



Ardmore Police Department

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New Faces Join the APD in Recent Weeks

Chief David Leonardo is pleased to officially introduce these quality new additions to the Ardmore Police Department:



ERIC PFREHM joins the APD as a Patrol Officer. Pfrehm is a CLEET certified Oklahoma Peace Officer and comes to Ardmore from the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office, where he served as a Deputy since 2007. In addition to being an experienced law enforcement officer, Pfrehm brings a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice to the table. He studied at East Central University in Ada, and is a Durant High School graduate. Pfrehm is 25-years old and lives in Ardmore with his spouse.



MICHAEL CASTANOS joins the APD as one of two new Community Service Officers (CSO), and will provide assistance to the community and to other Police Department personnel. The Community Service Officer is a non-sworn, non-CLEET certified, but uniformed position within the Police Department. Castanos is an experienced security officer, and holds an Associates Degree from Andersonville Theological Seminary. A Texas native, the 51-year old Castanos enjoys being involved in church work, and has lived in Ardmore for several years with his spouse.



DENNIS BUNCE joins the APD as a Community Service Officer. A California native, Bunce has an extensive law enforcement background and worked as a police officer for a number of years in Manteca, California. He also served honorably in the United States Navy, and began his career aboard the U.S.S. Constellation in the 1960's. Bunce holds an Associates Degree from Fresno City College, in addition to being a Certified Master Mechanic. The 60-year old is no stranger to the community, as he has lived in Ardmore with his spouse for several years.



PAMELA SMITH joins the APD as a Crime Scene Analyst. Smith previously worked in Quantico, Virginia as a civilian advisor to the United States Marine Corps' SAIC Program. She has strong ties to the Southern Oklahoma area, earning her Bachelor's Degree from East Central University in Ada, and a Master's Degree from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant. She is a 49-year old mother, and has held administrative positions at the Tennessee State Department of Education, Pottsboro Public Schools, and a host of other school systems. Smith is excited to join the only ASCLD accredited Crime Lab in the area.



CANDICE PARKER is a familiar face to many already, as she has been undergoing field training to become a Patrol Officer since late last year. Parker recently completed the process of becoming a fully CLEET-certified Oklahoma Peace Officer. The 26-year old became interested in law enforcement after serving four years on active duty in the United States Marine Corps. She was stationed at Camp Pendleton, California and rose to the rank of Sergeant. Parker has a young daughter, and enjoys music. She was honored to sing the National Anthem at her recent Police Academy graduation.