

OKC POLICE DEPARTMENT THANKED FOR ASSISTING OCCIC DURING RECENT SNOWSTORM

The Oklahoma City Police Department was recognized at the January board meeting for helping meet critical needs of the Oklahoma County Crisis Intervention Center (OCCIC) during the recent blizzard that impacted Oklahoma City.

On Christmas Eve, Oklahoma City received record snowfall amounts that halted transportation and minimized services throughout the city. OCCIC was among those service facilities impacted by the blizzard, as many employees were stranded at home due to streets being impassable.

OCCIC's one physician on duty had been working for 24 hours straight and the relief physician, who was to begin her shift at 8 a.m., was snowed in at her residence. OCPD 911 Supervisor Larry Klein aided OCCIC by sending Sgt. Jeff Crawford to pick up the physician at her residence and transport her to OCCIC.

“Due to their swift action and willingness to assist another agency, possible safety issues were avoided and OCCIC services continued without incident,” said OCCIC Executive Director Pete Reed. “In addition, their willingness to provide additional assistance if necessary was deeply appreciated.”



ODMHSAS Commissioner Terri White and Board Chair Joel Carson present OCPD Sgt. Jeff Crawford with a citation for helping OCCIC meet essential staffing needs during the recent blizzard.