

Environmental Report
January 2020
Environmental Manager Teresa Sidwell

New Year New Uniforms – Improvements in law enforcement are a constant that make us safer and more efficient. Body armour has gone from a thick vest in the mid-70’s to the sleek concealable models and outer vests of today. It has been found that officers suffer often debilitating back problems mostly due in part to the gun belt. Officers wear a lot of gear including hand gun, ammunition, handcuffs, flashlight and taser that can weigh around 30 pounds. Studies show that gun belts are not effective for carrying the amount of weight they do and the human body isn’t designed to carry the weight there either causing back problems. Moving gun and gear from the belt to a load-bearing vest has been found time and time again to be superior for the health and wellness of officers.

You may have noticed a change in the Environmental Officer uniform. We have gone from a tan outer uniform vest to a green load-bearing vest. We have also changed the color of our pants from black to green.

National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day – National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.) was on January 9th. In light of the continued negativity and violence directed towards law enforcement nationally, L.E.A.D. is a way to show law enforcement officers that we recognize the difficult career they have chosen, in public service to us all. A simple smile or words of kindness are always appreciated. Citizens who are discouraged about the negative attention being given to law enforcement are encouraged to take time on January 9th to show their support. Any gesture of kindness is appreciated and here are a few ways that you can show your support:

- Change your profile picture on social media to a L.E.A.D. image
- Wear blue clothing in support of law enforcement
- Send a card of support to a local law enforcement agency
- Share a positive law enforcement experience on social media
- Display a blue light in support of law enforcement



**OUR MEN AND WOMEN
IN BLUE**
– T.SIDWELL

Heroes walk among us,
Never looking for praise.
They run toward danger,
While others run away.
They are servants of the public,
Steadfast through and through.
Held to the highest standard,
Our men and women in blue.

Cub Scouts Adopt Rain Garden – Cub Scout Pack 36 has officially adopted the Benton County Rain Garden. They will be earning a community service badge and will begin training on rain gardens in February and they will start garden maintenance in March. I am looking forward to teaching a new generation about the importance of alternative stormwater systems as well as caring for the land and animals here in Benton County.

Staff Training – Training is essential to law enforcement and 16 hours are required by state law. My staff far exceed the state standards and they work diligently to stay up to date. Our staff is subscribed to the POLICE magazine. This monthly magazine is an excellent resource and is filled with articles about products, technology, officer fitness, policing, tactics and training. My officers are required to read it and we regularly review articles together. We also subscribe to the Criminal Justice Institute online training site and a scenario-based online training called ThinBlueOnline. We practice at the gun range and review environmental cases and law monthly.



Wed, January 15 2020, 10:21:53.39
 N 36° 20' 30", W 93° 59' 42"
 Benton County Environmental

Large Fines for Illegal Dumping

Officer Cervantes and I installed a camera and sign behind a tree as to avoid obstructing the view of Beaver Lake at a location on Rivercliff Road. The local POA regularly pick up litter and have found that dumping is becoming more frequent at this beautiful lake overlook.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING IN BENTON COUNTY

Convenience Centers 479-795-0751

Bentonville	5702 Brookside Rd. Tuesday-Saturday 8:00am-3:30pm
Rogers	2300 N Arkansas St. Tuesday-Saturday 8:00am -3:30pm
Siloam Springs	1108 E Ashley St. 1 st & 3 rd Saturday 8:00am-3:00pm

Esco Recycling 479-899-6443
 2111 S 8th St., Rogers
 Call for drop of times

Electronics Drive – 2020 is the 50th anniversary for Earth Day! Did you know that the average lifespan of a laptop is two years and there are more cell phones than there are people on Earth? It is important for our health and the environment to know how to properly dispose of electronic waste such as computers, keyboards, printers, monitors, smartphones, microwaves, televisions, radios, appliances, and electronic toys. We are happy to report that employees from all over the county came to our electronics recycling drive and we brought 15 televisions, 2 microwaves, 8 cell phones, several small devices and 3 boxes of electronic accessories to the Solid Waste District to be recycled. The event was a success and the popcorn was a great addition!



Fri, January 17, 2020, 11:26:49.46
 N 36° 20' 26", W 94° 16' 37"
 Benton County Environmental



Fri, January 17 2020, 11:21:56.39
 N 36° 20' 26", W 94° 16' 38"
 Benton County Environmental

Roadside Cleanups – In January my staff and I took the grappling truck out twice to clean up 8 sites across the county. We collected 3 couches, a large stuffed chair, 8 mattresses, 2 box spring mattresses, a small pile of construction waste, 27 tires, two televisions, a freezer full of spoiled food, cardboard, assorted household waste and approximately 50 aluminum cans. Most of these items could have been taken to a Convenience Center.

(Left) Freezer filled with spoiled food dumped on Elm Street outside Siloam Springs and (right) a couch dumped in the Lowell area.



Keep an eye out for our 2020 campaign aimed at educating the public about the Convenience Center program.

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WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR STUFF?



You can dispose of your household's furniture, appliances, electronics, metal, tires and household hazardous waste for free at one of our locations! Limits apply.

District Recycling Facility 5702 Brookside Rd., Bentonville • Mon-Sat 8am-3:30pm

NEW LOCATION Rogers Satellite 2300 N. Arkansas St., Rogers • Tues-Sat 8am-12pm • 12:30am-3:30pm

Siloam Springs Satellite 1108 E. Ashley St., Siloam Springs • Tues & Thurs 8am-12pm • 12:30am-3:30pm
 3rd Sat of every month 9am-12pm

GoRecycle.us

Convenience Centers Report

Waste Brought to Convenience Centers								
CENTERTON	# OF LOADS	HHW VISITS	APPLIANCES	ELECTRONICS	FURNITURE	METAL	PLAYGROUND	TIRES
January	767	152	149	537	793	641	50	299
2020 YTD	767	152	149	537	793	641	50	299
ROGERS	# OF LOADS	HHW VISITS	APPLIANCES	ELECTRONICS	FURNITURE	METAL	PLAYGROUND	TIRES
January	737	126	369	563	859	966	61	347
2020 YTD	737	126	369	563	859	966	61	347
SILOAM SPRINGS	# OF LOADS	HHW VISITS	APPLIANCES	ELECTRONICS	FURNITURE	METAL	PLAYGROUND	TIRES
January	96	37	19	135	49	72	7	157
2020 YTD	96	37	19	135	49	72	7	157
SITES COMBINED 2020	1600	315	537	1235	1701	1679	118	803

NOTE: # of appliances, electronics, furniture, metal, playground equipment, and tires are based on number of items collected. HHW is based on the # of visits, not the # of items brought per visit.

2020 Convenience Center Bulky Waste Disposal												
	HAULS	TONS	COST	HAULS	TONS	COST	HAULS	TONS	COST	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
	CENTERTON	CENTERTON	CENTERTON	ROGERS	ROGERS	ROGERS	SILOAM	SILOAM	SILOAM	HAULS	TONS	COST
JAN	16	27.36	\$3,253.26	13	14.45	\$3,863.93					41.81	\$7,117.19

2020 Expenses for Waste Disposal										
2020 County Expenses	Bulky Waste Centerton	Bulky Waste Rogers	Bulky Waste Siloam Springs	Attendant's Wages**	Household Hazardous Waste Disposal(all sites)*	Advertising	In-house recycling	Roadside Cleanups	Nuisance Cases	TOTALS
BUDGET	\$58,739.00	\$40,380.00	\$11,000.00	\$51,598.89	\$30,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$3,780.00	\$6,572.11	\$34,680.00	\$ 242,750.00
ACTUAL COSTS										
JANUARY	\$ 3,253.26	\$ 3,863.93	\$ 101.19	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 68.81	\$ -	\$ 7,287.19
SPENT Y-T-D	\$ 3,253.26	\$ 3,863.93	\$ 101.19	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 68.81	\$ -	\$ 7,287.19

*BCSWD will use up to \$30,000 of their budget for HHW before billing the County. **Attendant's wages billed quarterly.

Cost of Convenience Center Program			2015-2019	
PAID BY COUNTY	COST	# OF LOADS	COST /LOAD	
2015 Cleanup events	\$ 87,819.71	2752	\$31.91	
2016 Convenience Centers	\$143,639.53	11,330	\$12.68	
2017 Convenience Centers	\$174,986.73	15,749	\$11.11	
2018 Convenience Centers	\$133,659.32	18,703	\$ 7.15	
2019 Convenience Centers	\$191,451.50	20,567	\$9.31	

Officer Tim Filbeck

This case was outside the city limits of Siloam Springs on the northern side toward Gentry. The defendant had several large piles of old lighting parts, LED bulbs and tires. He wanted to retain the tires, so he placed them inside his large metal garage. The electronics and LED parts and bulbs were all recycled.

BEFORE



AFTER



This case was outside the city limits of Siloam Springs on the southeast side. There was a report of burning trash and trash piled up. The defendant was unable to complete the cleanup due to having to be admitted to rehab, after the sudden death of this grandfather near the Christmas Holiday. A female associate stepped up, took charge and completed the cleanup.

BEFORE:

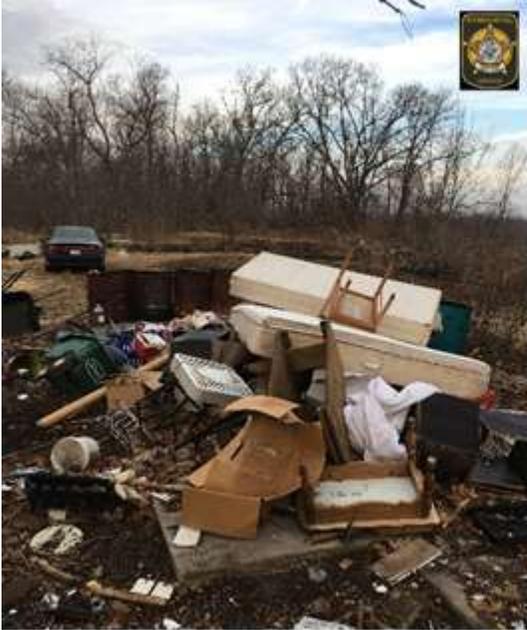


AFTER:



This case was between Gravette and Sulphur Springs. The property owner was an elderly man on a fixed income. He stated the debris was not his. He stated that it was left by people he previously allowed to stay in his home. However, he took responsibility and in the initial thirty days the site was cleaned up and free of violations.

BEFORE:

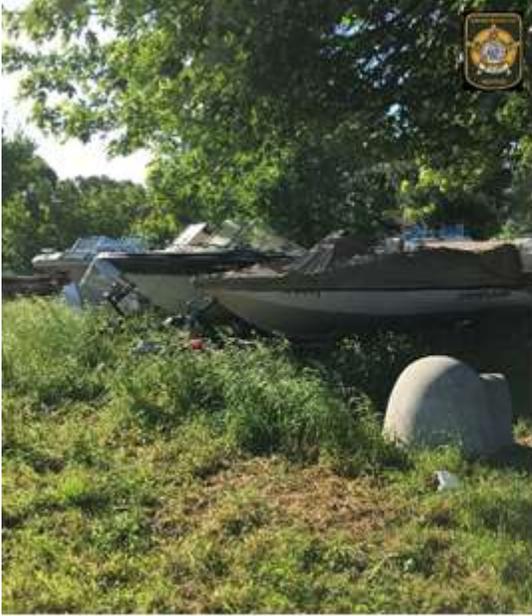


AFTER:



This case was outside the city limits of Lowell east of town. The case was opened with one property owner who allowed a friend to store more than 30 boats on the property. There were other violations found upon inspection. During the cleanup, ownership of property changed hands and the new owner continued the cleanup process.

BEFORE:



AFTER:



Officer Merced Cervantes

This case was reported by several neighbors in the area east of Beaver Lake. The property owner was storing his household trash in his garage. I found furniture, mattresses, and food containers. There was an unpleasant and foul odor because he had been storing trash for the last six months. The property owner rented a roll-off dumpster which was filled twice and the waste was properly disposed of.

BEFORE:



AFTER:



ENVIRONMENTAL CASE DATA

Refer to the charts below for environmental cases received and actions initiated in January.

VIOLATION TYPE	QTY
Burn (appliances)	0
Burn (auto bodies & parts)	1
Burn (construction debris)	1
Burn (electronics)	0
Burn (furniture)	0
Burn (general waste)	0
Burn (household garbage)	0
Burn (mobile home)	0
Burn (tires)	0
Bury (auto bodies & parts)	0
Bury (construction debris)	0
Bury (electronics)	0
Bury (furniture)	0
Bury (general waste)	0
Bury (household garbage)	0
Bury (mobile home)	0
Dumped by others (appliances)	0
Dumped by others (auto bodies & parts)	0
Dumped by others (construction debris)	0
Dumped by others (electronics)	1
Dumped by others (furniture)	6
Dumped by others (general waste)	1
Dumped by others (household garbage)	1
Dumped by others (metal)	0
Dumped by others (mobile home)	0
Dumped by others (tires)	0
Dumped by others (trees)	0
Dumped by self (appliances)	1
Dumped by self (auto bodies & parts)	2
Dumped by self (construction debris)	1
Dumped by self (electronics)	1
Dumped by self (furniture)	3
Dumped by self (general waste)	5
Dumped by self (household garbage)	1
Dumped by self (metal)	0
Dumped by self (mobile home)	0
Dumped by self (tires)	1
Dumped by self (trees)	0
OTHER	QTY
Agency Assist	0
Camera/Sign installation	3
Extra Patrol	3
Littering	0

ACTION TAKEN	QTY.
NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS ISSUED	4
WARNINGS ISSUED	0
CITATIONS ISSUED	6
WARRANTS	0
COURT APPEARANCES	3
CASE STATUS	QTY.
CASES OPENED THIS MONTH	30
CASES CLOSED THIS MONTH	32
TOTAL NUMBER OF OPEN CASES CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION	40
TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES CURRENTLY IN COURT SYSTEM	29
TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES CLOSED YTD	32