

Sheriff Art Kell announced an administrative change within the Grady County Sheriff's Department

As of Friday, April 8th, 2011, Undersheriff Edward J. Weir is no longer employed with the Grady County Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Weir has a long and formidable law enforcement background. Mr. Weir has been the Undersheriff for over two years. I wish him well in his future endeavors and thank him for his service while with this office.

On Friday, April 8th, 2011, Angela Chiarappa was sworn in as the new Grady County Undersheriff. Undersheriff Chiarappa began her Law Enforcement career at the Charlottesville Virginia Police Department in 1983 as a Dispatcher. Less than one month after turning 21 she was hired as a Police Officer for the Albemarle County Police Department where she stayed until she moved to the Lawton/ Fort Sill community with her military family. Undersheriff Chiarappa then began her Oklahoma law enforcement career with the Comanche County Sheriff's Office as a jailor in March 1987. In September, 1987, she applied for and was accepted with the Lawton Police Department. During her 23 year career with the Lawton Police Department she was assigned to the Uniformed Patrol Division as a patrol officer and Field Training Officer. She was instrumental in forming the police department's first bicycle patrol in which she was a member. While assigned to the Training Division she was certified as an Advanced Instructor and was a DARE Officer in the Lawton Public Schools. She has also worked in the Criminal Investigation Division as a Detective working criminal cases and the Special Operations Section working narcotics, vice and gang related crimes.

Undersheriff Chiarappa was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 1997 and was assigned as a patrol supervisor and later as the Training Division supervisor. In May, 2001, she made department history as the first female promoted to the rank of Captain. She was assigned as the day shift Watch Commander until she retired in December, 2010.

Undersheriff Chiarappa brings a wealth of practical experience as a law enforcement officer, trainer and administrator. She has an astounding list of achievements, certifications and honors. She is very excited to begin her new assignment.

