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## **Arkansas Highway Police Welcomes New Graduates**

**LITTLE ROCK (4-1)** – Arkansas Highway Police, a division of the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT), welcomed 25 new officers on Friday, March 22. The new officers recently completed an 11-week training course and are now ready to fulfill their sworn duties.

"I know this class will have a promising future," said ARDOT Director Scott Bennett. "They will be protecting the motorists and our infrastructure. I'm proud of their accomplishments and wish them all the best in their careers."

The following individuals are graduates of Class 12 of the Recruit Training Program: Austin Ardwin, Lander Austin, Conor Bumpus, Malcom Cambron, Ronnie Carr, William Cash, Matthew Clairday, Richard Drum, Tanner Drummonds, Kevin Dunkerson, Jennifer Evans, TJ Frachiseur, Mitchell Hall, Bobbie Hickman, Kory House, Corey Huckabee, Bruce Jackson, Jr., Dillion McGee, Matthew McGrew, Philip Roberts, Jonathon Seaver, Robert Spaulding, Scotty Stewart, Paul Thorne, and Austin Wheelis.

"During the past 11 weeks, we have spent countless hours in training and learning about topics that law enforcement officers deal with every day," said graduate Kade Cash. "We gained a greater understanding of what a job of a highway police officer entails. Patrol officers with the Highway Police are not only for protecting the lives of Arkansans, but also for preserving the infrastructure that makes daily life possible—a duty that really no other agency has."

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