

**OKLAHOMA MILITARY DEPARTMENT**

AGENCY MISSION STATEMENT:

The Oklahoma National Guard provides public safety by supporting the preservation of rights of all citizens of our state and nation. The Oklahoma Military Department (OMD) supports the administration and funding of critical missions, training, and facilities, in order to provide trained and ready forces when called into service by the Governor or the President of the United States.

LEAD ADMINISTRATOR:

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GOVERNANCE:

Here a brief description of the agency's governance structure should be provided. Is the agency headed by a Governor appointee? An appointee of an independent board? Who selects the board, and who are the current members of the board.

The Adjutant General is appointed by the Governor.

GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITY:

Please provide copies of the minutes for any Commission/Board meetings the agency has had since July 1, 2010 in electronic format (Only in PDF format) Is there an attendance policy for board members/commissioners? If so, is it being followed?

N/A

MODERNIZATION EFFORTS:

**Please provide a listing of all government modernization efforts undertaken by the agency since July 1, 2010. Additionally, please provide any authorizing statutory changes that prompted the modernization efforts and whether those efforts have led to cost savings or additional cost burden.**

Chandler, Claremore, Durant, Ada, Altus, El Reno, Holdenville, Midwest City, and Lexington Armories have received upgrades/modernizations since July 1, 2010.

Armory upgrade/modernization projects are conducted each year as funds are available. Depending on location and ownership of property(state or federal) project costs are

normally a shared expense between the federal government and the state of Oklahoma. Upgrades/modernizations primarily consist of replacing old heat and air units with new energy efficient units, additional insulation, energy efficient windows and upgraded lighting. Resurfacing of parking lots and increasing the size of military vehicle parking compounds are also included in the upgrade and modernization project(s) if funds are available. The new heat and air units along with additional insulation and new windows will lead to future energy cost savings.

The Oklahoma Military Department has 20 legacy armories with 10 legacy armories in need of immediate modernization. The current Military Department budget does not support the maintenance of its existing facilities to the standards of the Department of Defense's Unified Facility criteria and the Installation Status Report criteria. Forty-eight (48%) of Oklahoma Army National Guard soldiers train in legacy armories.

The conditions of most of the legacy armories are in disrepair due to deferred maintenance. The deferred maintenance is maintenance work that the agency elected to postpone until funds are available. The failure to perform needed repair, maintenance, and scheduled system replacements by normal maintenance management and capital reinvestment programs creates deferred maintenance. The under budgeting of regular maintenance and capital improvements result in issues such as roof repairs, masonry repairs, repair/replacement of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC), and emplacing energy control systems. The accumulation of such repairs/replacement result in the need for increased funding to correct the deficiencies.

The Oklahoma Military Department has embarked on a legacy armory modernization program to correct deficiencies. To date 9 of the 20 legacy facilities have been revitalized using annually appropriated funds. In FY15, the OCIA awarded the Military Department \$1M to assist in the remodel of the Tulsa Readiness Center which is currently under construction for \$4.5M. These projects range from \$3M to \$5M of which half is reimbursed from the Federal Government. The Oklahoma Military Department's intent over the next several years is to program and execute 1 armory modernization project per year.

**What steps has the agency taken to cut costs and/or eliminate waste? Are there efforts that have been successful which you believe could serve as a model for other state agencies seeking to keep costs minimal?**

The core mission of the Oklahoma National Guard is to provide trained and equipped soldiers and airmen to the governor in case of natural disasters and/or civil unrest and to the President of the United State for federal duty anywhere around the world. The armory modernization/upgrade projects will provide soldiers and airmen with much needed modern facilities. The modernization/upgrade projects will allow for future energy cost reductions and elimination of energy waste while at the same time providing much needed

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modern facilities for training, storage of equipment and be available for community use and disaster relief locations.

During fiscal year 2012 the Military Department sought to enter into a performance based contract and contracted a company to determine feasibility. Based on the survey conducted by the provider nothing more could be achieved inside a performance based contract. Stated in another way, the Military Department is very aggressive in the area of energy conservation and energy reduction.

CORE MISSION:

**What services are you required to provide which are outside of your core mission? Are any services you provide duplicated or replicated by another agency? Are there services which are core to your mission which you are unable to perform because of requirements to perform non-core services elsewhere?**

The Thunderbird Youth Academy (TYA) located in Pryor, OK is a 22 week resident program and a 12 month follow on mentoring program of 16-18 year old at risk youth who have dropped out of high school. During the resident phase the youth may study for and take their GED test and/or receive high school credits and possible return to high school. The program has been in existence for 20 years and has graduated over 3,300 cadets.

The Oklahoma Military Department currently administers the State Transition and Reintegration System (STARS) for the Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs. STARS provides a reintegration and accountability follow-up program for OJA youth returning to their home communities from residential or institutional placements through contracts with the Military Department. The STARS program includes five components: Accountability, Mentorship, Community Service, Rewards, and Discipline. The OMD staff manages these components with offices at National Guard Armories located throughout the state. These offices utilize state funds and resources separate and apart from armory operations.

The task of administering the Thunderbird Youth Academy or STARS does not negatively impact the Military Departments core mission(s).

PRIVATE ALTERNATIVES:

There are no services being performed by the Military Department which are also being performed in the private sector. The Military Department has not been approached by any foundation to privatize functions of the agency.