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FLU SHOTS at the OBA in 2015

OBA's annual flu shot clinic will be held in the headquarters building on Wednesday, September 23, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. The clinic is conducted by the Visiting Nurses Association. Bondsman, families and staff are invited to participate.

Announced vaccines and costs for 2015 will be \$33.00 for the Quad Flu Shot, \$25.00 for the Trivalent Flu Shot, \$35.00 for Flu Mist (for ages 2-49), \$55.00 for the High Doses Shot (for seniors over 65) and Pneumonia Shot will be \$95.00. The VNA will file Medicare without any out of pocket costs to senior citizens with their Medicare card.



BAILBONDSMAN ALERT: BULLETIN NO. BB 2015-01

(The following Alert Bulletin was issued by the Oklahoma Insurance Department on June 22 and directed to all licensed bail bondsmen in the state.)

The Department hereby issues notice to all bail licensees and surety companies that violations of the bail bond statutes and associated regulations (59 O.S. §§ 1301 – 1340) and (OAC Title 365 Chapter 25-5) respectively, will now receive enhanced scrutiny and enforcement activity. This enforcement initiative has been made necessary due to the number of repeat violations by a relatively small number of bail bondsmen. From January 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015 the Bail Bond Division referred approximately 350 cases for enforcement.

The top eight most frequently encountered violations are as follows:

1. Failure to file the required notice with the court clerk once the defendant is returned to custody after forfeiture. (Violations will be penalized regardless of Forfeiture Set Aside and Exoneration Orders)
2. Failure to withdraw the "NCIC Entry Affidavit of Intent and Guarantee to Pay Travel Expenses" once forfeiture is paid and the one (1) year remitter provision has expired.
3. Failure or late filing of monthly report, failure to amend a report, and failure to report bonds executed and discharged.

4. Submitting an insufficient funds check or electronic funds transfer to the Department.
5. Executing appearance bonds with an expired license.
6. Failure to return cash collateral.
7. Accepting premium for an appearance bond, knowing the defendant will not be released from custody.
8. Failure to pay travel expenses for the return of the defendant.

Please Note: The potential penalty for the violations enumerated above may include both license revocation and a fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2500.00) for each occurrence.

QUESTIONS

Questions applicable to this bulletin should be submitted in written form to Gordon Amini (gordon.amini@oid.ok.gov) or Anna Denman (anna.denman@oid.ok.gov), Oklahoma Insurance Department, 3625 NW 56th Street, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

The Oklahoma Insurance Department encourages readers of this bulletin to periodically check the Department's web site <http://www.ok.gov/oid> for news and updates to bulletins and other relevant material.

2015-2016 OBA DUES DUE AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

Current By-Laws of the OBA read as follows:

"The Board shall, by two thirds (2/3) vote, set membership dues and other fees and charges. This action shall take place at the August Board meeting each year, preceding commencement of the next OBA fiscal year." (The OBA's fiscal year begins September 1st each year.)

New dues schedules for 2015-2016 will be mailed out to the membership following the August 20th OBA Board Meeting and can be paid after September 1st. Discounts will be noted on the dues schedules! Please pay timely and receive your discount!

OBA CALENDAR

Note: While we will try to stay with these dates, they are tentative and subject to change. Please check the OBA website for updates.

Tuesday, August 11	11:30 a.m. Oklahoma County Bondsman Association (OCBA) @ OBA
Thursday, August 20 Friday, August 21	10:00 a.m. August OBA Board Meeting @ OBA Dues Schedule for 2015-2016 to be mailed to membership
Tuesday, August 24	11:00 a.m. Associated Bail Agents of Tulsa (ABAT) @ David L. Moss Center/ Training Room
Thursday – Friday, September 3 & 4 Tuesday, September 8	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Pre-Licensing Education #3 @ OBA 11:30 a.m. Oklahoma County Bondsman Association (OCBA) @ OBA
Thursday, September 17 Wednesday, September 23 Tuesday, September 28	10:00 a.m. September OBA Board Meeting @ OBA 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. FLU SHOTS @ OBA 11:00 a.m. Associated Bail Agents of Tulsa (ABAT) @ David L. Moss Center/ Training Room
*NOTE: Pre-Licensing Education Classes tend to fill up very fast. Try to make your reservations at least 3 – 4 months ahead.	

In Memoriam
Michael Allbritton (06/15)

NEW BONDSMAN LICENSES

Tara Boone.....	Okmulgee County
Kimberly Brown	Tulsa County
Dennis Carstensen.....	Comanche County
Kerry Davis, Jr.	Oklahoma County
Anahy De La Garza.....	Texas County
Rhonda Dyer	Oklahoma County
Steven Haivala	Oklahoma County
Chet Herren.....	Osage County
Trichelle Keen	Tulsa County
Dalinda Long.....	Oklahoma County
Chance Shires	Pontotoc County

WE HAD DOOR PRIZE WINNERS!!

OKLAHOMA CITY

TULSA



OBA Executive Director Cathy Guyer presents Cinthia Espinoza with one year OBA membership during the Oklahoma City

2015 CE SCHOOLS WRAP-UP

Total attendance for the OBA's two 2015 continuing education schools was 446: 226 in the Reed Center in Oklahoma City and 220 in Tulsa's Hard Rock Hotel.

Thanks to Speakers, Vendors and Donations to our 2015 CE Programs . . .

Speakers – Dudley Goolsby, Jr, Larry Tedder, Gary Huddleston, Commissioner John Doak, James Wilson, Frank Young, Eric Granof and Buddy Combs.

Vendors – Alternative to Incarceration, American Century Life Insurance Company, Electronic Resources Association, Merrill Bonding Company, Oklahoma Bail Enforcement Association and Oklahoma Insurance Department.

Donations – American Income Life Insurance Company, Allegheny Casualty Company/ International Fidelity Insurance Company (AIA), Alternative to Incarceration, American Century Life Insurance Company, Electronic Resource Associates and Seneca Insurance Company/ Bail USA.

Giveaway items were donated by Accredited Surety & Casualty Company, American Surety Company and Roche Casualty & Surety Company.

Prizes

OBA Memberships winners were Cinthia Espinoza from Oklahoma City and Marciano Villarruel from Ponca City.

VIDEO OF 2015 CE SCHOOL

For those bondsmen that failed to attend the 2015 CE school, but still need education credits for relicensure, video presentations will be provided during the month of August with additional video costs of \$100. Each bondsman with incomplete continuing education hours have been given notice at their address of record of August class dates.

Video presentations will be presented monthly with double costs (\$200) starting in September. Please notify the OBA if you still need your continuing education hours!

Viewing classes are limited in size and may be attended by advance reservation only. Those needing to attend a viewing should call Cathy Guyer, OBA's Executive Director to register for a showing.



Marciano Villarruel won the Tulsa education conference drawing for a free OBA one year membership, here presented by Cathy Guyer, OBA Executive Director.