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## **INFORMATION RELEASE**

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## Arkansas Highway Police Searching for Officers to Fill Ranks

**LITTLE ROCK (7-30)** – Arkansas Highway Police began accepting applications for law enforcement officers and will fill vacancies throughout the State.

Arkansas Highway Police (AHP) is a Division of the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT). AHP is a nationally recognized leader in the fields of drug interdiction, motor carrier safety and hazardous materials enforcement, and training. Officers serve as instructors for the Criminal Justice Institute, National Training Center, Transportation Safety Institute, and the Drug Interdiction Assistance Program.

Arkansas Highway Police are responsible for the enforcement of state laws regulating the use of public highways with special emphasis on commercial vehicles and private non-passenger transportation vehicles. Officers maintain expertise in size, weight, hazardous materials, license, tax, traffic and criminal law enforcement, and motor carrier safety.

The annual starting salary is \$40,300. Officers already certified through the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training (ACLEST) begin at \$42,328, annually. Benefits of working for AHP include annual and sick leave, group healthcare and life insurance plans, Arkansas State Highway Employees Retirement System, and uniform and special expense allowances.

Applications can be submitted by visiting <u>www.ardot.gov</u>. Select the "Employment" tab and then choose, "All Other Applicants."

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