

U.S. Attorney gives \$2M to area law enforcement

U.S. Attorney Trent Shores announced that 17 law enforcement agencies will receive a combined \$2 million in seized funds from the drug operation “Killa Gorilla” during a Jan. 9 press conference at Broken Arrow Public Safety Conference recognizing Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Shores highlighted the essential work performed by the men and women of law enforcement and thanked them for their service to the people of Oklahoma.

“Operation Killa Gorilla is just one example of the essential collaborative work officers and agents are performing to disrupt the sale of illegal drugs in the Northern District of Oklahoma. Criminals do not get to keep their ill-gotten gains,” Shores said. “It is only appropriate that the forfeited funds go back to the departments to supplement needed training, equipment and other public safety initiatives.”

Eight law enforcement agencies from Oklahoma will each receive a portion of the seized money. The \$2 million was seized from profits made by the defendants from the illegal sale of synthetic cannabinoids, also known as K2 or Spice. The IRS, DEA, U.S. Postal Inspection Service and five Texas law enforcement agencies will also receive a portion of the funds for their work in the operation.

Oklahoma law enforcement agencies receiving seized funds are:

- Broken Arrow Police Department: \$255,716
- Cherokee Nation Marshal Service: \$85,000
- Claremore Police Department: \$85,000
- Owasso Police Department: \$85,000
- Rogers County Sheriff’s Office: \$225,716
- Sapulpa Police Department: \$262,716
- Tulsa Police Department: \$262,716
- Army National Guard: \$19,893



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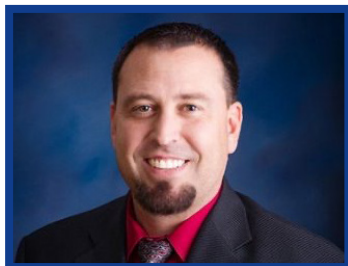
Did you know Battle Creek is owned by the City of Broken Arrow? Managed and maintained by Greenway Golf, Battle Creek features an 18-hole, par 72 course; practice facility and banquet hall with catering kitchen available for weddings and other celebrations.

Visit BattleCreekGolf.net for more information.

City announces new department director

Following a comprehensive nationwide search, Ethan Edwards was selected to serve as the new Director of Engineering and Construction for the City of Broken Arrow.

“I am truly honored to be selected as the Director of Engineering and Construction for the City of Broken Arrow,” Edwards said. “I understand the importance of this position, and I am looking forward to working alongside City personnel to proudly serve the residents of Broken Arrow by improving infrastructure and quality of life.”



Edwards joins the City from Cowan Group Engineering, LLC, where he was the Operations Manager since 2017. Prior to Cowan, he spent nine years as the Water and Wastewater Division Manager, Principal and Tulsa Office Lead at Professional Engineering Consultants.

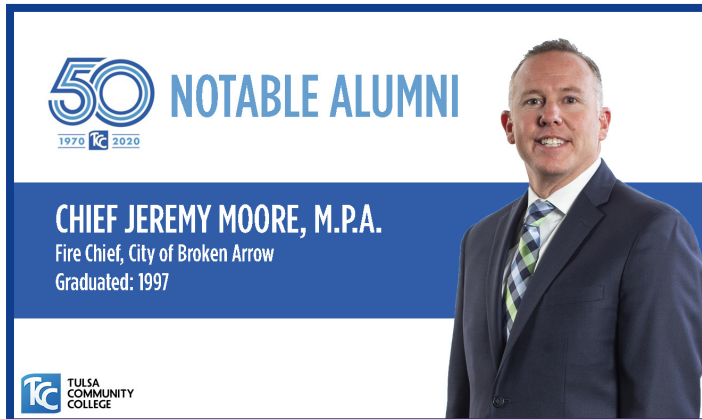
“I am beyond excited to have Ethan Edwards join the City’s leadership team,” said City Manager Michael Spurgeon. “BA is a fast-growing community with an abundance of capital and infrastructure projects that we need to complete. Between the

2018 GO Bond Package and Utility capital reinvestment plan, we have over \$300 million of work to be done over the next eight years. Whether it’s road widening, street and sidewalk repairs, water and wastewater improvements, parks work or building new buildings, our city needs a leader that has the experience and intangibles to keep up with these demands. I believe Ethan is the right person to lead our Engineering and Construction Department.”

A graduate of Oklahoma State University, Edwards holds a Bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering. He is a member of the Water Environment Foundation and the Oklahoma Water Environment Association. He started work in Broken Arrow Feb. 3.

Fire chief recognized as notable TCC alumni

As part of a celebration of its 50 years, Tulsa Community College is recognizing 50 Notable Alumni this academic year. In January, Broken Arrow Fire Chief Jeremy Moore was recognized by the college. He graduated from TCC with an associate degree in fire protection in 1997. A 23-year fire service veteran, Chief Moore has led the BAFD since 2015.



Tulsa Class 46 and a Paragon award nominee, he has served as board chair for the Crime Commission and has volunteered countless hours with myriad community organizations for almost three decades.

Chief Moore is also president of the Green Country Fire Chief's Association, and statewide he is the president of the Oklahoma Public Employers Labor Relations Association. He continues to mentor and assist aspiring firefighters and has served as an adjunct TCC faculty member.

To learn about TCC's 50th anniversary, visit tcc50.com.

Chief Moore started his public safety career as an Emergency Medical Technician for Skiatook EMS. In 1996, he joined the Tulsa Fire Department as a firefighter, where he worked his way up the ranks becoming Captain, then

District Chief. Additionally, at Tulsa Fire he served as the Administrative Chief working closely with the Fire administration, the Mayor's office, and other city leaders. He currently leads Broken Arrow's 173 firefighters.

With a Bachelor's degree in Fire Safety Service Management and a Master's in Public Administration, Chief Moore has the distinction of being only one of four credentialed Chief Fire Officers in Oklahoma. A graduate of Leadership

Wastewater plant project earns 'Excellence in Construction Award'

The City of Broken Arrow and Crossland Heavy Contractors, Inc., received the 2019 Excellence in Construction Award from the Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., Oklahoma Chapter in recognition of the Lynn Lane Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Improvements Project. The award was in the Public Works/Environmental category.

The headworks project was a \$9.8 million renovation to modernize, reduce odors and improve efficiency at the plant.

The City acknowledges the tremendous efforts of the project team who made this important project a reality: Oklahoma Water Resources Board, HDR Engineering, Inc., BKL Inc., and Crossland Heavy Contractors, Inc. and its sub-contractors for their outstanding performance.

Is your child's car seat installed correctly?

Did you know Broken Arrow hosts a monthly car seat inspection station? From 1-3 p.m., the first Thursday of each month, parents and other caregivers can stop by Broken Arrow Fire Station No. 6 for a free inspection. Technicians also train caregivers in the proper installation and setup of their own specific car seats in their own vehicles.



Fire Station 6 is located at 3151 N. 9th St., adjacent to Nienhuis Park.

The inspections are part of a nationwide effort of Safe Kids Worldwide. Safe Kids Tulsa Area offers other inspection stations in the Tulsa area as well:

- Tulsa Fire Station No. 22, 7303 E. 15th St., 10 a.m.-noon, third Thursday of the month.
- Bixby Fire Station No. 2, 8300 E. 121st St., 2-4 p.m., fourth Thursday of the month.
- Jenks Fire Station No. 2, 1115 W. 121st St., 10 a.m.-noon, third Saturday of January, April, July and October.
- Keystone Chevrolet, 8700 Charles Page Blvd., 10 a.m.-noon, third Saturday of February, May, August and November.

According to the National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration, car fatalities are the leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 13.

Correctly used car seats and booster seats are extremely effective, reducing the risk of death by as much as 71 percent, but nearly 73 percent of child restraints are not installed or used correctly, according to data released by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

For additional information, call 918-494-7233 or go to www.safekidstulsa.com. The service is free and the inspection usually takes 20-30 minutes per seat.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 2 — NWS Storm Spotter Training TBD

March 3 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

March 3 — Rose Rosette Disease Workshop 6:30-8:30 p.m. McGraw Realtors, 524 S. Main St. [facebook.com/keepbrokenarrowbeautiful](https://www.facebook.com/keepbrokenarrowbeautiful)

March 12 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

March 14 — ShamROCK the Rose 5-10 p.m. Rose District

March 17 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

March 26 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

April 7 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

April 9 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

April 10 — Good Friday City offices closed.

Storm siren testing resumes in March

The City of Broken Arrow's outdoor warning sirens are tested at noon on the first Wednesday of the month during storm season — March through September.

The sirens will only be tested if there are no overcast skies or storms in the area.

Should the weather not permit testing on the first Wednesday of the month, testing will be done the following Wednesday.