

## Safety, Department of Public (47 O.S. § 2–101)

Agency Code 585 (1A)

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**Mission Statement** Working to provide a safe and secure environment for the public through courteous, quality, and professional services.

**Administration** Kevin L. Ward, Commissioner of Public Safety, 405/425-2001

Administrative Rules Liaison, David Beatty, 405/425-2024

Driver Compliance, Clint Dickson, 405/425-7722

Driver License Examining, Karen Gentry, 405/425-7732

General Counsel, Wellon Poe, 405/425-2148

Highway Patrol Chief, Van Guillotte, 405/425-2006

Law Enforcement Telecommunications Systems Division, Gene Thaxton, 405/425-2224

Oklahoma Highway Safety Office, Scott Watkins, 405/523-1570

Public Affairs Office, Captain Chris West, 405/425-7709

Records Management, David Beatty, 405/425-2024

Wrecker Services, Bill Hollars, 405/425-2312

**History and Function** The Oklahoma Department of Public Safety is a multi-service safety and law enforcement organization, created by state statute to administer to the protection and needs of Oklahoma citizens including both their personal well-being and their vehicular safety.

**Personnel** 1,404 classified, 39 unclassified, 48 temporary, merit

**Driver's License Medical Advisory Committee** (47 O.S. § 6–118)

The Driver's License Medical Advisory Committee is composed of seven members appointed by the commissioner of health (2 appointments), the commissioner of public safety (2), the governor (1), the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate (1), and the Speaker of the House of Representatives (1).

**Administration** R. LeRoy Carpenter, M.D., Executive Secretary, 405/425-7034

**Injury Review Board** (47 O.S. § 2–310.1)