



Oklahoma Law Enforcement Museum and Hall of Fame

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Law Enforcement Hall of Fame to Honor Three

OKLAHOMA CITY – Three new inductees will join the ranks of the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Museum and Hall of Fame during the 13th annual induction ceremony. Those honored are: **Jerry Cason, Norman; Bo Leach, Oklahoma City, and Gary Rudick, of Port St. Lucie, Florida.**

The ceremony begins at 1 p.m. on March 5, 2022 at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge, 1621 S. Agnew Ave. in Oklahoma City. Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, Ricky Adams, will present the Bill Tilghman awards and Lori Fullbright from Newson6 in Tulsa will emcee the event.

Jerry Cason is a retired chief for the Oklahoma Highway Patrol who spent his career mentoring young people for a career in law enforcement or the military. As a CLEET instructor, he served as a law enforcement driver training (LEDT) instructor across the state for numerous topics focused around driving, defensive driving and safe driving for seniors. In addition, Cason is a firearms instructor.



Cason led the OHP response commands for the Murrah Building bombing on April 19, 1995; the May 3, 1999 tornado that swept through Oklahoma counties, which crippled Moore; and the I-40 bridge collapse in Webber Falls on May 26, 2002.

Each year, during Black History Month in February, he travels across the state and presents programs on the Buffalo soldiers and their contribution to history. Buffalo soldiers were African-American soldiers who mainly served on the Western frontier following the Civil War.

Cason graduated from the FBI National Academy, Session 180. He is one of only three chiefs, within the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, to have been promoted and served in each rank. He is the first African-American Trooper to be appointed Chief.

Bo Leach, who is retired from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, is a former Oklahoma City and Ada Police Officer. After the September 11, 2001 events, while with the BIA, Leach was assigned to Washington, DC and detailed to the U.S. Department of Interior.

He was responsible for security operations to include drafting and implementing continuity of operations and emergency protection plans for critical infrastructure. For his actions, Leach received the Secretary of Interiors' Meritorious Service Award.

Leach graduated from the FBI National Academy Session 267.



Gary Rudick, a retired Tulsa Police Captain, who began his career with the Muskogee Police Department and later served as Chief of Police for the Durant Police Department and Tulsa Public Schools, made contributions in education through safe school programs.

Educators from across the state praised Rudick for his efforts to support safe school initiatives and crisis response in the districts.

While working for Oklahoma Homeland Security, Rudick developed vulnerability assessments for Oklahoma public schools. His work with the Oklahoma School Security Institute included developing curriculum and providing free instruction to education institutions and to law enforcement professionals across the state as a way of making schools safer for students, faculty and staff in the wake of the Sandy Hook tragedy.

Rudick continues to author articles on policing through Aha Process, Inc., encouraging emergency responders to develop communication strategies based on economic class. His latest contribution was published in the book Tactical Communication by Jodi Pfarr, a book he uses in speaking to emergency responders across the nation.

Rudick graduated from the FBI National Academy Session 242.

This free event is open to the public. Masks and social distancing are encouraged.

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