

AGENDA
Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting

Public Meeting: **Monday, October 6th, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.**
Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation
1801 N. Lincoln Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

This meeting is scheduled to be streamed live and recorded at
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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 Holder
2. Roll Call – Tammy St. Yves
3. Invocation – Nels Rodefeld
4. Pledge of Allegiance – Nels Rodefeld
5. Introduction of Guests
6. Presentation of Awards

Benny Farrar, Wildlife Biologist – 35 Years
Jerry Henry, Sequoyah County Game Warden – 40 Years

7. Presentation and consideration to approve, amend, reject, or take other action on a \$5,000 donation from the Oklahoma Hunters and Anglers (OHA) in support of the development and construction of the new archery complex at the Arcadia Conservation Education Area – Micah Holmes, Chief of Communication and Education, Damon Springer, Senior Communication and Education Specialist and Rick Nolan, President of the Oklahoma Hunters and Anglers.
8. Presentation and consideration to approve, amend, reject, or take other action on a \$1,000 donation from the Oklahoma Chapter of Quail Forever to the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Foundation's Midway USA endowment to support ODWC's shooting programs – Micah Holmes, Chief of Communication and Education; Damon Springer, Senior Communication and Education Specialist; James Dietsch with Quail Forever and Sean McCabe, Director of the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Foundation.
9. Consideration and vote to approve, amend, reject, or take other action on (29 O.S. Section 3-103a) authorization of special permits for certain designated species by order of the Commission. – Director Wade Free

10. Consideration and vote to approve, amend, reject, or take other action on minutes from the September 8th, 2025, regular Commission meeting.
11. Director's Report
 - a. Calendar Items – discussion of upcoming department calendar items.
 - b. Agency Update – an update on current activity within each division.
 - c. Oklahoma Legislative Update
12. Presentation of the August 31st, 2025, Financial Reports and consideration and vote to approve, amend, or reject miscellaneous donations – Andrea Crews, Chief of Administration.
13. Consideration and vote to approve, amend, reject, or take other action on dates for the 2026 Commission meetings as follows: January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 8 (Tuesday), October 5, November 2, December 7.
14. Discussion of the appraisal and/or purchase of certain real property located in Payne County, which the Commission by majority vote may decide to discuss in Executive Session pursuant to Title 25 O.S. 307(B)(3); with any action thereon to take place through discussion, consideration, and vote in Open Session – Ken Cunningham, Chief of Fisheries Division and Bill Dinkines, Chief of Wildlife Division
 - a. Vote to enter Executive Session
 - b. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 25 O.S., § 307(B)(3).
 - 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 November 3rd Commission meeting is cancelled, and the next meeting will be held December 1st.
17. Adjourn

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OCTOBER 2025 DIRECTOR'S REPORT



OKLAHOMA
DEPARTMENT OF
**WILDLIFE
CONSERVATION**

CALENDAR ITEMS:

Oct. 7 NW Region FFA Shoot at Woodward – Ft. Supply
Oct. 9 SW Region FFA Shoot at Altus
Oct. 11 Waterfowl Hunting 101 Workshop at Arcadia Conservation Education Area
Oct. 14-15 FFA Shoot at Coweta
Oct. 23 FFA Shoot at Stillwater
Oct. 25 Okmulgee WMA Field Day
Oct. 28 Okmulgee Archery Day
Nov. 5 FFA Shotgun Shoot at Broken Bow

AGENCY UPDATE:

ADMINISTRATION

Accounting

Accounts Payable:

- # of Claims Audited and Paid: 510
- Total Dollar Amount of Claims Paid: \$4,467,171

Purchase Card Program:

- Total # Agency Cardholders: 208
- Total # Agency Approvers (no cards): 12
- Total Agency Monthly Standard Spending Limits: \$478,000
- Total Agency Spending Limits w/ Approved Increase Requests: \$658,000
- # of PCard Spending Limit Increase Requests Approved: 50
- # of P/Card Transactions Processed: 970
- # of ODWC In-depth Audited Transactions: 116
- OMES documentation requests for PCard transactions: 1
- Total Dollar Amount of P/Card Purchases: \$365,129
- PCard Program Refresher Training: 9
- New Approver Training at OMES: 0
- New Cardholder Training at OMES: 1

Risk Management:

- OMES Surveys or Premiums Completed: 0
- New Cases Reported: 3

Purchasing:

- # of Purchase Orders/CO issued: 82
- IT Acquisitions Processed: 12

Federal Aid

- Federal Reimbursement Request: \$3,015,299
- Program Income: \$13,771
- In-Kind Contributions: \$4,495
- New Grants or Amendments Submitted: 0
- Grant Reports Submitted (performance and financial): 0
- Subrecipient FFATA Reporting: 3
- Reviewed 902 P-card charges with grant-related transactions, for a total of \$296,426 charged to grants.
- Subaward Invoices Processed: 20
- Federal Aid Coordinator attended Basic Grants Management training from the USFWS.
- Renewal of SAM registration completed with Accounting.
- Working on annual audit with Finley & Cook

Human Resources

Recruitment:

- Open Positions 28
- Positions Announced 2
- Applications Screened 85
- Positions Interviewed 3
- Candidates Interviewed 13
- New Hires 2
- Promotions 0
- Transfers 1
- Resignations 2
- Retirements 0
- Terminations 2
- Temporary Employees Processed 3

Payroll:

- Full Time Employees on Payroll 350
- Temporary Employees on Payroll 49
- DB Plan Members 136
- DC Plan Members 213

Benefits:

- Retirement Meetings and/or Calculations 3

Training:

- # in orientation 0

Miscellaneous:

- FMLA Requests 5
- Worker Comp Injuries 1

Activities:

- Submitted HR Corner article for the Sept. WOG.

- Attended Workday@OK Agency Learning Admin webinar
- Processing data for Finley & Cook Audit
- Processing data for Korn Ferry pay study
- Processed invoices for payment
- Working on census data audit for Definiti
- LDP Project Presentations
- ODWC booth at OSU Career Fair in Stillwater

License

- Working with ODVA on a secure data portal, enabling ODWC to verify disability qualifications more efficiently.
- Processed 465 orders, including 353 licenses/permits and 188 hard cards (mail and walk-in orders) - \$83,706 in revenue.
- Shipped 350 in-house merchandise items (patches, books, etc.), totaling over \$3,600 in revenue.
- Processed over \$379,000 in miscellaneous revenue, such as fines, restitution, oil & gas, etc.

August License Review

Recreational Licenses were up 25% for the month compared to August 2024, with revenue up 21%.

Notables include:

License Type	Pct Change MTD (# Sold)
Resident Combo	+42% (1,485)
Resident Hunting	+18% (2,060)
Nonresident Hunting	-11% (525)
Resident Fishing	+37% (9,851)
Nonresident Fishing	+18% (2,741)

Lifetime Licenses were down 9% for the month compared to August 2024, with revenue down 27% for the category and 686 sold.

Notables include:

License Type	Pct Change MTD (# Sold)
Lifetime Combo	-21% (99)
Lifetime Fishing	-61% (20)
Senior Citizen Combo	+20% (234)
Senior Citizen Fishing	+10% (266)

We'll be monitoring hunting license sales in more detail as we move into big game seasons to track performance compared to last year.

Information Technology

- Tickets: 57 tickets were processed this month.

- Law Enforcement Support: Deployed 80 emergency cellphones to ensure compatibility with body cameras.
- Rodney continued work on the Shotgun in Schools program, leased inventory program, and vehicle property report.
- GIS Patch Day completed successfully.
- Inventoried hundreds of hard drives and cellphones; initiated recycling pickup process with new vendor Mender.
- The next batch of laptops now has a PO issued; awaiting Dell coordination with OMES for shipping.

Property

- Received and deployed new ComData cards for all agency vehicles.
- Continued preparing next wave of vehicles for auction. Removing law enforcement equipment from trucks to go to auction.
- Completed daily routine checks of central office building grounds and equipment. Made minor repairs as needed.
- Conducted normal mailroom and building/grounds maintenance activities. 633 pieces of mail were sent out in the month of August in the mailroom.

FISHERIES

Director highlights

Statewide Fish Stocking, August 2025			
Species	# Fish	Size	# Locations
Rainbow Trout, USFWS	8,549	11"	2
Total:	8,549		

Meetings

- Staff presented at the OSBA (Oklahoma Striped Bass Association) meeting on annual HSB production, stockings, and management.
- On-site Phase 2 pre-bid meeting with the contractor, Garver, and OMES.
- Staff attended the National AFS meeting in San Antonio, where they participated in training sessions and presentations. They also showcased their work through posters or oral presentations. Personnel also sat in on committee meetings and took part in the Black Bass Summit.
- Participated in monthly governing board meetings for the North American Sturgeon and Paddlefish Society (NASPS). Reviewed student award applications for NASPS.
- Attended meeting with State Parks and elected official regarding Lake Texoma boating access development.
- Attended meeting in Quapaw, OK, to discuss federal prioritization of cleanup efforts and restoration of sites in the Tar Creek Superfund area in northeast OK.
- Attended and presented an update at the LMR/ARW partnership meeting in Shreveport, LA.

Activities

- Maintenance on Hatchery Grounds is a continuous daily task, encompassing pond bank renovations with heavy equipment, road and culvert repairs, water leak fixes, water line maintenance, vegetation clearing, fish storage updates, and exterior painting.
- The new conference table in the Bryon office has been completed.
- Research team completed analysis soil accumulation and relationship between soil and water nutrients.
- The hatchery research team worked on a rough draft for the bird laser paper and also on a preliminary version for the study on Soil Accumulation Trends and Water Quality Correlations across multiple hatcheries.
- Hatchery staff were trained in plankton counting.
- Regional staff conducted hoop-net surveys on two water bodies to assess channel catfish populations. These water bodies were Dead Warrior Lake and Skipout Lake. During these surveys, 267 channel catfish were collected from Dead Warrior, and 520 channel catfish were collected from Skipout. A subset of individuals collected was utilized for gathering age data via otoliths.
- An ongoing research project was continued by collecting 200 largemouth bass in four separate ponds (50 each) during electrofishing surveys at McKinley Ranch to determine if Mozambique tilapia is an effective forage base to enhance largemouth bass growth. Length and weight data were collected on individuals to analyze body condition.
- Regional staff also constructed an ADA-compliant gangway abutment at Lake Elmer by fabricating forms and setting concrete. Repairs were also made to the gangway by removing a damaged section of expanded metal on the walkway and welding in a new, undamaged section along with an additional support brace. The existing boat ramp approach at Lake Elmer was also repaired by removing damaged material and pouring a new 16'X20' concrete pad. The concrete approach was then tied in with the existing roadway using 1 1/2" gravel.
- Cleared trees and brush on the jetty at Lake Lawtonka to enhance fishing access. Additionally, placed 30 hardwood trees in Lawtonka to create fish habitat.
- Conducted channel catfish hoopnet sampling at Burtschi and Medicine Creek.
- Continued Creel survey at Lake Burtschi.
- Continued mowing and trash pickup at Dept lakes. Sprayed excessive cattails at Doc Hollis Lake. Cleared fence lines at Jap Beaver Lake for fired guards.
- Continued maintenance and repair of Heavy equipment.
- Biologist continued to process LOAs and scientific collector permits.
- The North Central Region concluded a yearlong angler creel on Sooner Lake at the end of August. Analysis is pending, but total survey response is as follows - 71 total

creel days, 345 surveys from in person interviews, 146 surveys returned from QR code post cards.

- Participated in interviews for BRPFHA technician position.
- Provided oversight to multiple contract projects ongoing at SCR shop (electrical, guttering, garage door).
- Hauled gravel from local gravel pit for BR stockpile.
- Prepared for and installed large concrete box culvert at BR. Coordination and working with crane company, culvert supplier, and heavy equipment operator.
- Summarized bass tournament data and prepared 2023-2024 report.
- Prepared edits for Black Bass page on department website and worked with Social Media staff for Facebook post.
- Site visit to Johnston County landowner pond for construction advice.
- Conducted 5 spotlight surveys at BRPFHA, summarized data, and provided to Wildlife Division.
- Continued the creel survey project on Greenleaf Lake, conducting 36 additional interviews and 10 pressure counts over five days in August, for a total of 238 interviews for the survey to date.
- Placed multiple Shelbyville Cubes into Roland and Brushy Lakes as fish habitat enhancement and refurbishment.
- Reviewed environmental review requests and drafted and submitted responses related to projects that could impact fish and wildlife resources across the state.
- Reviewed and compiled compliance documents for a new shop building to be constructed at Durant State Fish Hatchery and a new predator fence to be constructed at Holdenville State Fish Hatchery.
- Hauled and stocked two loads of trout to Lower Illinois river near Gore.
- Hauled and stocked two loads of trout to Lower Mtn Fork River near Hochatown.
- Placed 4 temperature sensors along a gradient in the Illinois river.
- Prepared and shipped eDNA samples for lab analysis.
- Hydrilla monitoring on R.S. Kerr to see if any spreading had occurred.
- Created ANS page to include with LMB tournament report.
- Fielded numerous black carp calls and investigated one particular call in the Broken Bow area.
- Prepared questions for upcoming iCarp technician interview
- Assisted with receiver deployment in the Red River.
- Continued conducting creels on Wister Lake. Most contacts were with catfish fishermen.
- Sprayed and mowed public fishing areas.
- Completed community stream sampling of the Poteau River tributaries, with many interesting species collected. A total of 54 sites were sampled for the 2025 field season.
- Conducted a joint sampling with OWRB and USFWS in the Red River system.

- Collected approximately 200 spotted gar for USFWS and mussel host species.
- Staff built and deployed 22 Shelbyville cubes in Oologah Lake. Cubes were placed in areas of Blue Creek.



- Staff continued planning and prepping for the annual OKAFS meeting.
- Fishing Clinic with Hughes County NRCS, Shelbyville Cube construction with Edmond 4H/schools, constructed five reef balls.



- Continued work on statewide habitat partnership and Eufaula Habitat partnership, equipment maintenance, and purchasing of supplies.
- Channel Catfish population abundance assessment continued, striped bass Arkansas River assessment continued.
- Staff assisted USACE with removing fish below Heyburn Dam and placing them back in the Lake.

C&E DIVISION

- Damon Springer and Colby Cook ran a STEP for the Oklahoma City Gun Club's Women on Target event. Approximately, 400 women participated making it the largest event of its kind in memory.
- Kelly Boyer and Shawn Gee wrapped up the final Outdoor Education workshop at the Arcadia Conservation Education Area. Eight trainings were held in 2025 with 129 teachers in attendance.
- Damon Springer, Pake Wise and Colby Cook trained 120 FFA teachers as hunter education instructors.
- Pake Wise and Aaron Ralstin produced two Learn to Hunt episodes using the recently redesigned podlab studio. These episodes, along with Reel Talk Real Tips, have made an impact on the Department's R3 efforts as well as helping grow our audience on

various platforms. So far this year these episodes have been viewed more than 35,000 times on YouTube.

- Website traffic saw a 56 percent increase in September compared to August.
- Jennifer Benge graduated from the Leadership Development Program. Her project made improvements to both the public and agency side of hunter education student certifications in Go Outdoors Oklahoma.
- Betsey York also graduated from the Leadership Development Program. Betsey worked with all divisions to define a proposal process for human dimensions research. This new process will enable better planning and increased efficiency related to human dimensions research.
- Communications staff prepared content related to fall hunting. Special emphasis is made on antlerless harvest, regulation changes and public access.
- Significant effort was made towards updating the Department's R3 plan. Meetings were held in mid-September with representatives from each Division.
- Amanda Thomas handled numerous shooting range projects. Optima WMA renovation ongoing, anticipated to wrap up final touches soon. Copan WMA construction ongoing and progressing rapidly. Lexington WMA renovation and expansion bids closed September 4, pending construction kick off. The City of Altus - Bitter Creek Shooting Sports Complex bids closed September 11. Canton WMA renovation and expansion construction kick off held September 15. Beaver WMA renovation and expansion bids closed September 18, pending construction kick off.
- Pake Wise, Kara Gardner, Lance Meek, Joey McAllister(W), Zackary Smith(W), Spencer Grace (LE) and Stephen Paul (LE) ran a waterfowl WMA field day at Kaw WMA with 28 participants. Participants learned about calling, decoys, prep and had a chance for hands-on shotgun shooting. The next WMA Field Day is scheduled for Oct. 25th at Okmulgee WMA.

WILDLIFE DIVISION

- Wildlife Management Area Highlights
- 19 acres of woody vegetation cut/masticated.
- 92 miles of roads maintained (mowed and/or bladed).
- 1,293 tons of gravel spread.
- 475 acres invasive species control (sericea, musk thistle, and johnsongrass).
- 8,500 acres burned.
- 630 acres of mudflats & WDU's were seeded with Japanese Millet.
- Parking areas, heavy use sites and campgrounds maintained.
- Signs installed or maintained.
- Multiple miles of fence repaired/maintained.
- 520 acres brush-hogged/mowed.
- Multiple WDU's had water manipulations.
- Shooting ranges maintained.
- Firebreak maintenance on multiple areas.

- Ag & Grazing lease activities ongoing – work on windmills, water wells & fences.
- Staff remain busy with hunting season preparations and assisting WMA users.
- Work continues on several land acquisition projects that are in different stages.
- Completed 3 land closings (Drummond Flats, Lexington & Deep Fork WMA's).
- Processing program income for ag/hay/grazing lease payments.
- Reviewed requests for oil & gas well sites.
- Monthly bird survey conducted at Drummond Flats.
- Deer spotlight counts were conducted on WMA's.
- October quail roadside surveys this month.
- Suspect CWD samples sent for testing.
- Several shooting range meetings were conducted.
- WDU pump delivered to Overcup Bottom.
- Copan shooting range construction underway.
- Bear scent station surveys were completed.
- New technician at Honobia/Three Rivers started October 1.
- WDU structure replacement complete at Mountain Park WMA.
- Repairs being made to structures at Hackberry Flat WMA.
- Dove hunter use surveys were conducted (cool wet opener, fair hunter turnout, lower than normal success).
- Final revisions to State Wildlife Action Plan complete and submitted to USFWS.
- Annual cooperator meeting of the Research Co-op unit at Stillwater was attended.
- Prairie dog relocation efforts continue with the City of Lawton.
- Monarch watch and tagging finishing up at Hackberry Flat.
- WHIP allocation window opened Sept 1.
- Private land youth hunts starting this week.
- Several staff involved with various controlled hunts.
- Working on production of WMA atlas.
- Updating WMA planning application to streamline the entry process.
- Updated maps for Honobia, Three Rivers & Herron Family WMA's.
- Attended coordination meeting with Weyerhaeuser.
- Attended Oklahoma South Central Arc User Group Conference in OKC.
- Provided grid maps for Fishery Division sampling of the Arkansas river below Robert S Kerr lock & dam.
- Review whooping crane plan in preparation for migration.
- Pronghorn controlled hunts conducted with moderate success.
- CWD freezers have been deployed for CWD testing drop off sites.
- STEP event conducted.
- Texas Quail symposium was attended by 3 staff.
- OSU Career fair was attended.
- Pushmataha WMA Field Day was held.
- Leadership Development Program presentations are being completed.

- Fall trappers' convention on October 10-11 @ Noble County fairgrounds.
- Several falconry exams were held.
- Provided technical assistance and assisted landowners.
- Review, approval, submission of numerous federal aid grants.
- Staff presented at Feral Hog legislative interim study.

LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Dist. 1 - Capt. Hank Jenks

- On August 9, Warden Tilley and Lt. Alexander set up a question-and-answer booth at the Tractor Supply store in Bartlesville to kick off the fall hunting season. This "meet and greet" gave the public a chance to connect with local Game Wardens, ask questions, and prepare for the upcoming season.
- On August 16, Wardens Bersche, Rolling, Stauffer, Lt. Alexander, and Capt. Jenks assisted with a Hunter Education course at the Skiatook Fire Training Center. The team provided hands-on instruction and helped prepare new hunters for safe and responsible time afield.
- On August 17, Wardens Moore, Jackson, Tilley, and Lt. Alexander taught a full Hunter Education class at the Arrow Shop in Dewey. The Wardens went above and beyond by providing breakfast for all students, creating a welcoming environment that encouraged a fun-filled day of learning.
- On August 23, two large Hunter Education classes took place: • In Afton, Wardens Adair, Willman, Jackson, Lt. Alexander, Capt Jenks, and C&E Specialist Pake Wise led a class at Excalibur Shooting Sports. Students benefited from unique hands-on training, including live-fire marksmanship and fence-crossing safety. Local sponsors provided lunch and hunter orange gear for the students. The shop owner and Wardens both donated a nice .22 rifle to a couple of the lucky students. • That same day in Pryor, Wardens Moore, Morris, Lt Alexander, Capt Jenks, and Tilley taught a class at Creekside Church. The beautiful venue and dedicated instruction made this a standout event for local youth and families.
- On August 30, Wardens Adair, Willman, Jackson, and Lt. Alexander assisted with an outdoor Hunter Education class near Wyandotte, hosted by Patroca Outdoors, a Christian non-profit focused on strengthening family bonds through shared outdoor experiences. The class featured tree stand safety, fence crossing, rifle and archery shooting, and included food, snacks, and refreshments for participants.
- From September 2-5, Warden Stauffer and Lt. Alexander spent the week teaching Law Enforcement Driver Training to a new CLEET cadet academy hosted by the Grand River Dam Authority. Training included braking, challenge course, and concluded with a pursuit course, giving cadets a strong foundation in safe, effective vehicle operations.
- Wardens Jackson, Moore, Morris, Lt. Alexander, and Capt. Jenks also supported a special veterans' event in Craig County, hosted by the Behind the Wire Foundation. Veterans enjoyed dove hunting, fishing well-stocked ponds, and managed hunts for

exotic species. Wardens assisted with on-site license sales for all the resident and non-resident participants. The Lt. Governor and his family joined the event and were treated to a fishing trip with Wardens, where they landed several largemouth bass.

- Wardens Jeremy Bershe, Jake Bersche, Green, Rolling, Grace, Tilly, and Capt Jenks served a search warrant at a residence north of Barnsdall after one of the residents was observed running a gill net and checking fish traps in Bird Creek behind the residence. Nets, fish, and a john boat were seized as evidence. 62 charges were filed on the five people at the residence who all had New York DL's. Osage County deputies and agents from the Attorney General's office assisted with the warrant since there was a large marijuana grow on the property as well.
- Everyone picked up and delivered their new regulation books. Wardens also fielded many questions about regulation changes via phone.
- Everyone attended the Teams District Meeting and 3rd quarter safety meeting covering Situational Awareness.
- Opening day of dove season came and went, lots of hunters and plenty of birds to be shot at. Everyone was out working, and the hunter numbers were high but so was compliance. Stauffer worked the undercover unit and contacted several hunters as well. Many of us met for lunch and debriefed.
- Wardens Fulton and Garrett conducted a Hunter Education Class in Owasso with the Owasso Elks Lodge. Capt Jenks stopped by to assist. They provided food for the participants and even had some deer heart on hand to try!
- Warden Fulton received a call about a possible alligator in Flat Rock Creek in west Tulsa, Brandon and Travis went to investigate, no gator was found.
- Wardens Garrett and Willman worked the Honor Guard at the Whitetail Expo in OKC. They opened the event off where they posted the colors.
- Warden Green helped the 8th district with a Hunter Education Class in Ponca City, 88 students attended that course.
- Warden Rolling put on a Skins and Skulls program at the Sperry Library.
- Wardens Rolling and Wagner worked a case on a subject that had a pet raccoon. When confronted the suspect signed the abandonment paperwork for the raccoon.
- Warden Rolling continues work with FTO Zach League for the 8th District. They worked 3 days in the panhandle during antelope season. Warden Moore is also providing final FTO work with Warden Wagner from the 4th District.

Dist. 2 – Capt. David Robertson

Public Outreach Events

- Wardens D. DeMontigny and Lt. P. Matlock presented a fish ID and Farm to Table program event for the Checotah 4H club.
- Warden Couch represented the Honor Guard and presented colors at the OHA Deer Conference in Oklahoma City.

- Warden J. Rowland presented a saddle tree stand seminar at the OHA Deer Conference in Oklahoma City.
- Warden D. DeMontigny attended the Chevrolet First Responders Appreciation event at the Checotah dealership where he interacted with the public and served as a volunteer in the dunk tank.
- Wardens K. Bailey and Lt. Matlock presented a Hunter Safety class in Okmulgee.
- Warden D. Langford presented a Hunter Safety class in Muskogee.
- Wardens C. Youngblood, D. Garrett, and M. Stanley presented a Hunter Safety class in Tahlequah.
- Warden J. Henry provided a Public Outreach event to the Roland High School FFA regarding fall hunting regulations, the need for hunter safety training and it's requirements.
 - Training
- Wardens D. Langford and J. Rowland attended the Tactical Medical instructor training in Weatherford.
- Lt. J. Cramer assisted the Stilwell Police Department with pistol mounted red dot sight transition training.
 - Special Cases
- D2 Wardens were busy with dove season opener with a lot of hunters and few birds.
- Wardens K. Bailey, D. DeMontigny, D. Langford, J. Rowland, and Lt. Matlock worked a special emphasis on dove hunting activity in the Morris area resulting in 144 compliance checks, 2 citations and 4 administration fines issued.
- Wardens J. Rowland and D. Langford investigated report of shooting dove from the roadway where 2 individuals were issued 4 citations.
 - The lower Illinois River continues to be a popular area, with 25 citations written for overlimits and licensing issues.

Dist. 3 – Capt. Todd Tobey

- Warden C. Kannady arrested several suspects hunting at night with thermal scopes mounted to rifles in Leflore County. He is currently working to obtain warrants for the suspects phones.
- Lt. Polk assisted wardens in southwest Oklahoma with a special emphasis working migratory bird hunters.
- D3 wardens issued 16 citations, 5 field licenses, 3 written warnings, and collected 2 administrative fines during the period.
- D3 wardens conducted 153 sportsman compliance checks.
- D3 wardens participated in 3 hunter safety courses.
- D3 wardens participated in 19 hunting and or fishing related programs and 5 public outreach events.
- D3 wardens logged 157 hours assisting other divisions, agencies and the public.
- D3 wardens logged 348 hours in training.

- D3 wardens logged 49 hours conducting investigations.
- D3 wardens logged 939 hours on patrol.

Dist. 4 – Capt. Tom Cartwright

- Welcome, Game Warden Brad Magby, back to the agency. Warden Magby is assigned to Coal County, and he is very excited to carry on with the necessary work of an Oklahoma Game Warden.
- Game Warden Billy Walker, Garrett Beam, Zane Arnold, Brad Magby, and Lt. Bud Cramer hosted a Hunter Education Course at the Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge. Over thirty new hunters were Hunter Ed certified.
- Game Warden Garrett Beam and Billy Walker assisted District 7 with a special emphasis by performing compliance checks on dove hunters.
- Warden Trey Hale and Zane Arnold attend a Wildlife Investigation Team meeting at the Deep Fork NWR.
- Game Warden Trey Hale, Lt. Bud Cramer, Brad Magby, and Billy Walker presented two CLEET courses, Stress Behind the Badge and Dealing with Law Enforcement Depression and Suicide, to ODWC administration and District 4 wardens.
- Warden Billy Walker and Brad Magby attended a Defensive Tactics training with District 3 wardens. Wardens Bailey Johnson, Trae Taylor, Dale Stites, Tracer Wagner, and Lt. Garret Harley held a Hunter Ed Class in Bristow and certified 20 students.
- Wardens Trae Taylor and Bailey Johnson did a “Touch a Truck” public outreach and assisted with a spelling bee at the Hughes County Free Fair.
- Wardens Trae Taylor and Clayton Johnson held a Hunter Ed Class at the Seminole County Fairgrounds for 4H and FFA kids and certified 35 students.

Dist. 5 – Capt. Gary Emmons

- D5 Wardens delivered the new Hunting & Fishing Regulations across the district and completed their mandatory CLEET training.
- Wardens France, Mesis, Harriet and Lt. Strang worked the Cops-N-Kids event in Shawnee.
- Lt. Strang and Warden Meskimen spoke to 2 Outdoor classes at Lexington Jr. High.
- Wardens Harriet, France, and Lt. Strang worked a Touch-A-Truck event at White Rock School in Lincoln County and showcased the new boat for D5.
- Wardens Buley, Campbell, France, Harriet, Mesis, Meskimen and Lt. Strang taught Hunter Education classes in Blanchard, Arcadia, and Mustang.
- Wardens Campbell, Harriet, Mesis and France attended the Lake Carl Blackwell duck blind drawing.
- Wardens Buley, France, and Lt. Young taught water safety at Camp Goddard in Murray County.
- Warden Harriet taught tree stand classes at the OKC Deer Conference.

- Warden Harriet removed a deer that got his antlers stuck in a rope swing in Edmond.
- Lt. Strang counted 122 vehicles at Lexington WMA on opening day of dove season and managed to check 79 sportsmen.
- Warden Buley is investigating a deer that was shot in Harrah and Warden Harriet investigated a hunting without consent report.
- Lt. Young investigated a guy who shot a fox at night with a thermal scope and posted it on Facebook.

Dist. 6 – Capt. Mark Walker

- Lt. Carroll, Warden Taylor, Warden Clem all participated in a special operation opening weekend of dove season. This was a saturation patrol along the Red River and included USFWS agents and Texas Wardens on the Texas side of the Red River.
- D6 wardens delivered new hunting and fishing regulations as well as posters to license dealers and others in their respective areas.
- Lt. Carroll and Warden Stover investigated an OGT report of an individual in possession of eagles and other birds. The person allowed them to look around his property and no evidence of any violations was found.
- D6 wardens experienced fair numbers of dove hunters overall the first week of dove season. Several of the usual violations...no plugs, no license, etc. A few instances of non-game birds being killed.
- Lt. Howser, Wardens King and Zimmerman conducted a hunter education class in Mustang.
- Warden Zimmerman attended Senator Langford's first responder address at Minco HS football game.
- Wardens Zimmerman and King responded to a Minco school bus crash. The two wardens were two of the first to arrive to render aid. The crash happened only 2 miles from Warden King's residence.
- Wardens King, Pearson and Flynn conducted a "Stop the Bleed" class.
- Warden King assisted D5 wardens with a hunter education class in Oklahoma County.
- Warden Stover investigated a report of a deer with its head cut off. The deer was found by a landowner in a field near a county road. Warden Stover is still investigating.
- Lt. Howser and Warden Cornett conducted a hunter education class in Ft. Cobb.
- Lt. Howser conducted public outreaches at the Hinton Fair, Binger Town Fair, and Binger Town Parade.
- Warden Cornett conducted "Poacher Mystery" program at Anadarko Middle School.
- Warden Cornett assisted Caddo Co in a manhunt of a burglary suspect next to the WMA.
- Warden Flynn conducted a "Stop the Bleed" program at Oklahoma Deer Conference.

- Warden Flynn attended Oklahoma Bass Chasers tournament weigh in at American Horse Lake.
- Warden Flynn drove in Geary Fair parade.
- Warden Clem investigated a license fraud case involving a person that changed his residency status on his Go Outdoors account from non-resident to resident before he was an Oklahoma resident. The subject moved to Oklahoma 3 days after obtaining resident licenses and didn't obtain an Oklahoma driver's license until 4 months after obtaining resident licenses via the Go Outdoors app. The subject killed 3 deer on these falsely obtained licenses. Charges are pending.
- Warden Pearson attended the Rods and Racks outdoors show in Woodward.
- Warden Pearson assisted with a hunter education course in Hennessey.
- Warden Pearson investigated a complaint of people hunting doves 3 days before dove season opened. Multiple people were cited for hunting without licenses and taking migratory birds during closed season.
- Wardens Pearson, Flynn and Capt. Walker attended the September Commission meeting at Roman Nose State Park.

Dist. 7 – Capt. Jeff Headrick

- Lt. Edwards assisted OHP, Beckham Co. SO, and the public during a rapid development of a severe storm between Elk City and Sayre. Lightning simultaneously disabled a semi-truck and a F-350 pickup pulling a large boat at mile mm 33. Both vehicles were eastbound on I40 and were adjacent one another at the time. Extreme lightning and heavy rain and wind also caused another semi to jackknife and slide into the median at mm 33.5. Lt. Edwards assisted with traffic control and checking on the safety of the vehicle occupants.
- Lt. Edwards while watching 60-70 turkey vultures circling during a storm, had a lightning strike hit within 25 yards of his truck and start a fire near an animal clinic. He called in to the fire department assisted with traffic control while they extinguished the fire. I told him that his new nickname was "Lightning Rod"!!!
- Warden Blackburn assisted Roger Mills Co. SO with a shots fired call in Hammon
- Wardens held a Public Outreach program at the Jackson County Fair, Skins and Skulls Program and distributed hunt/fish regs.
- Warden Carpenter had 40 contacts, 0 violations.
- Warden Vaughan had 125 contacts at Hackberry Flat and 2 citations.
- Warden Blackburn had 80 contacts, 0 citations.
- Warden Jones 80 contacts, 0 citations
- Lt. Edwards had 15 contacts, 0 citations.
- Wardens taught a Hunter Education class certifying 26 students.
- Warden Jones assisted at an officer involved shooting, no injuries to him, he's good.
- Warden Blackburn 16 contacts, 0 citations, several verbal warnings for HIP violations
- Warden Carpenter 5 contacts, 2 ADF's for no plugs on Washita NWR

- Warden Jones 18 contacts, 0 citations
- Warden Vaughan 28 contacts, 1 citation, assisted Lt. Smith with a baited area.
- Lt. Edwards 10 contacts, 0 citations, assisted Lt. Smith with a baited area.
- 72 contacts during the Dove Special Emphasis with 1 citation
- S End GW's along with D. Polk, B. Bob Walker, G. Beam had 168 contacts, 10 citations, 5 warnings
- Capt. Headrick had 28 contacts, 0 citations.

Dist. 8 – Capt. Ben Bickerstaff

- Wardens in District 8 have held 3 of the 4 regional hunter education classes (Guymon 41 certified, Ponca City 67 certified, and Woodward 40 certified).
- Wardens on the W side of the district were heavily involved in the Racks and Rods Outdoor show in Woodward. Wardens Gearhart, Badley, Menefee, Reigh, Leonard, and Lt. Baker worked the new Law Enforcement Booth. Many questions were answered, and License applications were signed during this public outreach.
- Wardens in D8 had a slow and muddy start to the Dove opener but still made several contacts. Many of the dove got pushed out of the area by a rainy cold front that had low temps in the high 40s and low 50s just before season opened.
- Warden P. Cottrill caught a group of youth shooting dove and even taking a pot shot at a hawk on powerlines from a pickup. Parents of the 12,13-, and 14-year-old were called and hopefully an impression for correction was made.
- Warden P. Cottrill also caught another person shooting at a hawk from the road near his house. The person in question was using a suppressed .22 rifle and had also been drinking. Several charges are being pursued.
- Wardens reported a slower than normal either sex antelope hunt with hunter's attendance being down and just 27 buck antelope being harvested during the first season. Several state-drawn hunters just did not show up. We had a good presence of Wardens in the panhandle to work the event. Wardens Gearhart, Badley, Leonard, League, Rolling, Lt. Baker, and Capt. Bickerstaff all pitched in to make their presence felt.
- Warden Leonard wrote an antelope hunter for not having written landowner permission.
- Warden Gearhart dealt with an antelope hunter that had killed a buck during the doe-only season.

WILDLIFE INVESTIGATIONS SPECIALIST/WILDLIFE INVESTIGATION TEAM (WIT)

- Warden Gillham received a plea agreement on a subject. The agreement included a 2-month deferred sentence, 1 count of unlawful sale of wildlife, forfeiture of over 100 parts of illegally possessed wildlife and a \$1500 fine.
- The Wildlife Investigations Team met for an in person meeting to discuss case work and other updates. This included the teams are now combined into two teams instead of four. Licensing and Breeders.

- Inv Long along with USFWS Special Agents, Texas Parks and Wildlife and OK Dept of Wildlife worked a special emphasis in Southwest Oklahoma and Northwest Texas over the first weekend in September. A significant number of hunters were checked and citations/warnings were issued for violations both in Texas and Oklahoma.
- Inv Long taught a makeup Defensive Tactics Refresher for wardens who had not attended a DT refresher.