

KERRY PETTINGILL  
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**STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

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**Director, Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security**

Kerry has served the people of the State of Oklahoma for more than a quarter of a century. Beginning as a State Trooper in 1982 he has risen in the Oklahoma Highway Patrol (OHP) to his current rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Throughout his tenure, Kerry has served in specialized positions utilizing his training as a bomb technician, hazardous materials technician and in tactical operations. He served as commander of the OHP Bomb Squad and Tactical Teams, as liaison to the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), and Deputy Director of Homeland Security.

It is his experiences tracking and apprehending criminals, executing high risk warrants, conducting render safe procedures on Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), developing intelligence contacts, assisting in the establishment of the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security and being one of the first on the scene of the Alfred P. Murrah Building bombing on April 19, 1995 that led Governor Brad Henry to appoint him as his Homeland Security Director in January 2004.

As the Oklahoma Homeland Security Director, Kerry oversees a diverse staff at the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security (OKOHS) that has made great strides in the areas of prevention, protection and preparedness since its inception.

Kerry serves on numerous professional appointments such as the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP): State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Government Coordinating Council, the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium: State Administrative Agency Advisory Council, the Governor's Campus Life and Safety and Security Task Force (CLASS), and the Governor's Homeland Security Advisory Council.

During his distinguished career, he has received numerous notable awards including the Governor's Commendation, two Commissioner's Commendations, the Medal of Valor from the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police and the Oklahoma House of Representatives Commendation for Bravery.

Kerry is a graduate of the 39th OHP Academy, Leadership Oklahoma Class XIX, FBI National Academy, FBI Hazardous Devices School and has his Bachelor of Science from Southern Nazarene University.