

## SHERIFF KELL IS GETTING TOUGH ON PROPERTY VIOLATORS

Over the past couple of years as Sheriff I've noticed certain issues have not been addressed, such as TRESPASSING. Some lawmen try to avoid enforcing this issue because it takes too much work to retrieve the violators and do the paper work. I, however, would like to be different and take this issue on. At the hand of our local land owners, trespassing laws have changed. I am tired of people taking advantage of our citizens. Being nice does not always stop others from defying people's personal rights. Our department realizes some can be helped while others ignore our help. I have instructed my deputies to protect our citizens' property with no favor. BY THE ORDER OF THE SHERIFF; THE DEPUTIES OF THE GRADY COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT SHALL ENFORCE ALL TRESPASSING LAWS!

OS TITLE 21 CHAPTER 70 SECTION 1835.2 TRESPASS TO PRIVATE LAND PRIMARILY DEVOTED TO FARMING, RANCHING, OR FORESTRY states; whoever willfully enters private land of another that is primarily devoted to farming, ranching, or forestry purposes without permission by the owner or lawful occupant thereof shall be deemed guilty of trespass and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), and in addition, the court shall order restitution for actual damages incurred. Persons convicted of a second or subsequent offense under this paragraph shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine in any sum not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) nor more than (\$1000.00) or by confinement in the county jail for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than six months, or by both fine and imprisonment, the court shall order restitution for actual damages incurred.

If you are going to be on the private property of another person, be sure you have WRITTEN permission from the landowner. If you are one that is guilty of trespassing on private property, beware! Grady County Deputies will give you a citation with a fine of two hundred and fifty dollars (250.00) if you are found without permission. The second time you're caught, you can be arrested for criminal trespassing. If you do not have a fishing or hunting license, you may be subject to a citation. BURGLARS, THEIVES, VANDALS AND DOPERS BEWARE!

REMEMBER: There is a burn ban in effect for Grady County. We get several calls every day about people burning and wondering if there is a burn ban in effect. There are laws governing burn bans.

OS TITLE 2 CHAPTER 1 SECTION 16-26 EMERGENCY DROUGHT CONDITIONS-BURNING PROHIBITED-PROCLAMATION-NOTICE states; county commissioners may proclaim in a drought condition whether to instate a BURN BAN. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), to imprisonment for not more than one (1) year or to both such fine and imprisonment.

If a fire department is called out for service and you started the fire, you will more than likely receive citation. We will give warnings in cases of an accident and the fire is not set intentionally. Please consider those who live or work around you when you consider violating the burn ban.

Just remember that these are laws and not just suggestions. Don't be the person to get in trouble with law enforcement. Think about your neighbors and how you would want them to treat you!