Game Day - Part 2

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Topics

- Public Safety
- Transportation & Parking

PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety Stillwater, OK

- Game Day
- *America's Greatest Homecoming Celebration*
  - Homecoming Events draw more than 70,000 alumni back to OSU
  - More than a dozen events over 3 day period including dyeing of the fountain, royalty coronation, harvest carnival and chili cook-off, pep rally
    - Parade
    - Walkaround





City Resources/Departments

- Police Department
- Fire Department
- Emergency Management
    - No fly zones for drones via Resolution
- Transportation/ Public Works
    - Road closures; traffic control
- Time

Homecoming Parade Crash - October 24, 2015

Mass Casualty Event

- Significant impact on how we approach public safety for these events
- What did we learn?
- What do we do differently?


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BREAKING NEWS
CRASH AT OSU HOMECOMING PARADE
STILLWATER
12:47 61°
BREAKING NEWS
DEADLY OSU PARADE CRASH
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HALL OF FAME
Welcome Home!
hastings
REE DRUMMOND
BOOK SIGNING!
OCT 27 5PM
BUY NEW BOOK NOW
hastings
STILLWATER
POLICE


RED LOBSTER


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DELI


"America's Greatest Homecoming Celebration" presented by the OSU Alumni Association - Photo by Gary Lawson
Walkaround
OSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Walkaround – Risk Mitigation

- SPD Officers
- SPD SOT
- National Guard
- 52 officers work the event (OSU PD)
- Grid System
- Pistol Pete

Public Safety Lincoln, NE

POLICE

- 25-40 ADDITIONAL OFFICERS ON DUTY ON GAME DAY
- SOME ARE IN MEMORIAL STADIUM
- OTHERS ARE DOING TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN CONTROL
- SOME UNDERCOVER WORK WITH BARS AND TAVERNS FOR ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

- LFR HAS ONE MEDIC CREW STATIONED NEAR MEMORIAL STADIUM
- ONE, SOMETIMES TWO EXTRA MEDIC UNITS ON STAND-BY. DEPENDENT ON AVAILABLE STAFF.
- ONE OR TWO BATTALION CHIEFS ADDED TO HELP WITH COMMAND STAFF
- RESPONSE TIMES INCREASED DUE TO CALL VOLUME AND TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

TRAFFIC AND CLEAN-UP

- LTU USES 8 ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL ON GAME DAY
- SOME, BUT NOT EXTENSIVE TRAFFIC REDIRECTION
- TRAFFIC CONTROL STARTS 3 HOURS BEFORE GAME AND ENDS 3 HOURS AFTER GAME
- TRAFFIC MONITORED IN THE TRAFFIC CONTROL COMMAND POST
- LTU HANDLES STREET CLEAN-UP ON SUNDAY NIGHT
- DLA HANDLES SIDEWALK AND ALLEY CLEAN UP

Public Safety Norman, OK

- Unified Command Post
  - Housed in OU Police Department
  - Staffed on Game Days by representatives from:
    - OU Police Department
    - Norman Police Department
    - Cleveland County Sheriff's Office
    - Norman Fire Department
    - EMSTAT
    - Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Urban Search and Rescue Team
  - Housed in a City fire station on OU Airport property
  - Made up of Fire personnel from multiple agencies in the metro who have advanced rescue training and equipment
- Ensures a cooperative response among all responding agencies

Police Response

- Personnel assigned to Unified Command Post
- Primarily work outside of the stadium; officers from other agencies from around the state provide in-stadium security
- NPD swat team and snipers take up posts inside the stadium
- Hazardous device team sweeps the stadium the day before the game

Police Staffing on Game Day

- Two primary goals on game day- pedestrian safety; motoring public safety

- Resources
  - Pre-Game: 24 officers assigned to the Campus area, including 14 at fixed posts, 3 at large and 4 parking officers
  - Post-Game: 36 officers assigned to the Campus area, including 26 at fixed posts, 3 at large and 4 parking officers
  - A number of officers at “fixed posts” include officers manipulating the traffic lights for safe and efficient travel in and out of campus area
  - OU pays for 50% of the cost of police staffing on game days

Fire Response

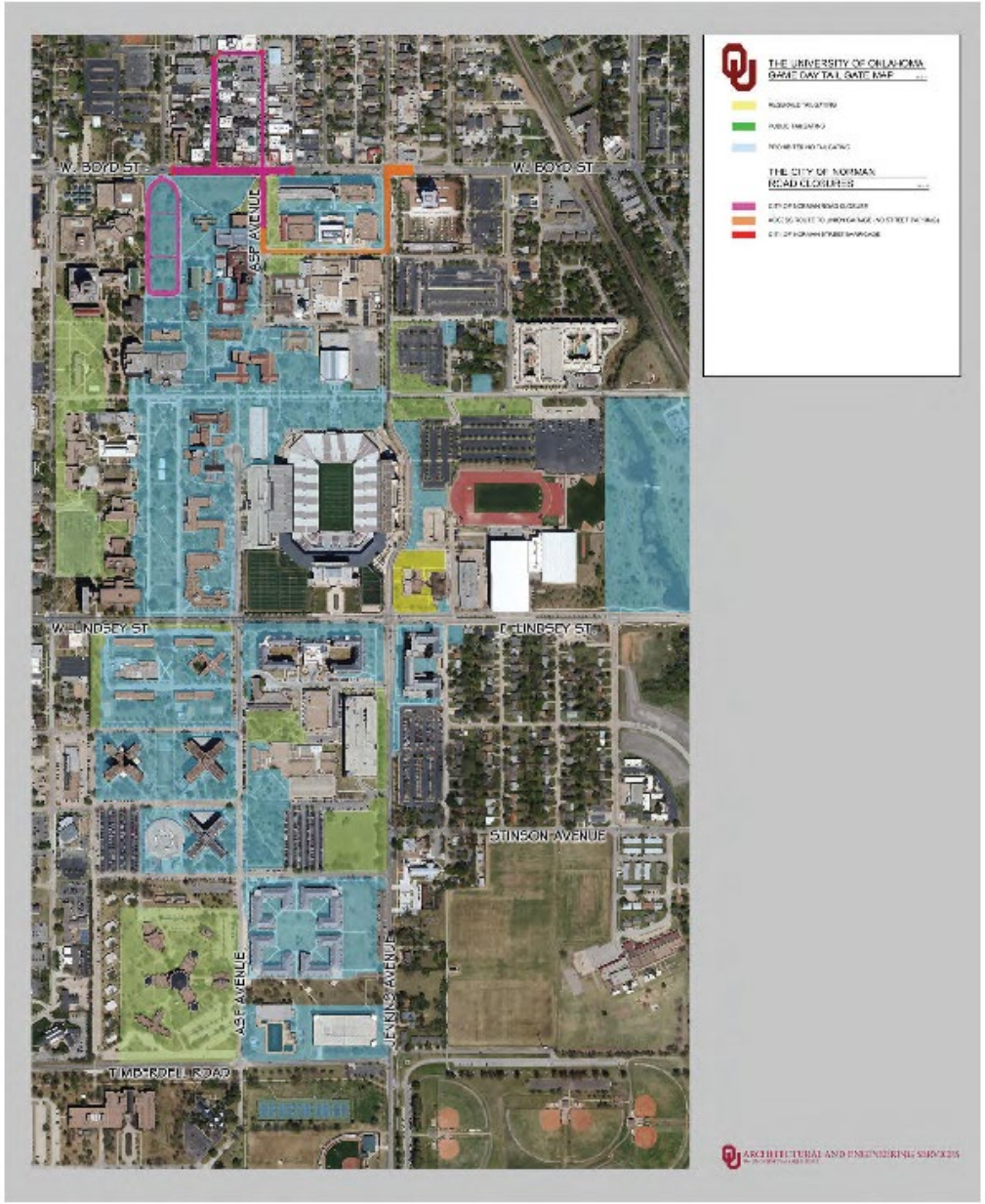
- Personnel assigned to Unified Command Post

- Ideal Staffing:
  - Ladder truck
  - 2 bike teams of 2 each
  - 2 person team on a gator
  - 2 -4 personnel on the field with medical bags in the event of a mass casualty event or more medical events than EMSTAT can handle

- OU pays for overtime for 10 NFD personnel positions on game day

Tailgating

- Reserved tailgating in yellow
- You can occupy other spots on a first come, first served basis beginning at 8:00am the day before the game
- Tents, awnings, and equipment may be set up beginning at noon the day before the game; must be removed by noon the day following the game
- A lot of tailgating also going on in neighborhoods around campus
- A recipe for a lot of fun, some property damage (curbs, grass, etc), and a lot of drinking, especially if it is a night game



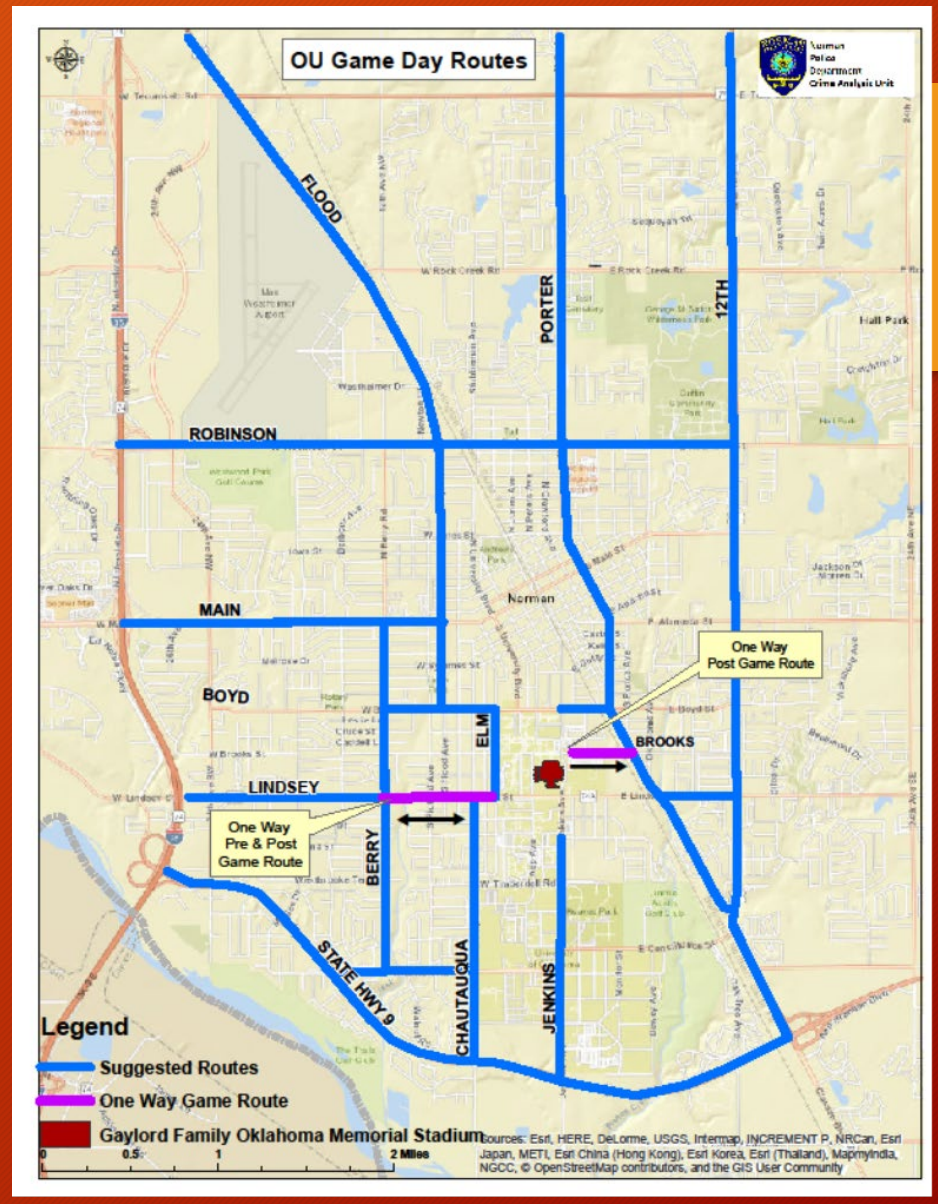


Game Day Traffic

Two lane streets that serve as major thoroughfares in and out of campus are made one-way in towards campus several hours before kick-off and one-way away from campus mid-way through the football game

Suggested routes are widely published; this helps residents who just want to get around town avoid the more congested areas if possible.

Future plans for commuter rail include a game day stop near campus



TRANSPORTATION & PARKING

Transportation & Parking Lincoln, NE

TRANSIT

- STARTRAN RUNS BIG RED EXPRESS ON GAME DAYS
- 4 ROUTES FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE CITY
- DROP OFF POINT ABOUT 2 BLOCKS FROM STADIUM
- $13.00 FOR ROUND TRIP
- 3,000-4,000 RIDERS PER GAME
- OTHER ROUTES CONTINUE DURING THE GAME

PARKING

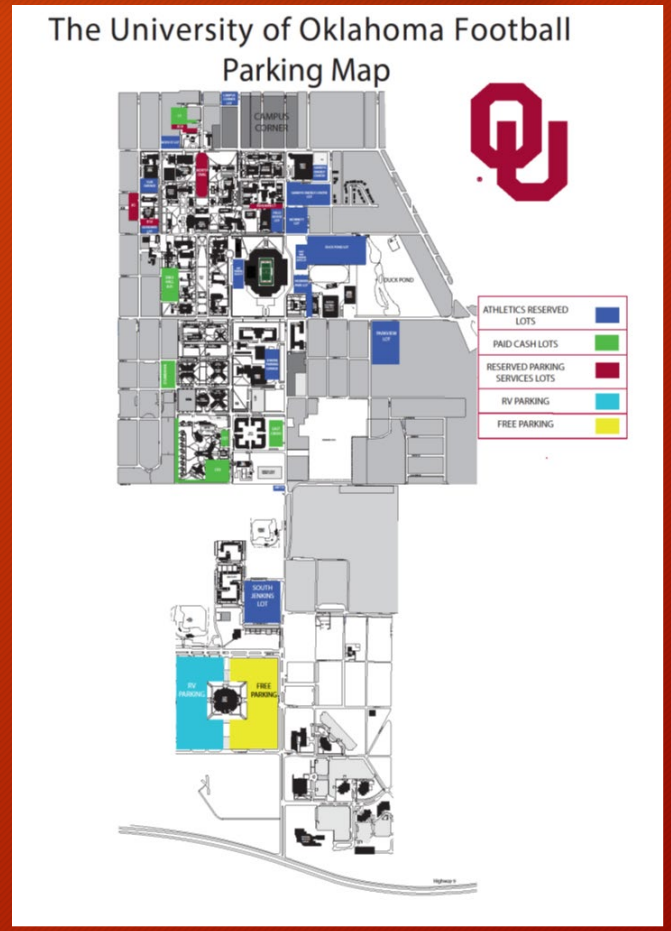
- ABOUT 2,400 PARKING STALL AVAILABLE DOWNTOWN IN GARAGES
- 15 PARKING GARAGES/AREAS AVAILABLE OWNED BY THE CITY DOWNTOWN
- SOME METERS HOODED TO PREVENT PARKING
- PRIVATE PARKING ALSO AVAILABLE
- EASY TO GET INOT PARKING GARAGES BEFORE THE GAME, HARD TO GET OUT OF AFTER THE GAME
- PARKING COSTS $25.00-$35.00 FOR PUBLIC PARKING
- PRIVATE PARKING COSTS GENERALLY ARE HIGHER

Transportation & Parking Norman, OK

On Campus

3 parking garages on campus shared with students, staff and faculty – 2,521 spaces

City owned lot near Campus – reserved for all-day parking at a special rate



Off Campus Parking

- Surrounding neighborhoods are part of the original townsite – narrow streets, old infrastructure; need to ensure adequate emergency access on all streets

- City bus system employs alternate route to avoid conflicts with game day events; OU operates a shuttle bus from its furthest parking area

- No one wants to walk far which means traffic around campus before and after games is a challenge.