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# THE BONDSMAN

## Website Up and Running [www.okbondsman.com](http://www.okbondsman.com)

The new website for the Oklahoma Bondsman Association is now officially available to the world. The URL for the site is [www.okbondsman.com](http://www.okbondsman.com). The features of this first generation include a calendar of events that may be edited by staff in real time, a list of

current board members, continuing education information, the text of our bonding law, Oklahoma Statute Title 59, and an archive of past newsletters in PDF format.

The site was created by Doug Stafford of Netplus, Inc. (who also serves as editor of this newsletter).



Kim Holland

**OBA Oklahoma Bondsman Association**  
Serving the Bail Bonding Industry of Oklahoma

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NEWSLETTER

**Welcome to the Oklahoma Bondsman website!**

This site serves the bail bonding industry of Oklahoma, and also as a reference resource for the general public.

Recently, we've added a **'Find a Bondsman'** directory for the general public (see upper right of this page). Now you can search for a licensed Oklahoma bail bondsman by name, city or county.

Also available on site are PDFs of the official OBA newsletter, a calendar of events, education schedules, and more as the site grows.

If you have suggestions at these early stages, just let us know!

**NEWS**

Contribute to Hurricane relief efforts through the PBUS website

**Continuing Education Seminar:** June 6, 2006 - OBA Building, OKC - 8:00a.m.

June 13, 2006 - Cherokee Casino & Resort, Catoosa - 8:00 a.m.

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## From the Commissioner

As Insurance Commissioner, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you, our state bondsmen, of a law that may prevent or delay your license renewal. Passed in 2000, the law prohibits the Oklahoma Insurance Department from renewing bail bond licenses for individuals who are not tax compliant. An example of non-compliance would be failure to file or pay state income taxes.

This law has affected several bondsmen over the past few years and the Oklahoma Insurance Department wants to help the OBA keep its members in compliance. Although there have been questions raised about enforcement of the law, I can assure you that the Oklahoma Insurance Department will be working diligently this year with the Oklahoma Tax Commission to verify

## Please mark your calendars for the following dates

### Next Pre-License School

December 1 & 2, 2005 at 8:00 a.m.  
OBA Building in Oklahoma City

### Important Dates for 2006

June 5, 2006 - General Membership Meeting - OBA Building - 3:00 p.m.  
June 6, 2006 - CE #1 - Clarion Meridian Convention Center in OKC - 8:00 a.m.  
June 13, 2006 - CE #2 - Cherokee Casino & Resort in Catoosa - 8:00 a.m.

### 2005-2006 Dues Schedule

CE/Dues	\$550.00	Paid <i>before</i> Nov. 1, 2005 - \$375.00
Legal	\$ 25.00	Paid <i>between</i> Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2005 - \$475
Total	\$575.00	Dues paid <i>after</i> Jan. 1, 2006 (NO DISCOUNT ALLOWED) - \$575

that any individual applying for, or renewing a license is in compliance with state income tax laws.

Because of the amendment made by Senate Bill 9 in 2003, bondsmen will receive notice from OTC if he or she is not in compliance with state income tax laws. You should be aware there is no set time limit in the law to respond, only a determination made by OTC when every reasonable effort has been made to assist the licensee to come into compliance. If a bondsman fails to respond, OTC notifies the Oklahoma Insurance Department, and the department is not allowed to renew the license. However, the department is not given specific reasons for non-compliance. If you are notified that you are non-compliant, and you are not sure why, you should contact OTC.

Because the OTC works directly with the Oklahoma Insurance Department to verify whether or not the applicant is in compliance with tax laws, bondsmen are no longer required to submit a tax compliance letter from the OTC with the Appli-

cation for Renewal of License. But if the Oklahoma Insurance Department is notified that the licensee is not qualified for renewal, a tax compliance letter must be supplied before the grace period, which ends Sept. 30, for renewal.

The Oklahoma Insurance Department wants to help all Oklahoma bondsmen to be aware of regulations that affect the industry and we will do everything we can to help you stay in compliance with the law. Please feel free to call our Bail Bond Division at (405) 521-6612 if we can be of any assistance.

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## TN BONDSMEN ARRESTED IN KY

Middleboro, KY - Two bail bondsmen from Tennessee were arrested and charged with kidnapping and impersonating a peace officer after allegedly taking a Kentucky man into custody against his will, Bell County authorities said.

Bounty hunting for bail bond companies is illegal in Kentucky, local authorities said.

## Bondsmen - Saving the Taxpayers Money

*This was recently received via email from Gerald P. Monks, President of the AIPB in Houston. It makes some wonderful points about the value of the bonding industry - points we should all remind our elected officials!*

I have been doing some research on our technique of bail, and am distressed we are not taking advantage of our good position. Our great bail companies, and great agents, all save the taxpayers a great deal of money, and we should emphasize it to all. We do earn a little money by doing so, but thank goodness the more we make the more it saves the taxpayers money.

The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary should be dedicated to saving the taxpayers money. Every surety company that writes bail should be damn proud of savin the taxpayers money. I am ban proud of all our companies and agents who provide this excellent service. I was Regional Director for many years of Texas Taxpayer Association and made sure they knew my position of saving taxpayers' money. There is no worthier cause. When this is brought to anyone's attention who pays taxes, it becomes important.

You defend the Eighth Amendment and save the taxpayers money. This is a very worthy goal for all Americans. If you say it, they won't realize it.

I did some research on this about 20 years ago and determined very carefully that we were saving the

*..Taxpayers - continued*

taxpayers about \$500 for each person we bailed out. Today it is probably about \$2000 and that is a lot of savings for the taxpayers. I am changing the sign on the International Association and putting on it, "Saving the Taxpayers Money."

Get the taxpayers on your side. You must advertise and tell them what you do. This is what I am dedicated to do. You all know the old story. If it is my idea it is a good one. If it is yours, it may not be too good. This is not my idea. I heard it somewhere, and did agree with it. Be proud, you taxpayer-savers, but you have to tell people. My name is Gerald Monks with the International Professional Bonding Association, and I am dedicated to saving the taxpayers money.

*Gerald P. Monks, Ph.D.*

*President, Association of International Professional Bonding  
Houston, Texas*

*...Website - continued*

One of the main features for the public on the site is a 'Find a Bondsman' database, where interested people can search for a licensed Oklahoma bondsman by last name, city or county. The search results list name, city, zip, county, phone and license types.

Of course, anyone who has been in this industry for very long knows the 'transient' nature of the industry, so we ask that if you move, to please inform the OBA office of your new contact information.

Comments or questions about the site can be emailed to [stafford@netplus.net](mailto:stafford@netplus.net)

## Meet Your Board

### **Charles E. Smith, President Sallisaw, OK**

OBA President Charles Smith has been in the bonding industry since 1986. A retired educator and school superintendent, Charles was looking for a business opportunity after leaving education. A local coach, who was in the business himself, recommending the bonding industry.

Charles has been married to Edith since 1950, and their daughter Sheila is a physician in Georgia. Charles is also an active rancher, running cattle on 2,000 acres in eastern Oklahoma. His lifetime hobby is training and showing Cutting Horses.

"I'd like to see all the bondsmen working together, and to realize that our association represents everybody. I want people to be proud of our organization, and to understand the tremendous benefits that we can get from it."

### **Louis G. Perry, Vice-President Wynnewood, OK**

Louis Perry has been the owner of Perry Bail Bonds for about 10 years. A lifelong farmer and rancher, he sold the cattle off when the prices were high, and has been focusing on the bonding industry ever since.

Louis got his start in the bonding business slowly. "I started watching the paper, reading about all the bonds that were being set, and I got curious. There was just one bondsman in Pauls Valley at the time. So I looked at it for a year or two before

I opened up my agency. By that time, there was another bondsman in the area. He works for me, now."

Louis's main goal for the OBA is to increase the credibility and the respect given to the bonding industry.

Louis has been married to Ramona (Monie) for 22 years. They have three girls and six grandchildren.

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## In Memoriam

**Charles Thomas**, Muskogee

**Harold Glover**, Tulsa

**Lorene Brewster**, mother-in-law of  
Kim Collier

**Norma Akers**, Oklahoma City

### **Charlie Jones**

Today we lost a very special friend to our association, Charlie Jones. Charlie came out of retirement to assist us in revising our newsletter, and help us properly restructure the working of our by-laws. Very few members of the association were aware of his background in journalism and legal procedures. He was truly a master. His manner was sometimes abrasive due to being a no-nonsense man, but his intention was always quality. Personally, he was a very knowledgeable, resourceful and intelligent man. He was extremely well-versed on world affairs, politics and local happenings.

He is survived by his wife Carol Dawson Jones, five children, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

We thank you, Charlie, for being willing to assist us in improving the Oklahoma Bondsman Association. We will greatly miss you.



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## **Bob**servations

*from Bob Rollins*



We are now beginning to recognize that Hurricane Katrina has brought about a catastrophe of epic proportions. Our hearts go out to all those affected.

As an association, we have an opportunity and obligation to reach out to our affected bondsmen which number in the hundreds in southern

Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and western Florida. The extent of issues faced by our fellow bondsmen is not yet known, but by all accounts are extensive at every level. In one case in particular, Melinda Pourciau, one of our guest speakers at our Catoosa CE meeting, not only lost her New Orleans home and all her belongings, but her business was totally destroyed.

Your association will be sending financial help and we encourage OBA members to do the same. The need is truly great. PBUS is mounting a relief effort for the many bondsmen affected by the hurricanes. You can make donations directly to the relief effort through the PBUS website, at [www.pbush.com](http://www.pbush.com).



**From the PBUS Website:** PBUS members of Hurricane Katrina are attempting to recover from the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina. Some of our members were in the hardest-hit areas of Katrina's destruction, left homeless, left jobless and with only an uncertain future to consider. By making a financial gift to the PBUS Hurricane Katrina's Bail Agent Relief, the PBUS can provide some financial assistance to those PBUS members in need.

You can make your donation by credit card or by check. For more information visit [www.pbush.com](http://www.pbush.com).