (281)
Senior Citizen Fishing	+15% (333)

Mid-August License Review (Sales through August 19)

Recreational Licenses are down 1.5% for the first 19 days of the month compared to August 2023.

Notables include:

<b>License Type</b>	<b>Pct Change MTD (# Sold)</b>
Resident Combo	+72% (441)
Resident Fishing	+28% (4596)
Resident 1-Day Fishing	465 sold (new license)
Nonresident Fishing	+42% (1,486)
Nonresident 1-Day Fishing	+45% (2,780)
Nonresident Hunting	+65% (153)

The same percentage change in overall volume is based on discontinued licenses being sold, but we'll continue to monitor this as buyer may be drawn to annual

licenses over the short-term license options. Revenue shows a 41% increase so far in this category for the month.

Lifetime Licenses are down 29% for the first 19 days of the month compared to August 2023, with just over 400 sold.

Notables include:

<b>License Type</b>	<b>Pct Change MTD (# Sold)</b>
Lifetime Combo	-54% (49)
Lifetime Fishing	+19% (37)
Senior Citizen Combo	-49% (110)

- Walk-in traffic and mail have slowed over the course of the last six weeks, but calls have increased for license information. We expect more as we get closer to hunting season.

### **Information Technology**

- I.T. received and reviewed 67 tickets this month. Slightly lower than this time last year.
- Conducted a leased inventory checkup on all users.
- We have continued to build and revise a new inventory system for leased equipment.
- Worked on encrypting the SQL server database.
- Auditing the users on the SQL server to ensure users only have the permissions they need to access only the information they need to access.
- Putting BTG into a read-only status.
- Worked with OMES to whitelist software so that our end users can install approved software without OMES approval each time.
- Auditing the Drupal site to see what needs to happen before the upgrade to Drupal 11.
- Worked with Law Enforcement on upgrading their laptops at the end of this year.
- Compiled a list of end of lease users to get their laptops renewed before the Law Enforcement batch.

### **Property**

- Vehicle auction is live and closes September 10th, 2024, at 12:00 PM CDT. Open house for the auction is set for September 9th, 2024, from 9 AM – 3 PM.
- 10 FY24 Law Enforcement vehicles remain for deployment, with plans to finish deployment by end of September.
- Conducted normal mailroom and building/grounds maintenance activities.
- Assisted with regulation distribution out of OKC warehouse.

## FISHERIES

### Fisheries Division Highlights from July

<b>Statewide Fish Stocking, June 2024</b>			
<b>Species</b>	<b># Fish</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b># Locations</b>
Channel Catfish, ODWC	6,658	12"	2
Channel Catfish, ODWC	1,104	2"	1
Hybrid Sunfish, ODWC	150	6-8"	1
Rainbow Trout, Commercial	7,338	10"	2
<b>Total:</b>	<b>15,250</b>		

#### Meetings

- Manager attended a meeting at the Salt Plains Refuge with other stakeholders regarding their future infrastructure planning to give opinions and insight.
- Staff meet with Chickasaw National Recreation Area staff as well as representatives from Wildlife and Law Divisions as part of our annual MOU coordination/communication meeting to discuss Lake of the Arbuckle and surrounding lands. Interestingly, ODWC staff have been very static over the years at this meeting, but CNRA staff have varied a lot including mostly all new faces this year. This yearly face-to-face meeting is important and necessary to be effective managing partners together.

#### Activity

- The Hatchery research team met with the OFRL for boating training and setting a protocol for mounting and pulling blue sucker otoliths.
- Evelyn went with Mark to TX for FLMB fingerlings to be used as future brooders.
- Hatchery research team met with Tishomingo Federal Hatchery for blue sucker bloodwork pricing/protocols and hatching battery setup.
- Hatchery research team had meeting with AVIX bird laser group.
- Hatchery research team assisted Tishomingo Federal Hatchery with paddlefish tagging along with Region and Hatchery personnel.
- Hatchery research team met with Amie Robinson about biochar for mitigating nutrient buildup and algae control.
- Conducted 3 hatchery tours for the Durant Boys and Girls Club and Bokoshe Public Schools FFA officers.
- Staff spent the majority of their time this month mowing, moving riprap, pond preparations, and equipment maintenance due to higher-than-normal summer rainfall.
- Sprayed excessive cattails at Helen, Skyline, Burtschi, and Fletcher ponds.
- Continued renovation of Jap Beaver Lake
- Replaced walkway on fishing dock at Fort Cobb Lake
- North Central Region fisheries personnel partnered up with OGE to build and deploy 10 Shelbyville Cubes on Sooner Lake.

- The Skiatook Lake Nursery Pond was drained for the season, stocking Skiatook Lake with Florida Largemouth Bass and Threadfin Shad. Enumeration hasn't been possible when growing shad in this pond, but Florida Largemouth Bass averaged 3.6 inches at draining (the best average to-date). This successfully completed our first ever attempt at polyculture in this system.
- Staff picked up angler shot fish from the Kaw Big 20 Bowfishing Tournament and processed 227 total carcasses for a multitude of data including: age, length, weight, and DNA.
- Work continues on multiple manuscripts. Those of note include: investigation skipjack herring population dynamics (preparing to submit), investigation into fire ants effects on trout survival (preparing to submit), country wide smallmouth bass growth (finalizing analysis), and native nongame harvest on Lake Erie (finalizing edits). Along with this several projects are being worked on. Those of note include: crayfish nail polish retention estimates, channel catfish spawning boxes effects, Arkansas River striped bass natal origins, and channel catfish sampling bias.
- Several management activities were conducted. Those of note include: ageing of Lake Eufaula bass and boating and fishing access inspections and projects.
- Close to home fisheries maintenance, outreach events, and creel surveys continued. Those of note include: Bickham-Rudkin creel survey, Cops and Bobbers fishing events, and weedoo vegetation control.
- Hoop nets were run at lakes Elmer Thomas, Evans Chambers, and Vincent. Catch rates were good at both lakes. Otoliths were pulled for age data.
- American Horse, Elmer, and Watonga were mowed. Vegetation was also sprayed along the shoreline to improve angling access.
- The Watonga dam project was put out for bid. It closed on August 15th.
- ANS survey on Grand Lake continued with two survey days and 47 interviews conducted in July.
- Approximately 30 summer season eDNA samples were collected on the lower Arkansas river for Invasive Carp detection purposes, shipment and analysis pending.
- Worked with KDWP and MSU collecting and tagging grass and bighead carp and actively tracked tagged bighead in the Elk River arm of Grand lake.
- Conducted an initial investigation into the extent of hydrilla infestation in R.S. Kerr reservoir.
- Conducted two habitat assessment days on Tenkiller lake as an ongoing project to determine fish use of aquatic habitat structures over time.
- Tagged trout, conducted electrofishing for juveniles, and assisted OSU with trout project on Lower Mountain Fork River.
- Assisted with renovations at Jap Beaver Lake and with improvements at Blue River.
- Made parking and road improvements at Raymond Gary.
- Continued with habitat evaluation project.
- Conducted stream sampling on Blue River and the Muddy Boggy system.
- Created outreach material on native fish for a display at the Gathering Place in Tulsa.
- Staff worked on SHPO and OAS compliance to initiate shop renovation projects at Durant and a culvert replacement project at Blue River.
- Completed annual boating access inspections and provided feedback to cooperators as necessary. Several letters were sent to cooperators. All conversations were beneficial, positive, and productive.



- Staff worked on Creel Analysis Tool development including Survey 123 instrument.
- Staff completed mounting, cutting, and preparing Lake Texoma blue catfish otoliths for aging purposes.
- Bass management: Staff collected, organized, and mailed off 2024 bass DNA samples to contracted lab in CA. Staff assisted numerous tournament directors with exemption process as well as reviewed information from Brandt system.
- BR staff made progress on lean-to building and replaced several area signs with new Branded signs.
- Personnel continued working on the Grand Lake Creel Survey. July consisted of 5 creel days with three of those creels being on weekends and the remaining two weekdays. A total of 41 interviews were completed in July, bringing the total thus far to 120 total angler interviews through the first 5 months of the creel.
- NER Personnel conducted fish kill investigations at multiple urban ponds in the Tulsa area, and at Heyburn Lake. All kills were found to be caused by seasonal weather extremes causing low DO for a period long enough to cause some fish to die.
- NER Personnel built 20 Shelbyville cubes. Six of the cubes were placed into Grand Lake at three different sites (1 Duck Creek site, 1 Hickory Creek Site, and 1 Elk River site), and the remaining 14 are being placed in Eucha Lake in August.



- NER Personnel continued filling flathead length groups for age and growth data on Grand Lake. Personnel also started tagging flathead catfish to start looking into spawning tendencies on Grand Lake. Several tagged fish were found in the same exact spawning cavity for multiple weeks in a row, and a couple tagged fish were found in the same spawning cavity but not continuously, and one tagged fish moved over a third of a mile across a large cove to a different spawning cavity within one weeks' time. This spawning tendencies study on Grand Lake will ideally shift to Eucha Lake next year so the study won't be impacted by hand fishing constituents. Eucha Lake is a City of Tulsa water supply reservoir therefore swimming, hence hand fishing, is prohibited.



## **C&E DIVISION**

- The 2024-25 Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting regulations were delivered at drop sites across the state and are in the process of being delivered to license vendors by Game Wardens.
- Michael Bergin worked to notify nonresident hunters who bought a deer license before July 1 will also need to purchase an annual license. This has a potential economic to the agency of \$250,000.
- Education staff completed the final series of Outdoor Education Training workshops at the Arcadia Conservation Education Area. These trainings offer certification for Oklahoma teachers to teach ODWC programs such as Archery in the Schools and Hunter Education.
- The Communication and Education Division held their annual meeting near Kingston for training and strategic planning. Guests included Wade Free, Commissioner Tim Diel and Debborah Flores from the Governor's office.
- Staff conducted the first of many virtual Learn to Hunt programs that will be conducted throughout the fall. The inaugural event this year was for learning how to hunt doves.
- The second year of the ODWC family hunts was well received again with 217 families putting in their applications for the hunts.
- Production work has begun on the development of broadcast TV commercials that will air in Oklahoma City this winter.
- Staff began implementation of the new Agency Mentorship program recently approved by the Wildlife Conservation Commission Policy Committee.

## **WILDLIFE DIVISION**

### **-WMA Highlights**

- Spring / Summer food plot plantings completed.
- 1430 tons of gravel delivered and distributed on WMA roads.
- 923 acres treated with herbicide for habitat enhancement.
- 14.5 miles of firebreak were maintained.

- 32 acres of woody vegetation mulched with skid steer.
- Continue monitoring ag and grazing lease activities, compliance, and removal of cattle for the season.
- Maintained WDU's for upcoming waterfowl seasons.
- WMA staff are preparing areas for the upcoming dove season opener. Mowing dove fields, watering areas, roads, and parking areas.
- Growing season burns are being conducted on WMAs across the state. Have also begun burning some wheat patches in preparation for the upcoming dove season.
- Numerous staff assisted with conducting quail roadside surveys & pheasant surveys.
- Pronghorn controlled hunts will begin soon.
- Beginning hunter Private Land Youth Deer Hunts set up, providing opportunity for 23 hunters at 9 different locations.
- Field Day on forest stand management on Lexington WMA on September 14.
- Pump station and pumping system repairs are underway at Cottonwood (Keystone) and Deep Fork (Eufaula) WDU's.
  - Wister WDU pump station siltation issues resolved, restoring ability to pump water for flooding for upcoming duck season.
- Preparations for the land-trapping workshops have begun (planning on hosting 3 workshops this winter)
- Oklahoma Falconry Association is planning to host a falconry apprentice workshop.
- Aerial millet seeding planned for several different reservoir mud flats for waterfowl food.
- Statewide elk survey planning is well underway.
- A meeting with ODAFF was held and deer genomic testing protocols are being established.
- Several staff worked on getting the dove field map updated.
- Staff responded to nuisance bear control issues as needed.
- Requests for proposals for research projects was sent to 200+ potential research partners. The process allows for ODWC to identify partners for projects of high importance to ODWC.
- Relocated prairie dogs from Yukon are staying at the release site and burrowing new tunnels.
- Attended Great Plains fire Summit in Canyon, TX.
- 1,437 geese were moved by NWCO's this year.
- Pronghorn fawn block surveys were completed.
- Bear surveys were completed in the southeast and northeast.
- Bat survey completed in northeast.
- Deer surveys began this month.
- Turkey surveys completed.
- Guzzlers were installed at Sandy Sanders WMA.
- Walnut Slough WDU dirt work to seal wetland units is completed at Ft Cobb WMA.
- Several staff participated in trapping and banding mourning dove as part of the ongoing USFWS project.
- Big game biologist presented at Deer Hunting Summit hosted by Oklahoma Hunters and Anglers
- Attended meeting with WEYCO admin to start working on timber lease agreement.

- Attended meeting with GRDA to discuss mitigation ideas.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**

### **Dist. 1 - Capt. Hank Jenks**

- Continued work on starting phase 3 for Warden Tilley and last phase for Warden Newkirk. Just had end of phase meeting for Warden Tilley and he is getting some solo time now!
- Lots of great hunter safety courses with unique opportunities. The Afton course offered lunch and an afternoon on the range shooting a .22. The Owasso course offered a wild game lunch with caviar, groundhog, rabbit and deer heart for lunch. These guys all go above and beyond to provide unique opportunities at all of these courses!
- Warden Fulton and Warden Rolling made the first deer case of the year!
- Quail Forever Day at Pryor with several D1ers involved.
- Capt. Jenks attended the last NWTf banquet of the year in an effort to build rapport and future alliances.
- Warden Rolling made an untagged bobcat case.
- Warden Jackson attended a course in OKC for criminal investigations using cellular technology.

### **Dist. 2 – Capt. David Robertson**

- August 3-Beast Feast Muskogee Wardens Garrett, Langford, Morris, Youngblood and Wilcox set up and ran fishing simulator, answered questions and had approximately 1500 people.
- August 3 Hunter Safety Class -Wagoner Wardens Morris and Stanley
- August 17 Hunter Safety Class -Porum Landing Warden Cramer helped.
- August 27 Public Outreach - Honor Heights Park Boy Scout Recruitment Event Warden Stanley
- Law Enforcement - Wardens Youngblood, Cramer and Garrett combined efforts to catch a person putting out bait for deer hunting and driving on a food plot on Cherokee WMA.
- Warden Couch attended honor guard for OHA deer conference.
- Warden Rowland public outreach at OHA deer conference on saddle hunting.
- Warden's DeMontigny, Rowland & Matlock public outreach National Night Out in Eufaula.

- Wardens Bailey & Matlock public outreach Okmulgee County Jail Youth days.
- Warden's Henry, Garret, Langford & Matlock investigated report of over limits on trout issued 8 administrative fines to 2 individuals.
- Warden Shimp leaving agency to work for Oklahoma Highway Patrol effective Aug. 31st.
- Wardens put on hunter Ed at Porum and Henryetta.
- Wardens put out regs to all dealers.

### **Dist. 3 – Capt. Todd Tobey**

- D3 Wardens conducted the following Regional Hunter Safety Courses. McAlester, Ok Saturday August 10, 2024, 08:00-16:00, Poteau, Ok Saturday August 24, 2024, 08:00-16:00, Broken Bow, Ok Saturday August 24, 2024, 08:00-16:00
- Lt. Polk and Biologist Matt Hensley presented STEP program for approximately 80 members of the Leflore County Baptist Association.
- Lt. Lawson and Lt. Polk made an interesting case involving 4 men in McCurtain County and issued 4 citations for hunting with the aid of a motor vehicle and 4 citations for headlighting, the suspects were in possession of 4 quick attach thermal sighting devices and 1 suppressed bolt action .308 caliber rifle.

### **Dist. 4 – Capt. Tom Cartwright**

- Lt. Bud Cramer and Game Warden Trey Hale presented a Hunter Incident Investigation program to the ODWC Communication and Education Division employees.
- Game Warden Lydia Gearhart completed phase 2 and has begun phase 3 of her field training program. Game Warden Trey Hale served as the field training officer in phase 2 with Game Warden Matt Penwright taking over in phase 3.
- Game Wardens T. Hale, G. Beam, Z. Arnold, B. Cramer, C. Jones, and C. Johnson presented a Hunter Education Course certifying 34 students at the Tishomingo NWR Headquarters.
- Game Wardens G. Harley, T. Taylor, and L. Gearhart presented a Hunter Education Course hosted by the Seminole NWTF chapter at the Immanuel Fellowship Church in Seminole. 13 students achieved their hunter education certification.
- Game Wardens Bailey Johnson and Dale Stites attended a public outreach in Bristow. The Bristow Chamber of Commerce hosted the community event for the public to interact with law enforcement and get a closer look at the officer's patrol vehicles and equipment.

- Game Warden Bailey Johnson attended a forty-hour Basic Instructor Development Course in Drumwright where he earned his basic CLEET instructor certification.
- Game Warden Zane Arnold attended a Level 3 Peer Support Training held at the CLEET headquarters in Ada.

#### **Dist. 5 – Capt. Gary Emmons**

- Lt. Young and Capt. Emmons taught a Defensive Tactics Refresher course for D5 in Norman.
- GW Branch and Capt. Emmons taught a Defensive Tactics Refresher course in Stillwater for everyone that missed the previous 8 classes.
- D5 GWs used the OGT trailer multiple times throughout the district. It was used in Moore for the National Night Out program for Law Enforcement agencies as well as at Shawnee for the Cops N Kids program. Both programs bring all the First Responders from the respective counties all together to meet the public and try to educate them on what we do. The OGT trailer was also used at the Shawnee Outdoor Expo for both days.
- D5 GWs taught multiple Hunter Education courses throughout the district as well as Archery and Fishing clinics.
- WIT Team member GW Gillham attended a weeklong training session on Lexis Nexis for forensics on cellular phones and data.

#### **Dist. 6 – Capt. Mark Walker**

- Hunter Safety classes and delivered regulations to vendors.

#### **Dist. 7 – Capt. Jeff Headrick**

- Elk City Kiwanis Club Presentation
- KECO Kids Fishing Derby, over 750 participants
- Girl Scout Archery Program in Burns Flat for Custer, Beckham, and Washita Counties Girl Scouts
- Hunter Education Classes in Jackson and Beckham Counties
- Assisted landowners with deer depredation issues.
- Toured Beckham County Schools with Beckham County Deputies in case of an emergency situation
- Assisted Wildlife Division with sick turkey collection.

## **Dist. 8 – Capt. Ben Bickerstaff**

- Several fish kills have been investigated in D8: A local mouth of the Ark River in Kaw, Salt Plains, Sunset Lake, Carmen Pond, Hatfield Park Pond, Salt fork river downstream from SP dam. All due to low Dissolved Oxygen and poor water quality. This is very typical this time of year.
- Distributed regs across the district.
- Marshall and Blake are spearheading a “Sportsmen’s week” with several free classes offered through the Vo-tech aimed to get folks geared up for hunting season. 6pm-8pm every night the 26th-29th.
- 26th trapping demonstrations and the impact of furbearers on ground nesting birds, 27th Basic dog training seminars with tips on heat avoidance for dove season plus tips on public land dove hunting areas, 28th Food plot tips and private land management talks, 29th Wild game cooking demonstrations. Another great innovative Public outreach program.
- We are getting geared up for another Antelope season.
- Trying to get guys signed up for Woodward event “Racks and Rods” PO Sept 13-15th. We will have the OGT trailer there and an OSGWA booth to represent us.

## **Investigative Teams –TFO Long**

- Wardens R. Gillham, Cornett, Clem, Baker, and Jackson attended a 40-hour LexisNexis Criminal Investigations Using Cellular Technology Course. The course teaches investigators how to analyze and understand the evidentiary value of call detail records and nearly any type of investigation with a focus on geolocation data and pattern analysis.
- Investigator Long attended the AFWA Investigations & Intelligence Summit in Marquette, MI. The summit focuses on Wildlife Investigators with speakers teaching relevant courses and showcasing case studies on complex wildlife investigations nationwide.
- Investigator Long is investigating an ongoing International Smuggling case.
- Warden Lt. Baker and Investigator Long are continuing to work a Lacey Act/License Fraud case that was given to ODWC from Texas Parks and Wildlife.
- The Reptile team have been investigating several cases with possible venomous snake violations.
- The License Fraud team have been working diligently online locating license fraud cases.
- Wardens Jackson and Willman worked with Investigator Long on a Lacey Act case that is ongoing to prepare the evidence for possible federal prosecution.

- Several online USFWS tips have been sent to their respective Game Wardens to investigate.
- The NWCO team have investigated several NWCO complaints.