



# Road to Success

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## ODOL Launches new Public Sector *Safety Pays*

We are continuing to improve our Public Sector Occupational Safety and Health Program. Currently, the ODOL is hailed as the only state in the Nation to collect and produce work-related injury and illness data for all public sector employers of the state and political sub-divisions. This data provides an over-all view of safety and health issues per site, which allows the ODOL to target inspections more effectively. This new program, once in place, will expand the services provided to the

public sector, and will provide the employers with a site specific detailed trend and cost analysis. This will have a greater impact resulting in reduced occupational injuries, illnesses and fatalities with decreased associated costs. Director of OSHA/Safety Pays, Diana Jones and Director of Statistics, Bettye Finch are pictured at right.

We will host two Public Sector Safety Pays Conferences in both OKC and Tulsa, April 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Go to the ODOL website for details.



**Public Sector Safety Pays program was created to aid in reducing local government work place injuries.**

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### Claravall Wins Top Honor

Child Labor Director, Lester Claravall named as recipient of the 2011 National Public Service Award presented by the National Academy of Public Administration in Baltimore, Maryland.



A breakfast celebration at the ODOL was scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup>.

### ODOL Facebook Launched

Oklahoma Department of Labor officially became the first agency to launch a Facebook page with almost 90 fans and growing. Keep up with conferences, seminars and tradeshow as well as employee honors and events. We would like the ODOL Fan page to be an information portal.



Please help us build the ODOL fan page by suggesting to friends.

### ODOL PSA's to Run in April



Commissioner Costello taped eight Public Service Announcements at Career Tech's Oklahoma Horizon studio in Stillwater. A three part "Working Together for Teen Safety" will kick off summer hiring for teens. Wage & Hour and Safety Pays OSHA Consultation will be posted on the Homepage of the ODOL website. We will rotate *Safety Pays* success stories to the PSA.

### Current Legislation to watch:

- HB1224-Work Comp. Reform
- SB379-Task Force Home Amusement Rides



Statistics Dept. has well over 75 years of experience combined!



Walter celebrates a b-day!



Lester attends Parent University at Emerson H.S. On April 5th

**April Events**

12<sup>th</sup>-Lester receives recognition during a joint legislative session at Capitol

15<sup>th</sup> – Safety Pays Conference/ OKC

29<sup>th</sup> – Safety Pays Conference /Tulsa Tulsa Anniversaries

**Commissioner Costello Makes His Rounds**

Cindy Sullivan, Commissioners Special Assistant, has been working tirelessly to get Commissioner Costello's calendar booked. He has been the main speaker this month at Leadership Norman, OK County Lincoln Day Dinner and several GOP events. She has also been successful at getting him before various legislators this month since we are fighting "tooth and nail" not to be



affected by this year's legislative session. If you would like Commissioner Costello to speak at an event or join you for something, just contact Cindy with the details.



Commissioner Costello recently visited the Capitol where he handed out a gift bag of cookies with an insert piece highlighting the many services and programs the ODOL provides. He was able to visit every legislator over a two day period.

**The Tulsa Beat.**

Congrats to ODOL Asbestos Inspector, Jeff Walker, who has been recognized by Miami (OK) Engineering Services, for his dedication in handling difficult working conditions while still maintaining safe conditions for workers, the public and the environment. Jeff has completed over 138 compliance inspections since June 2008 on this Project. Way to go Jeff!



Jeff Walker Pictured/ Tulsa Office

**Tulsa Anniversaries:**

- Bill Ward-3/5 26 years
- Mary Bebout – 4/1 23 years w/state
- Bob Gann – 4/10 22 years
- June Little – 4/24 5 years

Deputy Commissioner John Goodwin recently celebrated a birthday and was presented with this wonderful caricature created by Don Schooler.



**Sherri Henderson puts in 25 years with ODOL**

If you ask Sherri if she can believe she has been with the ODOL for 25 years, she will say "it feels like it was just yesterday." She has actually taken us on a journey. Twenty five years ago we had one computer with a dot matrix printer. We did not have a state of the art website, nor did we know

what social media was much less Facebook. We did not tweet nor did we have a TAG. Now we have to sign our life away with Social Media Policies and Removable Media Policies, times are changing and Sherri has been there every step of the way!

