

**OKLAHOMA COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
OFFICE OF JUVENILE SYSTEM OVERSIGHT**

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**Name and Location of Facility:** Thunderbird Youth Academy  
Company B  
Pryor, Oklahoma

**Dates of Visit:** September 14 and 15, 2006

**Oversight Reviewer:** Cliff A. Aldridge, Oversight Specialist

**Subject:** Second 2006 Unannounced Visit

**Date:** January 8, 2007

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**General Information**

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an unannounced visit on September 14 and 15, 2006, of Bravo Company, also known as the Thunderbird Regimented Training Program, of the Thunderbird Youth Academy (TYA), located in Pryor, Oklahoma. The purpose of the visit was to assess compliance with contractual requirements and facility policy and procedures. Bravo Company operated through a contract between the Oklahoma Military Department (OMD) and the Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) to provide residential placements and treatment for OJA-custody juveniles. On the day of the OJSO visit, the census was twenty-six males.

Persons Interviewed

- An entry conference and an exit de-briefing with the director of Bravo Company
- Five residents
- Two direct care staff members

Documentation Reviewed

- Case records on two residents
- Training records and personnel files of two direct care staff members
- Cadet roster
- Residential Child Care Facility License by the Division of Child Care of the Department of Human Services (DHS)
- DHS Division of Child Care inspection report of August 31, 2006
- Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal inspection report of March 9, 2006

## Area Toured

- Residential area for male residents

## **Overview**

### Interviews

Five residents were interviewed relative to their participation in program activities, perception of the staff, and residential care. No issues of concern were identified from the resident interviews.

The two staff members interviewed demonstrated familiarity with facility policies. No concerns were noted from the staff interviews.

### File Reviews

The case records on two residents were reviewed for compliance with established responsibilities. No issues of concern were identified.

The personnel files and training records of two staff members were reviewed for compliance with DHS licensing standards and OJA regimented juvenile training program standards. Both of the files were complete for the documentation reviewed on the day of the visit.

### Observational Tour

The residential quarters were toured. The accommodations were clean and were adequately maintained but were sparsely furnished. A work order to repair minor tile damage in the doorway to the restroom was promptly completed. A work order was also completed to replace a cracked plate glass window at the entrance to the Bravo Company headquarters building.

## **Summary**

The OJSO appreciated the helpfulness of the administration, professional staff, support staff, and the direct care staff with the provision of materials for review, hosting the tour, and arranging the interviews.

