Texting and Driving Now Against the Law in Oklahoma

January 31, 2015, Oklahoma Highway Patrol troopers Nicholas Dees and Keith Burch were struck by a vehicle while investigating an accident on Interstate 40 in Seminole County. Dees died at the scene, and Burch was seriously injured and continues to undergo rehabilitation. The driver of the vehicle that struck the officers was using his cell phone to update a social media page at the time of the accident.

It was this tragic accident that propelled forward legislation that was already in the works. Oklahoma House Bill 1965 passed, and Governor Mary Fallin signed the bill into law May 5 of this year, making Oklahoma the 46th state to ban texting and driving.

The law goes into effect November 1 and says, “The operator of every vehicle, while driving, shall devote their full time and attention to such driving. No law enforcement officer shall issue a citation under this section unless the law enforcement officer observes that the operator of the vehicle is involved in an accident or observes the operator of the vehicle driving in such a manner that poses an articulable danger to other persons on the roadway that is not otherwise specified in statute.”

The Department of Transportation reports that drivers are 23 percent more likely to get into a car accident while involved in texting and driving. Cell phones are involved in over 1.6 million car accidents annually—which cause over 500,000 injuries and over 6,000 deaths per year.

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Amanda Becker of Woodward is the winner of this year’s PTCI Directory Cover Photo Contest! Amanda is a 2009 graduate of Turpin High School, and her father Randy still farms in the Turpin area, just as her grandfather and great grandfather did. Her outstanding photo will be featured on the cover of the 2015-2016 PTCI Regional Telephone Directory.

“I wanted something that showed his hard work and the benefits of his hard work,” Amanda said.

We received a lot of photos this year, and we sincerely thank all the photographers who sent us their entries...it was a tough decision. The top 20 photos will be featured in PTCI’s 2016 wall calendar, which will be available in November. Congratulations, Amanda!
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Branch Manager Claudia Vargas and I & R Supervisor Randy Hickmon both received phone calls from Doug and Winnie Heslip from Boise City. The Heslips wanted to give a special thanks to Lorena Rosas and the rest of the Boise City staff. Doug was having problems with his iPhone, and Lorena helped him with that. The Heslips also wanted to thank Larry Schuette and Jason Whitfield. Doug said they were very helpful and professional, and he would highly recommend these PTCI employees.

PTCI’s employees can’t be beat for their outstanding customer service. They go above and beyond to ensure customers are able to take full advantage of their PTCI services. Way to go Lorena, Larry, and Jason.
PTCI Data Usage Text Message Alerts

PTCI is now sending text messages to inform you of your data usage. This is to help you know where you are in your monthly allotment. An example message says, “It is estimated that 580-651-xxxx has reached 50% of the data plan. Overage charges may occur after 100%. Call 800-562-2556 for details.” This is an estimation and isn’t up-to-the-minute accurate, and should only be used for approximating purposes. Call a customer service representative for more information.

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We have shown you before, and now it is here: the new and improved ptcigen.

ptcigen has all the great features of our previous site, showcasing all our products and services and bill pay, with the added bonuses of PTCI Classifieds, weather, and news. It also has links to our online phone book, technical support, and employment opportunities. Additionally, you can fill out a membership application or automatic bill pay form. It also lists the addresses and hours of operation for each PTCI store. So click on ptcigen, and check it out!

Public Relations Representative Jason Epp and Receptionist Natasha Parlier talk with a visitor to the PTCI booth at the 2015 Panhandle Expo at the Texas County Fair, August 6. Besides answering questions and speaking with patrons of the fair, PTCI served popcorn, handed out giveaways, and drew for a $100 gift certificate each day of the fair.
Using SmartHub

PTCI’s new billing software comes with a nifty tool: SmartHub. It gives you the ability to pay your bill, view billing history, monitor usage, and access your monthly statement online. Using SmartHub is easy! Just log in to your account from www.ptci.net by clicking on the button “Pay My Bill.”

If you signed up for myBill with the old billing system, your email and password should carry over to SmartHub; otherwise you must call in to set up your login. If you don’t know your password or you recently changed your email address at PTCI, you must first call a customer service representative.

In the left-hand Quick Links menu, choose Pay My Bill to make a payment, view your bill in Adobe Acrobat format, or see unbilled toll call detail. After choosing the red Make Payment button, you must check the box marking your account, type in the amount to pay in the box or mark Total Due, and then click Pay Now. Your payment will be posted by the next business day.

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Football Fanatics

It’s that time of year when football is king. Fanatics come out to support their favorite football teams. Put on your favorite jersey and get into the football frenzy! When you successfully complete the word search, mail it to: PTCI, Attn: Puzzle, PO Box 1188, Guymon, OK 73942, or simply drop it into the envelope with your monthly payment. You’ll be qualified for a drawing for a $20 credit toward your PTCI services.

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John McKnight of Felt was the lucky winner of our July puzzle drawing. He received a $20 credit on his phone bill.
Congratulations, John!
Stop by the PTCI Booth at the Beaver County Fair in Beaver, Sept. 11 & 12, and the Cimarron County Fair in Boise City, Sept. 10 - 12!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Every year, PTCI donates to the fire departments, police departments, and EMS throughout our service area. This year we donated more than $7000.
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