

Bachelor of Technology/ Emergency Responder Administration

Questions & Answers

1. Does OSU-Oklahoma City desire to become a traditional baccalaureate degree-granting institution?

- ▶ **No.** OSU-Oklahoma City seeks to fulfill its function as a **technical campus with a statewide mission by offering one technical, discipline-specific Bachelor of Technology degree** in Emergency Responder Administration.

2. Would this degree take students from other institutions?

- ▶ **No. Surveys and research show that graduates** of the feeder AAS programs in Public Safety **do not currently complete a 4 year degree because there is not a corresponding bachelor's degree available.**
- ▶ The OSU-OKC BT/ERA **would increase the number of four-year graduates** in Oklahoma.

3. Is the BT/ERA a good investment?

- ▶ **Yes.** The BT/ERA builds on large, existing public safety programs, and **will be very cost-effective.**
- ▶ Implementation of the BT/ERA **will not require additional funding from the State Regents.**
- ▶ Enrollment and budget projections show the program **will be self-sustaining** within a few years.

4. Are there other Bachelor of Technology programs in Oklahoma that can meet the needs of Public Safety AAS graduates?

- ▶ **No, not for first responders.** There are only five of these types of programs in the United States and none in Oklahoma.
- ▶ The BT/ERA curriculum provides **technical, tactical, and hands on experiences throughout the 4 years of training.**

5. How does the BT/ERA support economic development and upgrading Oklahoma's workforce?

- ▶ The BT/ERA will provide a bachelor degreed workforce that will **increase economic development.**
- ▶ The BT/ERA would **upgrade an important segment of Oklahoma's public safety workforce.**

