

The AHTD

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## AHTD BEGINS MOTORIST ASSISTANCE PATROL

*West Memphis area motorists can expect help under new program*

Ever find yourself on the side of the road in need of help? Maybe it's a flat tire or your car has overheated. Whatever the reason, all you need is some minor assistance to get on your way.

The AHTD's new Motorist Assistance Patrol, known as the MAP, will provide that assistance to motorists who experience minor incidents while traveling. The program was created to address congestion that is likely to occur in metropolitan areas because of construction associated with the Interstate Rehabilitation Program. The

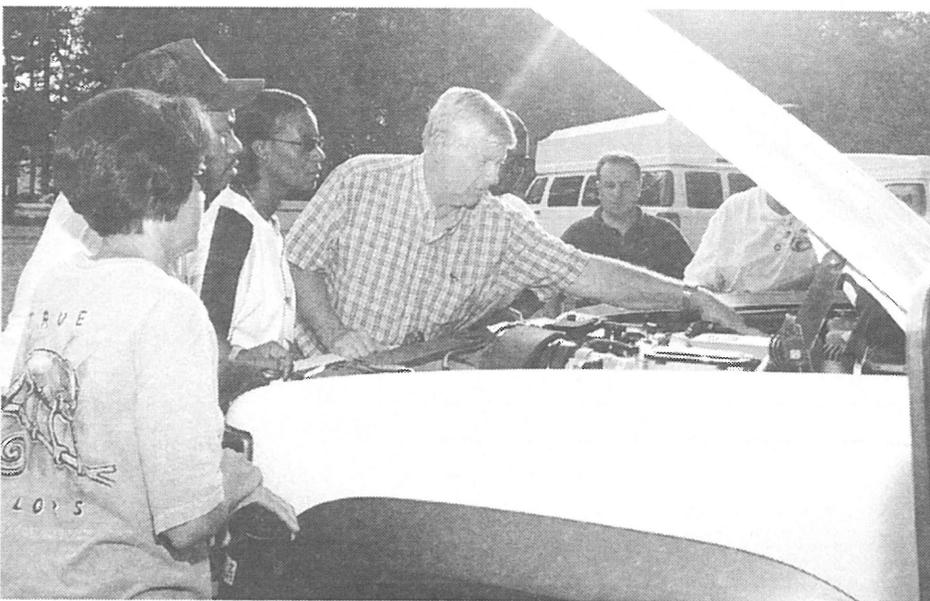
pilot program is operating on portions of Interstates 55 and 40 in the West Memphis area. It is expected the program will be expanded to other metropolitan areas.

MAP operators are on the road from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Examples of services provided include providing fuel, water, etc., air for tires, assisting with flat tire, performing minor repairs to belts or hoses, and offering the use of a cell phone.

A main priority of the MAP is to

remove disabled vehicles from the travel lanes as quickly as possible. According to Arkansas law, drivers involved in accidents are required to remove the vehicles from the roadway, before police arrive, unless the vehicle is disabled or there are visible or apparent injuries to a person. MAP vehicles are specially equipped to assist in removing vehicles from the travel lanes.

"We're excited about this program," commented AHTD Director Dan Flowers. "With the large amount of construction that will be taking place on our Interstates in the coming years, traffic flow will be a major concern. This program provides a useful service for motorists and helps keep traffic flowing safely and efficiently," he added.



Odus Barker, AHTD Equipment Specialist, reviews engine maintenance with MAP personnel.

MOTORIST ASSISTANCE  
PATROL

# Arkansas State Highway Employees Retirement System

## Status As Of June 30, 2000

	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Number of Active Members (Employees) .....	3,523	3,481	(42)
Number of Retired Members .....	2,052	2,176	124
Number of Drop Plan Members .....	260	280	20
Annuities (benefits) Paid .....	27,733,587	32,347,078	4,613,491
Cash & Short-Term Investments .....	25,339,465	74,530,697	49,191,232
Investments (cost) .....	752,127,016	845,715,286	93,588,270
Total Assets (market) .....	870,342,287	1,020,176,112	149,833,825
Interest & Dividends from Investments .....	31,252,205	31,871,150	618,945
Gain on Sale of Securities .....	89,792,356	122,188,232	32,395,876
Yield to Cost:			
Fixed Income .....	6.75%	6.85%	10%
*Common Stock .....	0.69%	0.25%	(0.44)%
Yield to Market:			
Fixed Income .....	6.90%	7.16%	0.26%
*Common Stock .....	0.52%	0.20%	(0.32)%

\*Excludes capital gains on sales for 1999 and 2000 of \$89.8 million and \$122.2 million, respectively.

As shown above, the retirement system has investments in stock and fixed income securities of \$845,715,286 which received earnings of \$31,871,150. These investments are composed of the following securities at cost:

	<u>Average Rate Earned on Cost</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Portfolio</u>
Corporate Bonds: .....			33%
Aerospace .....	8.22%	498,888	
Automotive & Machinery .....	5.60%	14,199,991	
Banks & Financial .....	7.13%	89,810,701	
Drugs, Medical & Chemical .....	7.88%	12,122,859	
Electronics & Office Equipment .....	7.15%	16,836,350	
Housing & Building Materials .....	6.89%	4,493,772	
Insurance .....	8.18%	5,371,200	
Petroleum Products & Equipment .....	7.65%	27,250,290	
Retail & Restaurants .....	7.22%	34,487,112	
Transportation .....	6.99%	5,501,860	
Utilities .....	6.88%	71,002,687	
U.S. Government Agencies: .....		154,260,020	18%
Common Stock: .....			49%
Automotive & Machinery .....		12,723,789	
Banks & Financial .....		25,002,539	
Drugs, Medical & Chemical .....		46,206,661	
Electronics & Office Equipment .....		154,251,887	
Housing & Building Materials .....		513,402	
Insurance .....		11,268,276	
Petroleum Products & Equipment .....		86,811,809	
Retail & Restaurants .....		38,396,836	
Transportation .....		1,183,799	
Utilities .....		33,520,558	

Overall, the assets of the Retirement System increased from \$786,543,366 to \$928,515,489, a gain of \$141,972,123.

# AHTD PEOPLE



JULY 2000

## NEW EMPLOYEES

### Environmental

Thomas Nichols, Environmental Analyst I

### Equipment & Procurement

William Wells, Station Attendant

### Human Resources

James Mitchell, General Laborer

Rhonda Swaffar, Office Admin. Asst. I

Ronda Walthall, Central Office Receptionist

### Materials

Larry Bowling, Timothy Wilson, Gen. Laborers

### Planning & Research

Christopher Corbitt, Civil Engineer I

### Programs & Contracts

Shelly Bradley, Office Admin. Asst. II

Mark Green, Reproduction Operator

### Surveys

Johnny Collins, Surveys Helper

### District 1

Curtis Bearden, General Laborer

John Holcombe, Jr., Eldrew Mitchell,

Construction Aides I

### District 2

Keith Robertson, Construction Helper I

### District 5

Johnny Kimbriel, Maintenance Aide I

### District 6

Shawn Russ, Jon Anderton, General Laborers

### District 7

Jeremy Evans, General Laborer

### District 9

Becky Roberts, Single Axle Truck Driver

### District 10

Douglas Jackson, Ruth Phillips,

Carol Turner, General Laborers

Chris Crite, Mike Wellman, Single Axle Truck Drivers

## PROMOTIONS

### Computer Services

Jack Koba, Admin. Aide II

### Environmental

Robert Fuhler, Administrative Officer I

Robert Scroggin, Environmental Analyst I

### Fiscal Services

Patrick Thomas, Admin. Aide I

### Highway Police

Stanley Barnes, Timothy Culver, Casey

Hansen, Nancy Harmon, Douglas Honey,

Joy Scrivner, James Stevens, Sergeants

Eric Mitchell, Motor Carrier Safety Spec. I

Norman Johnson, Permits Admin. Aide I

### Maintenance

Jeffrey Honeycutt, Bridge Repairer II

### Materials

Kevin Douglas, Geotechnical Logger

Steve Harris, Testing Equipment Specialist

Jerry Jackson, Jr., Materials Technician II

### Right of Way

Dale Hodges, ROW Plans Designer II

Tommy Lynn, Reviewing Appraiser

### Surveys

Charles Mattoon, Surveys Helper

### Training & Safety

Travis Nelson, Safety Inspection Officer

### District 1

Gina Files, Lenora Wilson, Const. Aides I

### District 2

Albert Ross, Multi-Axle Truck Dr.

Steve Sites, Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.

Charles Smith, Construction Aide III

Todd Tooke, Construction Helper II

### District 3

Patricia Moon, General Laborer

Bobby Sharp, Distributor/Roller Opr.

### District 4

Herbert Baker,

Danny Brown, Jr., Construction Helpers II

Patsy Copelin, Distributor/Roller Opr.

Carl Jones, Maintenance Aide II

### District 5

Ernie Hunt, Maintenance Aide I

Russell Moore, Senior Inspector

### District 6

James Honeycutt,

Richard Lambert, Maintenance Aides I

Stephen Morgan, Inspector

Therese Yarnold, Storeroom Asst. II

### District 8

Larry Lay, Multi-Axle Truck Driver

Billy Sampley, Const. Materials Inspector

### District 9

William Carpenter,

Ernest Pittman, Multi-Axle Truck Drivers

William Grozis, Ferry Boat Supervisor

### District 10

Jason Boling, Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.

Steve Newsom, Single Axle Truck Dr.

## SERVICE

### 45 Years

Ralph Goodson, D-4 Maintenance Job Supt.

### 35 Years

George Major, Jr., Roadway Designer

Johnny Crawford, D-I Senior Inspector

Robert Faulkner, D-10 Construction Engineer

### 30 Years

Billy Hunt, D-4 Bridge Repairer II

Danny Adams, D-6 Crew Leader

Norman Rackley, D-8 Sr. Mechanic

### 25 Years

Shirley Campbell, Fis. Ser. Office Admin. Asst. III

Terry Cutchall, AHP Corporal

Milton Sullivan, Maint. Sr. Design Tech.

Tyler Nicholson, Materials Area Engineer

Randy Reed, ROW Plans Designer II

John Wilson, Surveys Crew Chief

John Trawick, D-7 Shop Supervisor

Carl Pierce, D-7 Inspector

Vernon Sanders, D-10 Sr. Const. Mat. Insp.

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## 20 Years

**William Cardwell**, AHP Corporal  
**Bobby West**, D-2 Crew Leader  
**Hellen Kennedy**, D-2 Storeroom Supv.  
**John Redwine**, D-6 Rest Area Attendant  
**Gregory Oliver**, D-6 Inspector  
**Dale Arnold**, D-10 Maint. Aide II  
**Larry Hicks**, D-10 Rest Area Attendant

## 15 Years

**Brian Casto**, Materials Geotechnical Spec.  
**Patrisha Taylor**, P&R Data Collection Tech.  
**Donald Tackett**, D-1 Shop Supervisor  
**Roger Harris**, D-4 Crew Leader  
**Virgel Harviston**, D-4 Paver Operator  
**Angela Cantu**, D-5 Construction Aide I  
**Bobby Pearson**, D-5 Construction Aide II  
**Cleo Webb**, D-8 Motor Patrol Opr./Finish  
**David Cooper**, D-10 Welder

## 10 Years

**Dorothy Coburn**, ROW Closing Agent

**Bobby Hopkins**, D-1 Single Axle Truck Dr.  
**Joe Richmond**, D-4 Construction Aide II  
**Ronnie Friddle**, D-5 Distributor/Roller Opr.  
**Larry Deaton**, D-5 Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.  
**Randy Ray**, D-6 Storeroom Supv.  
**Donald Hudson**, D-7 Hydraulic Excavator Opr./Finish  
**Christopher Stanfield**, D-7 Const. Aide II  
**William Watson**, D-8 Rest Area Attendant

## 5 Years

**Lakeysha Lewis**, Legal Aide  
**Gary Hillery**, Maintenance Sign Maker I  
**Donald Nugent**, D-2 Motor Patrol Opr.  
**Thomas Taylor**, D-2 Senior Mechanic  
**Billy Taylor**, D-4 Lowboy/Float Truck Dr.  
**Kerry Martin**, D-5 Distributor/Roller Opr.  
**Anastasia Powell**, D-6 Bookkeeper  
**Gregory Wallis**, D-6 Rest Area Attendant  
**Rebecca Larney**, D-6 Street Sweeper Opr.  
**Bobby Hall**, D-7 Maintenance Aide I

## RETIREMENTS

**Carcena Hall**, Right of Way Realty Appraiser I, retired July 21 with 17+ years

**Jerry Stussy**, Computer Services Division Head, retired July 13 with 31+ years

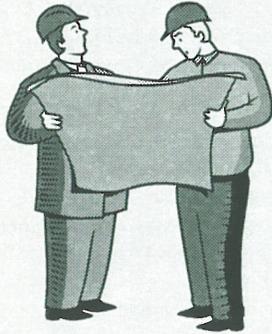
**Bill Durham, Jr.**, Computer Services Automation Engineer V, retired July 19 with 35+ years

**Jimmy Finley**, District 6 Rest Area Attendant, retired July 12 with 15+ years

**Eddie Erwin**, District 7 Multi-Axle Truck Driver, retired July 20 with 27+ years

**Norman Rackley**, District 8 Senior Mechanic, retired July 14 with 29+ years

**Joseph Hudson**, District 10 Single Axle Truck Driver, retired July 4 with 15+ years



## Labor Day Holiday

**Monday, September 4, 2000 is a state holiday for Highway and Transportation Department employees in observance of Labor Day. All work will be suspended except for cases of emergency.**

It is time for Arkansans to gear-up for the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Great Arkansas Cleanup on September 9, 2000. Individuals from around the state will volunteer their time on this date to clean our state's natural areas and roadsides.

The Great Arkansas Cleanup evolved from the Greer's Ferry Lake Cleanup, which began as an idea of Carl Garner of the U.S. Corps of Engineers. The Great Arkansas Cleanup soon spread across Arkansas and became a model for states across the nation. This annual cleanup event was the impetus for national legislation encouraging states to adopt a similar event.

Over the years, the event has expanded to include many lakes, streams and rivers as part of the cleanup. In addition to recreational lands and natural areas, approximately five years ago highways and other public lands were added as part of this annual event.

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has been involved in the Great Arkansas Cleanup for the last five years. The Department has encouraged Adopt A Highway groups to participate in the event over the years and the reception has been stupendous. During the 1999 Great Arkansas Cleanup, AHTD figures show that over 2,200 individuals from the Adopt A Highway groups participated contributing almost 1,000 hours picking-up litter.

Employees are encouraged to participate in this worthwhile event. The Great Arkansas Cleanup is a "great" way for employees to assist in preserving the Natural State's beauty.

