

Pawnee Nation Celebrates Opening of New Law Enforcement Building



Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma celebrated the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Law Enforcement Center Dedication and Grand Opening on Oct. 19, 2012. This event was held at 1:30 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center located at 1200 Heritage Circle in Pawnee, Okla.

“We are looking forward to having our own building and the space to develop critical areas of need, such as an evidence room and a training area for not only Pawnee Nation police officers but also for the surrounding Tribal Police Departments,” said David Kanuho, chief of the Pawnee Nation Tribal Police Department.

The Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement Center is located at the corner of Click Field Road, Round House Road and Heritage Circle Drive. This new building is funded in part by U.S. Housing and Urban Development under the FY2010 – Indian Community Block Grant. The Pawnee Nation Transportation Department provided the parking, entrances and the final grading around the facility. The interior computer cabling was also done through the Pawnee Nation TERO (Tribal Employment Rights Organization).

The Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement Center was designed by Anishinabe Design of Norman, Okla. with construction provided by Builder’s Unlimited of Tulsa, Okla. Amenities include seven offices, a reception area and a conference room that doubles as a safe area during inclement weather to accommodate more than 150 people.

All current tribal law enforcement officers will have their own offices and an additional two offices have been set aside for new law enforcement programs such as a juvenile prevention program.

“These facilities will not only benefit Pawnee Nation, but the city of Pawnee, the County and the federal government as well,” said Marshall Gover, president of the Pawnee Business Council. “The Pawnee Tribe will be on the forefront of helping with the economic development of the City of Pawnee. Even though the Pawnee Tribe is a small tribe, we are the greatest Nation on the face of the earth!”

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