

Sheriff Art Kell has announced that the Grady County Sheriff's Office has moved and is now located south of the Express Star across from the District Attorney's Office. Sheriff Kell would like to thank the Grady County Criminal Justice Authority for providing the Sheriff's Office additional space for Sheriff's Office operations.

Sheriff Kell is now able to provide the citizens of Grady County what he promised, an **"Open Door Policy."** The County Sheriff in most states is an elected official, and in many states the office of County Sheriff is a state constitutional position, which would mean that, electorally the Sheriff is elected by the voters, and therefore answers to the citizens. The Sheriff must be easily accessible and available to the citizens and work closely with the citizens.

Sheriff Kell says the move will make the Sheriff's Office much more accessible to the citizens. It has been a long time since the citizens of Grady County could easily walk into the Sheriff's Office without going through security doors. The previous location of the Sheriff's Office in Grady County made it complex for citizens to conveniently enter. As a matter of fact, a person would have to maneuver through six locked doors at the previous location to access the Sheriff's Office.

This is just one of several changes at the Sheriff's Office for the betterment of services to the citizens. Another change is an upgrade to our technology. Sheriff Kell has instituted a new report system. Sheriff Kell directed Industry Systems of Chickasha a Grady County Software Company to write new mobile report program software. The Grady County Sheriff's Department now has state of the art software and its own server which provides access to any Sheriff's Department reports or affidavits to Sheriff's Department employees anywhere with wireless internet capability.

Sheriff Kell stated that his deputies can now prepare reports anywhere in the county i.e.; the side of the road, at home, where ever internet is available. All messages and official reports can be emailed for review and filed in our office. Since we have computers with internet capability in our Sheriff's Department vehicles we no longer need to drive long distances to prepare and file reports. I have reviewed our mileage and fuel consumption since the initiation of the new reporting system and have found a substantial reduction in miles driven and fuel savings. This will allow my deputies to remain out in their prospective patrol areas longer, save wear and tear on the vehicles and save on fuel consumption.

Sheriff Kell is proud to report that with the cooperative assistance of the citizens and other law enforcement agencies crime in Grady County is down. In fact our main call for service lately is cattle, horses and other livestock out on the roads and highways.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol and the Grady County Sheriff's Department would greatly appreciate your help with these livestock problems so that nobody gets injured or worse, as a result of striking livestock on the roadway.

Again, thank you to the citizens of Grady County for the opportunity to serve you. Please feel free to stop by and visit with me at our new location. I would very much like to meet with you and show you your new Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Art Kell