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College president appointed to Homeland Security council

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Eastern Oklahoma State College President Dr. Stephen Smith has been appointed to serve on the Region 5 Homeland Security Advisory Council.

Smith was selected after being recommended by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. He was recently notified of the appointment by the director of the State of Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security Kerry Pettingill.

“The Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security’s Regional Advisory Councils are a critical link in the communication channel between local officials and OKOHS,” the director said.

“A member’s input on issues pertaining to homeland security is extremely valuable especially considering their involvement in a specific region.

Council members are indispensable when it comes to disseminating information back to peers in their region, their association and the local level.

“Through the councils, the entire state will be represented as we work to achieve the goals of OKOHS.”

The director said the goals of OKOHS include the prevention of terrorist attacks, reduce the state’s vulnerability to attacks and respond and recovery if such an attack should occur.

Oklahoma is divided into eight regions and each council is comprised 15 members with a cross-section of professionals and disciplines.