

Oklahoma Senate Committee on Appropriations

2015-16 Performance Report

Board of Tests for Alcohol and Drug Influence

AGENCY MISSION STATEMENT:

The Mission of the Board of Tests is to enhance public safety through the administration and regulation of the impaired driving breath alcohol and blood testing programs in the state of Oklahoma.

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GOVERNANCE:

The Board of Tests for Alcohol and Drug Influence is comprised of seven members from the scientific and law enforcement community. The members are:

- The Dean of the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, or the Dean's designee who shall receive an appointment in writing, as Chairman, currently Dr. Kenneth Blick,
- The Commissioner of Public Safety or a designee, currently Maj. Rusty Rhoades,
- The Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation or a designee, currently Mr. Kevin Kramer,
- The State Commissioner of Health or a designee, currently Dr. Terrence Dunn,
- The Director of the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training or a designee, Mr. Steve Emmons,
- One certified peace officer who is a member of a local law enforcement agency selected by the Oklahoma Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association, currently Oklahoma County Sheriff John Whetsel,
- One person selected by the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police, currently Chief Vernon Griffin, of the Comanche Nation Police Department.

Technically, the representative of the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police may be a lay person. Historically this member has always been a law enforcement officer. House Bill 1494 proposes adding a member from the Oklahoma State University School of Osteopathic Medicine, and requiring the members to elect the Chair and Vice-Chair from the membership every two years.

The State Director of Tests, and other Board employees, serve at the pleasure of the Board.

GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITY:

The Board has no attendance policy for Board members.

MODERNIZATION EFFORTS:

Modernization efforts include:

- Implementation of an electronic asset management system for managing the inventory of Board approved breath test instrumentation.
- Significant efforts to reduce paper document storage and transmission. The agency responds to a significant number of records requests on an annual basis. Previously, a number of these documents were copied repeatedly to respond to these requests. Electronic storage of these documents has allowed the agency to significantly reduce the time and effort accompanying this function.
- The agency has initiated updates to its websites to provide a more modern, higher quality service to its customers.

Cost-cutting efforts include:

- Implementation of some in-house repairs to approved breath test instrumentation. Previously, all instruments were returned to the manufacturer for any and all repairs. Doing simple repairs in-house has allowed the agency to reduce its maintenance budget by 20%.
- The agency implemented a new electronic process for document transmission to the Department of Public Safety which has resulted in a 100% reduction in the paper used to respond to interagency document requests. These efforts also resulted in significant man-power efficiencies by eliminating the need to copy the same documents repeatedly for different cases.

CORE MISSION:

The agency has not identified any services provided that are outside its core mission. No services provided by the agency are duplicated by another state agency.

PRIVATE ALTERNATIVES:

No private alternatives exist in the state, or any state, for providing the functions performed by the agency. The agency has had no contact with any private party seeking to privatize any of the functions provided by the agency.