

Numerous Comanche County employees were recognized for outstanding safety achievements at the weekly Commissioners' meeting on Monday. Each year, the Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma (ACCO) recognizes employees who have completed 5, 10, 15, 20 or 25+ years without an accident or safety claim.

All employees receive a certificate. Those with less than 25 years receive a \$25 gift card as a safety award. Those with 25 or more years receive a jacket provided by ACCO.

Awards are based on the employee's continuous service without a reportable injury. A reportable injury is considered any lost time or incurred expense payable by the County or work comp insurance.

Over the past six years, Comanche County's safety program has drastically reduced the number of accidents and injuries, which in turn has greatly reduced workers' compensation claims and premiums.

Eligibility for the safety awards is broken into two categories; high and low hazard occupations. Employees who are considered to be low hazard (i.e. clerical and elected officials) are not eligible for the annual safety award until they have completed 10 years of service without injury. Those considered to be high risk (i.e. road crews, detention center, sheriff, juvenile bureau, etc.) are eligible after five years of continual service.

The following employees were recognized for their outstanding safety achievements.

### **5 year Employees**

- Dale Cagle
- Mark Cain
- Jordan Crain
- Robert Gustafson
- Charles Guthrie
- William Hobbs
- Wendall McCrary
- Wanda Oliver
- Heather Sanders

- David Stroud
- Christelle Sutherland
- Anthony West



**10 year Employees**

- Mark Barefoot
- Brenda Brown
- Wayne Chism
- James Dorrell
- Kim Geiger
- Sheila Hawk
- Charlesetta Hennings
- Tim Krusinsky
- Bobby Mansel
- Helen McNeal
- Perry Runyan
- Jeff Sparks
- Carrie Tubbs

**15 year Employees**

- David Daugherty
- Carrie DeBoard

- Charlotte Dees
- William Sanders
- Richard Sellers



**20 year Employees**

- Donna Howell
- John Stowe
- Vicki Walters

**25 year Employees**

- Monica Baughman
- Carol Cox

**30 year Employee**

- Earlene Shriver