ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2802

By: McCarter of the House

and

Kerr of the Senate

(Department of Public Safety - amending 47 O.S., Section 2-105.8 - communications division salaries - effective date -

emergency)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2001, Section 2-105.8, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2-105.8 A. There is hereby established the Communications Division within the Department of Public Safety. This division shall be divided into a Dispatchers Bureau and a Technicians Bureau and such other bureaus as the Commissioner may direct.

B. Before the Department of Public Safety may add or change any communication site or dispatch office, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall submit a plan for approval by the Legislature.

C. 1. Effective ~~October 1, 2000~~ July 1, 2002, the annual salaries for the positions of Director, Coordinator, Superintendent, Supervisor and Dispatcher within the Communications Division shall be in accordance and conformity with the following salary schedule and as prescribed by paragraph 2 of this subsection, exclusive of longevity pay, as authorized by Section 840-2.18 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, expense allowance, as authorized by Section 2-130 of this title, and irregular shift pay, as authorized by Section 2-130.1 of this title:

Communications Director	~~$47,215.00~~
	$55,086.00
Communications Coordinator	~~$43,105.00~~
	$50,086.00
Communications Superintendent	~~$39,368.00~~
	$45,086.00
Communications Supervisor	~~$35,971.00~~
	$40,086.00
Communications Dispatcher	
Step 1	~~$24,404.00~~
	$26,430.00
Step 2	~~$24,964.00~~
	$27,091.00
Step 3	~~$25,538.00~~
	$27,769.00
Step 4	~~$26,126.00~~
	$28,463.00
Step 5	~~$26,729.00~~
	$29,174.00
Step 6	~~$27,347.00~~
	$29,904.00
Step 7	~~$27,981.00~~
	$30,651.00
Step 8	~~$28,631.00~~
	$31,418.00
Step 9	~~$29,297.00~~
	$32,203.00
Step 10	~~$29,979.00~~
	$33,008.00
Step 11	~~$30,678.00~~
	$33,833.00
Step 12	~~$31,395.00~~

	$34,679.00
Step 13	~~$32,130.00~~
	$35,546.00
Step 14	~~$32,883.00~~
	$36,435.00
Probationary Communications Dispatcher	~~$23,249.00~~
	$25,067.00

2. Each Communications Dispatcher shall receive upon the anniversary date of such Dispatcher an annual salary increase to the next higher step of the salary schedule provided for in paragraph 1 of this subsection if such Dispatcher, within the preceding twelve-month period:

a. has achieved a satisfactory Performance Rating Score,

b. has not received any disciplinary action which has resulted in any suspension from the Department for a period of ten (10) or more days, and

c. has not received any disciplinary action which has resulted in demotion.

3. Except as provided in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this subsection, in any twelve-month period no Dispatcher shall receive:

a. a salary increase which exceeds an increase to the next higher step of the salary schedule provided for in paragraph 1 of this subsection, or

b. more than one such salary increase to the step of the salary schedule provided for in paragraph 1 of this subsection, unless salary increases are authorized by the Legislature.

Provided, however, such Dispatcher shall receive the salary increase which results from a promotion to another position within the Communications Division.

4. The steps prescribed for the position of Communications Dispatcher in the salary schedule provided for in paragraph 1 of

this subsection are for salary and compensation purposes only. No Communications Dispatcher shall be reassigned to another such step of said salary schedule for the purposes of demotion, discipline, promotion, incentive, reward or for any other reason other than the salary increases provided for in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this subsection.

5. Upon completion of the one-year probationary period as required in subsection D of Section 840-4.13 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, each Probationary Communications Dispatcher shall be promoted to and shall receive the salary for Step 1 of the position of Communications Dispatcher, as provided for in paragraph 1 of this subsection. Thereafter, the salary of such Dispatcher shall be subject to the provisions of this subsection.

D. The provisions of this section shall supersede all existing laws covering the salaries for the positions in the Communications Division of the Department of Public Safety.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2002.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 7th day of March, 2002.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2002.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate