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Recent News

- The OEIG is pleased to announce that **Blake M. Heltsley** began as an Investigator in the Springfield office.
- In addition to the matter discussed below, the EEC released the OEIG report *In re: IDOT and State Use Committee (Case #15-01333)*

OEIG Finds Abuses in Highway Safety Patrol



An OEIG investigation into work performed by Emergency Traffic Patrol (ETP) drivers from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) District One unit found significant and repeated errors in the “Assist Reports” submitted by drivers to document their performance.

The investigation revealed that:

- several drivers grossly overstated the number of assists they performed during their shifts in order to inflate their performance statistics;
- certain drivers were performing little to no actual work during their shifts; and
- numerous drivers submitted inaccurate reports regarding assists they did actually perform.

The OEIG found that there were no administrative controls in place to monitor the validity or accuracy of the work reports submitted by the drivers, and that there was a lack of managerial oversight of the ETP drivers’ daily activities.

“State employees have an obligation to the public to fulfill their job duties and to accurately report their work performance, as required by law,” said EIG Margaret A. Hickey.

In response to the OEIG report, IDOT terminated four ETP drivers, one supervisor, and one manager. Two additional ETP supervisors received 15 days suspensions, and six other drivers received 10 day suspensions. IDOT also instituted new policies and procedures designed to confirm that ETP drivers’ reports of motorist assistance are accurate, and to ensure proper supervision of the ETP drivers. Read the entire report, *In re: Shealey, et al., (Case #11-00964)* on the OEIG website.

OEIG Releases FY2016 Annual Report

The OEIG is pleased to announce that its FY2016 Annual Report is now available. During FY2016, the OEIG:

- Received and evaluated 2,574 complaints.
- Initiated 115 investigations, concluded 131 pending investigations and issued 43 final summary reports that determined that there was reasonable cause to believe that one or more violations of rules, regulations and / or laws occurred. Sixteen of these reports were made public.
- Oversaw 191,752 ethics training sessions for more than 175,000 people
- Issued 211 revolving door determinations.

The Annual Report includes summaries of all publicly available OEIG investigations and EEC decisions, and outlines the agency’s operational and financial performance. The Report is available on the OEIG website.