

# Center Line

## Steve Teague Announces Retirement

Steve Teague, Assistant to the Director for Program Management, announced his retirement earlier this month to be effective in April.

Teague, a 33-year employee of the Department, is a 1971 graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and is a registered professional engineer.

He began his career with AHTD in 1971 as a Civil Engineer in the Planning and Research Division. He has served as Section

Head of both Research and Program Planning in the Planning and Research Division, Assistant Section Head and Section Head of Programming and Scheduling, Assistant Division Head and Division Head of Programs and Contracts and Assistant Chief Engineer of Planning. He was named to his present position in August 2002.

A native of Malvern, Teague currently resides in Little Rock. He and his wife Nell have one daughter, Rachel.

"I've had a wonderful career with the Department and have made many friends," Teague stated. "I will miss them all, but at the same time, I look forward to the opportunities that come with retirement."



## Frank Vozel Named To New Position

Frank Vozel, Assistant Chief Engineer for Planning, has been promoted to Assistant to the Director for Program Management effective April 29, 2004. He replaces Steve Teague.

Vozel is a 1970 graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and is a registered professional engineer.

Upon graduation, Vozel began his career with AHTD in the Traffic Division. In 1974, he was promoted to Section Head of Highway Safety and, in 1976, was named Section Head of Traffic Engineering. In 1977, he advanced to Assistant Division Head of the Traffic Division and was the Arkansas Highway

Safety Program coordinator. In 1994, he was promoted to Division Head of Programs and Contracts.

In his new position, Vozel will coordinate the Department's long- and short-range construction programs and coordinate development of the State-wide Transportation Improvement Program. He will also oversee the divisions of Equipment & Procurement, Fiscal Services and Programs & Contracts, as well as the offices of Human Resources, Public Affairs and Training & Safety.



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## Bennett Promoted To Assistant Chief Engineer - Planning



Scott Bennett, Planning and Research Division Head, is being promoted to the position of Assistant Chief Engineer for Planning effective April 29, 2004.

Scott has master's and bachelor's degrees in civil engineering from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, and is a registered professional engineer.

His career with the Department began in 1989 as a Civil Engineer I. In 1995, he was promoted to Section Head of Technical Services and promoted to Assistant Division Head of Planning and Research in 1996. He attained the title of Division Head in 2002.

## Pat & Jerry Dixon: MS Society Volunteers of the Year

Jerry Dixon is an AHTD employee in the Central Office. He spends his workdays as an Administrative Assistant III in the Planning & Research Division in Little Rock.

In his spare time, he and his wife Pat are volunteers for the National MS Society. In fact, this past September, Jerry and Pat were named the 2003 National MS Society Volunteers of the Year in the Arkansas Division.

Jerry and Pat have volunteered their time, expertise and helping hands to the Arkansas Office for the past 13 years. When they were asked to describe their 13-year association with the MS Society, they summed it up in one word: FANTASTIC.

"We enjoy helping others, and it's good for the soul," Jerry comments.

MS is a chronic, disabling disease of the central nervous system. The National MS Society funds more MS research, offers more services for people with MS, and provides more professional education than any other MS organization in the world.

Together, Jerry and Pat have worked at every MS walk and every tour to help assure the safety of the participants. The annual MS Walk is held across the nation to raise funds for the organization. Eight walks are planned in Arkansas communities this spring. Also planned is the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual MS 150 Bike Tour scheduled for September at Petit Jean State Park.

In addition to the MS Society, the couple also gives their time to the American Diabetes Association, Race for the Cure, the American Lung Association and Scouts of America.

Jerry and Pat have three children and seven grandchildren that keep them pretty busy as well. Jerry has been employed with AHTD for 32 years.

Members of "Team AHTD" for the National MS Society are (l. to r.) Ric Scruggs of Right of Way; Jerry Dixon of Planning & Research; and Bruce Hurlbut of Legal. Not pictured is David Dawson of Legal. These AHTD employees have recognized the need for helping others. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with the National MS Society, contact one of these employees.



# Prepare Now for Dangerous Weather

With the arrival of spring, comes the possibility of severe weather and tornadoes in Arkansas. Tornado season occurs from April through July, with May and June being peak months.

The best defense against threatening weather is to be alert and be prepared. Here are some things you can do to be ready for inclement weather.

1. **Check with your insurance agent** and be sure you have proper coverage.
2. **Develop a Family Disaster Plan** that explains where to go at home, school, work or outdoors when a tornado warning is issued.
3. **Put together a Family Disaster Supply Kit** that includes a radio, flashlight, candles, water, canned food, a first aid kit and copies of important family records.



More information on preparing for dangerous weather is available on the Internet from the Red Cross. For a Red Cross Preparedness Guide, visit [www.redcross.org/services/ecard/march/pageflip.html](http://www.redcross.org/services/ecard/march/pageflip.html).

**Interested in Forming a softball team this Spring?  
Contact Patrol Officer Joy Bean at 569-2929.**

## **GRADUATION PHOTOS DUE**

Graduation photos are due in only a few days. Please have them to the Public Affairs Office by 5 p.m. Thursday, April 1st.

Please include with photo submission:

- graduate's name,
- school name,
- (parent/grandparent) employee name,
- title, and
- division or district.

Photos may be submitted by interoffice mail to Public Affairs, Shelli Russell.

All photos submitted by interoffice mail will be returned when layout is finished.

Photos may also be submitted by email attachment, with some regulations. Print size must be at least 2 ½ by 3 ½ inches. Print size is the size of the picture when printed out at its best quality.

If you are scanning the photo, scan at 300 dpi. Please do not take a digital picture of a photo. Call or email Shelli Russell with questions.

[Shelli.Russell@ahtd.state.ar.us](mailto:Shelli.Russell@ahtd.state.ar.us) or 501-569-2573.



Terry Standard, Jr., Construction Materials Inspector, was the winner of The Sheridan Headlight's 2004 Valentine Contest. Terry received a steak dinner for two, a half dozen roses and a heart diamond filigree ring.



Danny Keene, Facilities Management Section Head (l.), presents Richard Strasburg, Inspector (r.), his 20-year certificate and pin.



District 8: 5-year service awards: Frank Russenberger, Dist. Engr. (back, left), and B.J. McAlister, Dist. Maint. Engr. (back, right), presenting; (others, l. to r.) Morris Allen, Maint. Aide I; Mark Powell, Maint. Aide I; (back) Joe Alexander, Hydraulic Excavator Oper.; Dusty McDaniel, Area HQ. Attendant; Steven Pierce, Distributor Roller Oper.; Debbie Matchett, Multi-Axle Truck Driver; Angela Garner, Single Axle Truck Driver.



Service awards in District 8: (l. to r.) Frank Russenberger, Dist. Engr., presenting; Barry Clark, Crew Leader, 20 years; Jim Hill, Area HQ. Attendant, 35 years; Neil Ford, Area Maint. Supv, 15 years; B.J. McAlister, District Maintenance Engineer.

10-year service awards in District 8: (l. to r.) Frank Russenberger, Dist. Engr., presenting; Stacy Bixler; Single Axle Truck Driver; Lisa Vaughan, Area HQ. Attendant; B.J. McAlister, District Maintenance Engineer.



Ed Marlin, Striping Superintendent of the Statewide Striping Crew in the Maintenance Division accepts his 30-year service award from Staff Maintenance Engineer Tony Evans.



Larry Newman, Cartographer Supervisor (l.) in Planning & Research, receives his 30-year service pin from P & R Division Head Scott Bennett.

Maintenance: Roger Mahan, Pavement Profiler Crew Leader (l.), receives his 15-year service award from Staff Maintenance Engineer Tony Evans.



Doug Huckaba, Communications Section Head (l.), presents Kevin Purifoy, Communications Maintenance Specialist (r.), his 20-year service award.





Danny Keene, Facilities Management Section Head (I.), recognizes Shenika Wymes for her full-time position in the Facilities Management section. She has worked as a student in that section for 18 months.



Mark Bradley, Staff Research Engineer (I.), presents Chris Hanning, Program Administration Engineer, his 5-year certificate and pin.



Communications Section: Chuck Onyett and wife Donna at his retirement luncheon. Chuck recently retired from his position of Communications Maintenance Specialist after 20 years of service.



Roxanne Karnes, Office Tech in District 2, receives her 20-year certificate. Also pictured are Mike Thompson, Resident Engineer (left) and Ernie Westfall, District Construction Engineer.



Carol Ward, Advanced Research Assistant in Planning & Research, receives her 15-year service award and pin from P & R Division Head Scott Bennett.

Communications Section, old and new: Several retirees visited for Chuck Onyett's retirement party.



Maintenance: Vaughn Pierson, Striping Machine Driver (I.), receives his 5-year service award from Staff Maintenance Engineer Tony Evans.



Roadway Design Service Awards: (l. to r.) Eric Phillips, Staff Traffic Engr., 30 years; Scott Fisher, Hydraulic Engr., 10 years; Frank Bray, Sr. Design Engr., 15 years.



Roadway Design welcomes to its staff Ishwor Gurung, Civil Engr. I and Mark Earl, Civil Engr. Both graduated from University of Missouri - Rolla in 2003. Ishwor has a master's degree in Civil Engineering. He obtained experience in the private sector while in college. Ishwor was born in Nepal. Mark has a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. He has two summers of IDOT and MODOT experience.





John Davis Gunderman, born August 16, 2003, with brother Justin, age 6. They are the children of Kathy Gunderman, Cartographer II, in Planning & Research, and her husband Norbert.



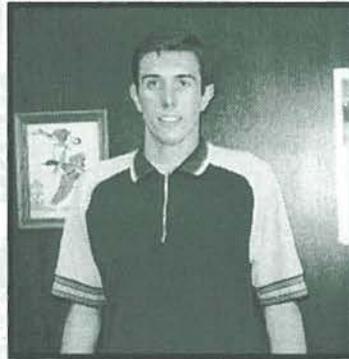
Payton Alan is the son of Dennis and Debbie Brown. He was born November 19, 2003, weighing 5 lbs., 7 oz. Payton is the grandson of Joe & Jackie Barnett. Joe is the District Engineer in District 10.



District 4: E. Gene Holloway, Area Maintenance Supervisor for Washington 1 Area, receives his 35 year service award. (l. to r.) Harold Beaver, District Engineer; Holloway; David Becker, District Maintenance Engineer.



District 2: Clarence Edwards, Maintenance Aide II, placed 3rd statewide in the Big Buck Contest.



District 2: Chris Kelly, Civil Engineer, comes to the Monticello RE Office as a new employee. He graduated from the University of Missouri - Rolla.



Luke Andrew Landrum, the son of Andy & Stacie Landrum, was born August 9, 2003. Luke is the grandson of Floyd & Regenia Landrum. Regenia is Personnel Clerk in District 10.

District 10: The Clay County Crew had 67% participation in the January Red Cross Blood Drive.



District 2: David Walters, Crew Leader in Grant County with his son Cody, age 12, and 10-point deer.



Planning & Research: (l.) Danny Moore, Admin. Officer III and (r.) Jim Gilbert, Public Transp. Administrator received their 35-year service pins from Scott Bennett, P&R Div. Head.



District 3: (l.) Kenny Bennett, District Maint. Engineer, presents (r.) Curtis Hill, Dist. Shop/ Lowboy Float Driver with his 20-year service award.



# ROADEO DATES

## 2004 AHTD SEMIFINALS

Date (Thursdays)	District	City
March 11	02	Pine Bluff
March 18	07	Camden
March 25	06	Little Rock
April 01	01	Wynne
April 08	08	Russellville
April 15	05	Batesville
April 22	04	Fort Smith
April 29	10	Paragould
May 06	03	Hope
May 13	09	Harrison

## 2004 AHTD FINALS

June 10, Little Rock, Arkansas

## 2004 REGIONAL COMPETITION

October 20, Gulfport, Mississippi



# ROADEO RESULTS

## DISTRICT 2

TRACTOR/LOWBOY	TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK	SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① Tim Cagle</li> <li>② Steve Sites</li> <li>③ John Harvey</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① Melissa Lea</li> <li>② Keith Etue</li> <li>③ Roy Clark</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① Royce Edmondson</li> <li>② Chris Johnson</li> <li>③ Jimmy Brooks</li> </ol>
TRACTOR/MOWER	BACKHOE	MOTOR PATROL
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① Edward Kirkham</li> <li>② John Moorehead</li> <li>③ Tommy Austin</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① David Waters</li> <li>② Kenneth Edwards</li> <li>③ Edward Kirkham</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① Steve Sites</li> <li>② Clyde Robinson</li> <li>③ David Alverson</li> </ol>

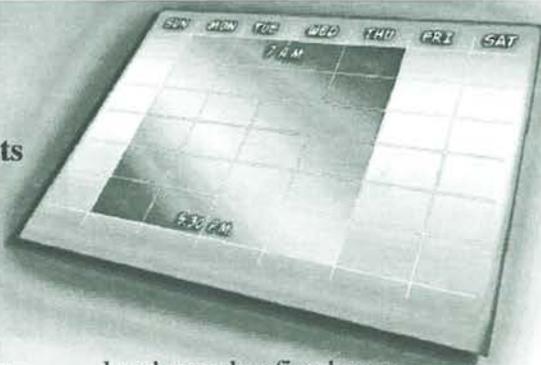
## Four-Day Work Week Resumes

Effective April 1 through October 27, 2004, the following personnel will work a four-day, ten-hour schedule Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with a half hour lunch:

**Area Maint. Superintendents**  
**Dist. Equipment & Maint. Supv.**  
**District Shop Crews**  
**Equip. & Proc. Shop Personnel**  
**Facilities Management Personnel**  
**Field Maintenance Personnel**  
**Heavy Bridge Maint. Crew**  
**Job Superintendents**

**Radio Maintenance Specialists**  
**Safety Inspection Officers**  
**Shop Supervisors**  
**Sign Shop Personnel**  
**Storeroom Personnel**  
**Striping & Signing Crew**  
**Surveys Division Survey Parties**  
**Tech Svc Section Field Personnel**

On those weeks containing a holiday, the work schedule will revert to a five-day, eight-hour workweek. Vacation or sick leave for a ten-hour day will be charged as ten hours. Half days will



be charged as five hours.

The Districts will rotate the service station personnel so that one person will be on a five-day, eight-hour workweek in order to keep the station open from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

The spotlight will be on safety on our highways April 4th - 10th, as Work Zone Awareness Week arrives across the nation. The message is simple: take precautions as you drive through a work zone. Lives depend on it.

The safe and efficient flow of traffic through work zones should be a major concern for everyone. Figures indicate a 55% increase in work zone fatalities nationally from 1997 to 2002.

In 2002, there were 1,181 work zone fatalities. In all, there were 117,567 work zone crashes and over 52,000 people injured. To put it in perspective, that's one work zone injury every 15 minutes.

Who is responsible for work zone safety? Everyone. If you are a construction worker whose job is located within a work zone, be aware of your surroundings and look before you walk.

Motorists have an even bigger responsibility. While driving through a work zone, here are some tips:

- Expect the unexpected.
- Slow down.
- Don't tailgate.
- Keep a safe distance from workers and equipment.
- Pay attention to signs.
- Obey road crew flaggers.
- Stay alert & avoid distractions.
- Keep up with the flow of traffic.
- Leave home early so you arrive on time.
- Be patient and stay calm.



## AHTD People

### NEW EMPLOYEES

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

Max Farrell Environmental Analyst I

**HEAVY BRIDGE**

Joseph Hamlin Skill Trades Trainee

**BRIDGE**

Dale Heft Civil Engineer I

**DISTRICT 1**

Presto Hubbard Single Axle Truck Driver  
Eli Moore, Sr. Single Axle Truck Driver  
Robert Doss General Laborer

**DISTRICT 3**

Leon Nelson General Laborer

**CONSTRUCTION**

Thomas Green Construction Helper I  
Mindy King Construction Helper I

**DISTRICT 5**

Christine Kolb Single Axle Truck Driver

**DISTRICT 6**

Michael York Senior Mechanic  
Timothy Morrison General Laborer  
Martha Mitts Single Axle Truck Driver  
Jimmy Oliver General Laborer  
Jerry Cantrell Single Axle Truck Driver

**DISTRICT 9**

Mark Van Aalsburg Multi-Axle Truck Driver  
Rowan Dunn Single Axle Truck Driver  
Aaron Villines Single Axle Truck Driver

### PROMOTIONS

**RIGHT OF WAY**

Miyoshi Lasker Design Technician I

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

Linda Pearson Environmental Scientist II  
Elaine Sullivan Environmental Technician

## Daylight Saving Time Begins



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, April 4th. Turn your clocks forward one hour, either before you go to bed, or at 2 a.m. on Sunday.

### Correction:

The employees pictured below both celebrate 40 years of service with AHTD this year. Their names were reversed in the February issue of the CenterLine newsletter. We regret any confusion that was caused by the mistake.



Arvin Shuffield  
Const. Project Coordinator



Charles Vance, Jr.  
District Bridge Inspector

**HEAVY BRIDGE**

Detory Garmon Bridge Repairer I

**MATERIALS**

James Watkins Geotechnical Aide I

**PLANNING & RESEARCH**

Johnna Thomas Office Admn Asst III

**DISTRICT 1**

Jeremy Rogers Motor Patrol Operator  
William Waggle Maintenance Aide II

**DISTRICT 2**

Latrina Fenison Single Axle Truck Driver  
Robert Gray Single Axle Truck Driver  
Bobby Oglesby Storeroom Assistant II  
Gregory Patrick Motor Patrol Operator-Finish  
Noah Peek Construction Helper II  
Mark Pumphrey BH/FE Loader Opr  
Walter Smith Single Axle Truck Driver

**DISTRICT 3**

Michael Dixon Single Axle Truck Driver  
Justin Hillery Single Axle Truck Driver  
Robert Hughes Construction Aide I  
James Koontz Single Axle Truck Driver  
Connie Pate Single Axle Truck Driver  
Jason Patrick Single Axle Truck Driver

**DISTRICT 4**

Brandon Bowen Senior Mechanic  
Justin Burcham Single Axle Truck Driver  
Nathaniel Jackson Single Axle Truck Driver

## PROMOTIONS (cont.)

Edith Magee Crew Leader  
Gabe Mizell Distributor Operator  
Mason Pope Construction Field Engr. II  
Fred Ridenhour Area Headquarters Attendant  
Stacey Ryan Single Axle Truck Driver

### DISTRICT 5

Bryant Cain Motor Patrol Operator-Finish  
Stacey Caplener Bridge Job Superintendent

### DISTRICT 6

Flunnoy Brazwell Maintenance Aide I  
Robert Davidson Single Axle Truck Driver  
Andre Freeman Single Axle Truck Driver  
Mario Gamez Multi-Axle Truck Driver  
Jason Griffin Senior Mechanic  
Carl Lewis Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr  
Joylyn Marshall Single Axle Truck Driver  
Deon Pickens Bridge Repairer II

### DISTRICT 7

Alan Quimby Crew Leader

### DISTRICT 8

Joshua Bryant Asphalt Tank Truck Driver  
Kim Fryar Area Headquarters Attendant

### DISTRICT 9

Carl Hall Maintenance Aide I

### DISTRICT 10

Michael Cooper Senior Mechanic  
Kristie Mott Single Axle Truck Driver  
Kenneth Neely Construction Materials Insp.  
David Prine Bridge Repairer II

## SERVICE

### 35 YEARS

Wendell Murry Asphalt Tank Truck Driver  
Ralph Blackwell Staff Construction Engineer  
Donald Hill Senior Inspector  
Meribeth Heye Federal Programs Coordinator

### 30 YEARS

Larry Wilkins Senior Inspector  
Earl McMahan Inspector

### 25 YEARS

George Myles Ark Hwy Police Second Lieut.  
Robert Thompson Crew Leader  
James Morgan Area Maintenance Supervisor  
Kenneth Booth Station Attendant II  
Teresa Maze Resident Office Tech.  
Bobby Tuggle Inspector

### 20 YEARS

Richard Wheeler Area Maintenance Supervisor  
Lonnie Hazel Area Maintenance Supervisor  
Barry Clark Crew Leader  
Richard Strasburg Inspector

### 15 YEARS

Teresa Hesselbein Payroll Specialist  
Charles Tripp Ark Hwy Police Corporal  
John Cia Safety Inspection Officer  
Rhonda Gray Rest Area Attendant  
Frank Bray, Jr. Senior Design Engineer

### 10 YEARS

Linda Mack Area Headquarters Attendant  
Linda Shelton Maintenance Aide II  
Leroy Oliver Senior Mechanic  
James Finks Motor Patrol Operator  
Greg Bailey Motor Patrol Operator-Finish  
Andrea Pitcher Motor Patrol Operator

### 5 YEARS

Lowell Cooper, Jr. Bridge Repairer I  
Raymond Rogers Maintenance Aide I  
James Corley Guard  
Willie Berry, Jr. Distributor/Roller Operator  
Earnest Parker Single Axle Truck Driver  
Brian Arford Maintenance Aide I  
Norris Whitfield Spreader Operator  
Flunnoy Brazwell Single Axle Truck Driver  
Joe Alexander Hydraulic Excavator Opr  
Steven Pierce Distributor/Roller Operator  
Dusty McDaniel Area Headquarters Attendant  
Joseph Andryseo Spreader Operator  
Brian Bass Surveys Aide II

## RETIREMENTS

### RADIO

Charles Onyett Comm. Maint. Specialist 20+

### DISTRICT 2

Robert Ray Storeroom Assistant II 17+

### DISTRICT 4

Larry Elder Area Maintenance Supervisor 31+

### DISTRICT 6

Donald Elmore Elec. Pl. & Mech. Repairer 15+

## MEMORIALS

### DISTRICT 1

Calvin W. George (Ret.) 02/22/04

### DISTRICT 3

Horace L. Jordan (Ret.) 02/22/04  
George E. Reed (Ret.) 02/23/04

### DISTRICT 9

Rudolph J. Shrable (Ret.) 03/05/04  
James F. Williams (Ret.) 02/21/04

## ACTIVE DUTY

### ARKANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL

James Clark Sergeant 11/1/02  
Shawn Foust Sergeant 2/15/03  
Henry Lewis Permit Technician 1/28/03  
Jack Stepp Sergeant 10/12/03

### ENVIRONMENTAL

Bart Dudley Environmental Analyst I 10/13/03

### PLANNING & RESEARCH

Reggie Smith Electronics Technician 2/10/03

### REPRODUCTION

Mark Green Reproduction Tech 10/13/03

### MAINTENANCE

Michael Brown Sr. Traffic Investigator 1/28/03  
Kennedy Ezell Bridge Repairer I 10/13/03  
Bishop Terrell Sign Maker II 10/13/03

### DISTRICT 1

R.M. Ferrell BH/Front End Loader Opr. 1/20/04  
Lamaris Mitchell Single Axle Tr. Dr. 10/13/03  
Gary Morton Motorist Asst. Provider 1/30/03  
Lenora Wilson Motorist Asst. Provider 10/4/02

### DISTRICT 2

Larry Crow Multi-Axle Truck Driver 2/11/03  
Andrew Maddox Motor Patrol Operator 1/30/03  
Leoyd Robinson Single Axle Truck Dr. 10/8/03

### DISTRICT 5

Greg Hellman Const. Aide III Inspector 10/6/03

### DISTRICT 6

Andre Jackson Single Axle Truck Dr. 2/12/03  
J.W. McDorman Dist. Bridge Insp. Hpl 1/20/04

### DISTRICT 8

Michael Bunton Single Axle Truck Dr. 10/13/03  
William Fales BH/FE Loader Opr. 10/13/03

### DISTRICT 9

Nathaniel Day Multi-Axle Truck Driver 1/28/03

### DISTRICT 10

Rufus Mitchell Rest Area Attendant 2/11/03  
Willie Mitchell Area Hq. Attend. 2/11/03  
Elvis Richmond Sr. Const. Mat. Insp. 2/10/03  
W.C. Tobar Maintenance Aide I 2/11/03

## The CenterLine



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