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Rainy Weather Impacts 2009 Tulsa State Fair



Providing law enforcement services at the Tulsa State Fair is historically the largest operation of the year for the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office. The 2009 Tulsa State Fair provided TCSO with the opportunity to interact with over 850,000 fair visitors. During the 11 days of the fair, TCSO utilized as many as 150 deputies, reserve deputies and mounted volunteers per day to ensure that fairgoers had a pleasurable, crime-free experience. The Tulsa Police Department's Gang Unit and their three

Street Crimes Units assisted us on the weekends and TPD personnel attended all of our briefings. Additionally, TCSO Chaplains were always there, along with our volunteers. We appreciate the many Detention Officers and volunteers who helped out at our Sheriff's booth, which contributed to the success of this year's fair.

This was my first time to oversee our operations at the fair. I was, as always, extremely proud of our TCSO family for the great attitude and work

ethic they brought to this event. I'd like to thank all those who gave up personal time with families to help make this event such a success. Our personnel made this one of the most trouble-free and crime-free fairs in memory. I know everyone who attended this year joins me in saying "Thank You" for keeping the fair a safe and enjoyable place to visit.

Captain John Bowman

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Sheriff's Corner

by Sheriff Stanley Glanz

It seems that October not only brought a beautiful change in the color to our fine County, but it also brought many community related duties and activities for the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office.

It all begins with the fair, and once again this year we were on duty to protect the citizens of Tulsa County. Capt. John Bowman commanded the event and did an outstanding job. The deputies who tirelessly patrolled the grounds went above and beyond in their duties, even in the inclement weather. The volunteers, chaplains and employees staffing the booth, did a great job providing a variety of services to the fairgoers. I commend all of you.

On October 17th, the office hosted "Celebrate Safe Communities" at LaFortune Park. The event encouraged citizens to meet their

local law enforcement and strengthen police-community partnerships. Many other agencies participated by displaying their equipment and demonstrating the latest tools and technology used daily to keep neighborhoods safe. I appreciate Sgt. Judy Pounds for her hard work in organizing this event and those who worked to make it a success.

This year's United Way campaign was really a challenge due to the downward spiral that our Nation's economy has taken. I would like to thank Chief Michelle Robinette for accepting the position of Campaign Coordinator. Also, I want to express my appreciation for the Campaign Committee. They have done an amazing job with all of the fundraising efforts. Thanks to everyone who contributed by pledging through monthly payroll

deductions and giving monetary gifts. Job well done!

We wrapped up our month of community spirit by once again participating in the HallowZOOeen festivities. I commend the employees who devoted themselves to once again making this event an over-the-top entertaining family-fun tradition. The event runs through Halloween night and I encourage you to take your little ones out for a safe night of trick-or-treating. I look forward to seeing what they plan for next year!

Congratulations are in order for Capt. Chuck Jordan and Cpl. Hal "Bear" Wilson, who were promoted during a ceremony on October 15th, 2009. I believe both of you will succeed in your new duty assignments.

It is hard to believe that the 2009 holiday season is upon us. Deborah and I wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Public Acclaim

Skiatook Police Chief has commended Corporal Tom Helm and Bixby Police Officer Jared Lowe for presenting a Methamphetamine Awareness Program for the Skiatook Library. Their office was originally to present the program but the officer fell ill and our office was asked to help with this presentation.



Captain John Bowman would like to extend his deepest appreciation to Sergeants Eric Kitch, Randy Chapman, Mark Stevens, Judy Pounds and Deputies Chris Pierce and Paula Hite for their outstanding management and leadership, hard work and dedication to our mission during the eleven-day Tulsa State Fair.



Our booth at the Tulsa State Fair 2009

Prescription Drugs Killing More Than Cocaine, Heroin

from American Police Beat

A report by the Florida Medical Examiners Commission has concluded that prescription drugs have outstripped illegal drugs as a cause of death in the Panhandle State. An analysis of 168,900 autopsies conducted in Florida in 2007 found that three times as many people were killed by legal drugs as by cocaine, heroin and all methamphetamines combined. Many critics of US drug policy call it the 'whack-a-mole' phenomenon where enforcement in certain areas, (in this case illicit narcotics) correlates to an increase in other areas such as prescription drugs. "The abuse has reached epidemic proportions," Lisa McElhaney, a sergeant in the pharmaceutical drug diversion unit of the Broward County Sheriff's Office, told the Natural News publication. "It's just explosive." In 2007, cocaine was responsible for 843 deaths, heroin for 121, methamphetamines for 25 and marijuana for zero, for a grand total 989 deaths by illicit drugs. In contrast, 2,328 people were killed by such prescription drugs as opioid painkillers (including Vicodin and Oxycontin), and 743 were killed by drugs containing benzodiazepine (including the depressants Valium and Xanax).

HallowZOOeen at the Tulsa Zoo!

This year's HallowZOOeen will run through October 31st. Gates are open nightly from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm and tickets are \$7.00. There are 14 Goblin Stops along the trail that should be great fun for all. TCSO's Goblin Stop includes a Ghostbusters theme and several of our deputies and employees are performing nightly! So, bring your little trick-or-treaters out and enjoy the show!

FOR THE RECORD

Congratulations!

On October 15, 2009, Sgt. Chuck Jordan was promoted to Captain, Support Services Division and Deputy Hal 'Bear' Wilson to Corporal, Detention Division.



Picture (left to right) Sheriff Glanz, Cpl. Wilson, Capt. Jordan



Mini Academy Graduates: Picture: left to right Sean Scott, Todd Murray, Jon Little, Darwin Guinn, Stephen Culley, Bobby Swatsenbarg, Matthew Tryon, Lynalle Compton.

••• Our History •••

TCSO History

By Retired Sgt. Lyndall Cole
TCSO Historian

“SHOWER BATHS”

During his last year as Tulsa County Sheriff, Bob Sanford was able to provide a lasting renovation for the Tulsa County Jail - 'shower baths'. The Tulsa Tribune called the county jail 'Sanford's Hotel' and a staff reporter gave his comical description of this newest amenity to our county jail.

“Sanford's 'Hotel' Is More Modern Now”

'Cleanliness is next to Godliness', and if cleanliness will make 'em Godly, the Tulsa County jail is going to become a real reform institution.

Shower baths are replacing the antiquated tubs in which the prisoners formerly bathed, and when these are installed, dirt will be as hard to find in that jail as a guilty man, and there's not a guilty man in jail if you let them tell it. Picture a guest being registered at the Sheriff Bob Sanford Hotel atop the courthouse.

"Ah, yes, Mr. Whoseit. You're from Yeggville, aren't you? Just check your valuables here. We aren't responsible for valuables left in hotel rooms," says the polite jailer--no, clerk, of course. "You'd prefer an outside room? Sorry, but we have no outside rooms. We can give you a nice inside room. Just step this way,

please. Bath? Oh, absolutely. This is a first-class hotel. Yes, right here, step inside. And please let us know before you go out."

"Few men get so low they won't be clean if they have a chance," said M.C. Huff, head jailer. "Nearly all of our prisoners are clean. If a new prisoner is placed in jail and doesn't look clean to the others, they say, "Bath for you, Jack," and he bathes. "We don't have to make any rules about it. The ones they bunk with just automatically take care of it." The same is true in the women's division of the jail, according to Jessie Mayfield, matron.

There will be three baths in the men's department and three in the women's department. The only compartments of the jail which will be without baths will be the two small cages for dangerous prisoners, and from these tanks the men can be taken to the other cages for baths.

Pipes were badly rusted from the effects of the old Arkansas River water, according to Huff, and were leaking through the ceilings of the courtrooms below. New piping will carry pure Spavinaw water throughout the jail. (Tulsa Tribune, Friday, September 14, 1928)

I guess word got around, because approximately thirty days later, Federal

Judge Franklin Kennamer lifted the ban of confining federal prisoners in the county jail. Over a year before, due to the poor conditions in our county jail, a federal grand jury had banned federal inmates from being housed there.

The court stated, "Sheriff Sanford appeared before me Friday and stated that if conditions did exist at his jail as reported by the grand jury a year ago, they did not exist now and that he invited an inspection of the institution."

Judge Kennamer appointed Federal Commissioner Wilson Roach and Deputy Prohibition Administrator S. B. Jinks to inspect the county jail and report their findings to him. This two-man committee reported, "The committee reports that it is convinced the jail is in charge of capable and competent persons, that rules are properly enforced, good food is served to the prisoners and that exceptional care is taken to provide the best sanitation."

After receiving the committee's report, Judge Kennamer lifted his ban stating, "I appointed a committee to investigate. They report the jail is in good condition and the court will approve the further commitment of federal prisoners in the regular manner." I think it was the shower baths!

OCTOBER - Crime Prevention Month

LaFortune Park was the location for "Celebrating Safe Communities", a day designed to showcase area law enforcement organizations and encourage Tulsa County citizens to meet local public safety professionals in a positive learning environment. There was fun for the kids, food for everyone and plenty of crime prevention and safety tips. Celebrate Safe Communities was our day to promote neighborhood spirit and our police-community partnerships.



Citizens' Academy 09 -02

This year's second Citizens' Academy participants graduated on October 20, 2009, leaving with a better knowledge of the duties and

responsibilities of the various assigned areas for our office. Their hands-on experiences and the professionalism of our instructors were recognized and

praised by the citizens involved in this community effort.



VINCENT'S VIEW

• **Zombieland** •

Starring: Woody Haroldson & Jesse Eisenberg

by Detention Officer Vincent Fesler

I know this movie has been out for over a month, but I enjoyed this movie so much I just had to let you in on it. This is, without a doubt, one of the funniest movies you will ever watch. Although Jesse Eisenberg is the star of this movie, it is Woody Haroldson's character that you will be talking about. In this world, the Zombies are a result of tainted hamburger meat from cows infected with the Mad Cow disease, and then spread to the entire world. In print, this may not sound funny, but it really works in this film. Don't get me wrong - it's still a zombie movie, which means lots of blood...lots and lots of blood! You will

also be pleasantly surprised by a cameo by Mr. Bill Murray who gets to play himself. It's a relatively short bit, but is really funny. I will own this one when it comes out on DVD, but for now leave your stress at the door and go see this movie.



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