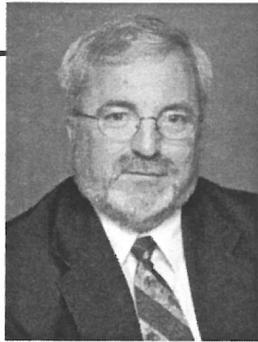


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Meadors Named Division Head of Planning & Research

Alan Meadors, Assistant Division Head of Planning & Research, has been promoted to Division Head.



Meadors joined the AHTD staff as a Civil Engineer in 1980. Two years later, he took a leave of absence to obtain his Master's degree in Civil Engineering at the University of Arkansas. A year after returning, he was promoted to Research Study Engineer. In 1988, he advanced to Research Program Engineer, and the next year, Staff Research Engineer. In 2002, he advanced to Assistant Division Head of Planning & Research. He now replaces Scott Bennett as Division Head of Planning & Research.

Meadors holds Master's and Bachelor's degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas. He is a Registered Professional Engineer.

Retirement Board Elections

Nominations are being accepted this month to fill a spot on the AHTD Retirement Board. Employees will receive a nomination ballot in the mail to specify a nominee to replace Teddy Widner, whose term on the board ends in June.

Members currently serving on the Retirement Board are:

- Teddy Widner, Chairman (term ends 6-30-04)
- Scott Bennett, Vice Chairman
- James Chaney, Retiree Member
- Bob Walters, Member
- Larry Dickerson, Executive Secretary

Employee members will nominate a fellow employee. Deadline to mail your nomination card back to the Department is June 4, 2004.

An election ballot will be mailed to all members after the nominating vote tabulation.

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Special Insert: 2004 Graduate Photos



District 2 held a fishing tournament on the Arkansas River at Pendleton. First Place winners with a 3.93 pound bass, are Johnny Brown, Bridge Crew (left), and Kenneth Edwards, Bridge Crew (right).



Environmental: Max Farrell, Environmental GIS Analyst, killed this ten-point buck over the past hunting season.

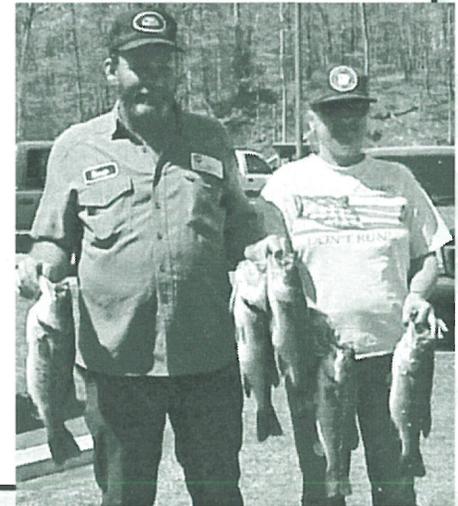


District 10: This ten-point deer was killed with a bow by Jade Price, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator for Randolph County (right). His children are Katelyn (top left), and Jade (lower left).

District 2: Winners of the first fishing tournament of the year are Ronnie (left) and Kathy Blasengame (right) of Star City. Kathy is on the Lincoln County crew. The tournament was held at Cane Creek in Lincoln County.



Arkansas Highway Police: Bass Classic Bubba Sims Memorial. (Left to right) Brett Sims, Tournament Chair; Dwayne Duhby, 1st Place Partner; Ret. Lt. Bobby Hamrick, 4th Place Partner; Pfc. Ned Ward, 1st Place Partner; J.C. Hamrick, 4th Place Partner; Sgt. James Stevens, 2nd Place Partner; Tony Stevens, 2nd Place Partner; Cpl. Tim Choate, 3rd Place Partner; Pfc. Steve Woods, 3rd Place Partner.



District 8: Tommy Littleton, District Construction Engineer (left), presents Joe Knight, Construction Field Engineer I (right), his 5-year service award.



District 8: Tommy Littleton, District Construction Engineer (left), presents Bazzell Bates, Construction Aide II (right), his 10-year service award.



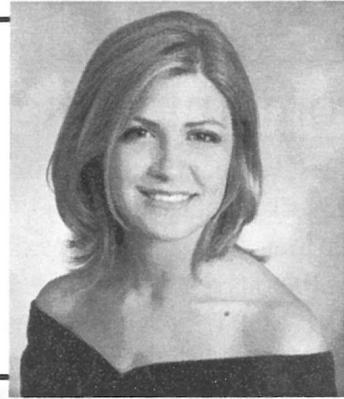
District 2: James Hope, Inspector (center), receives his 25-year service award from James House, District Engineer (left), and Chad Adams, Resident Engineer (right).



Materials: Shayla Kraft, daughter of David Kraft, Geotechnical Drill Party Chief, completed her 3rd semester at the University of Arkansas with a 4.0 g.p.a. Her major is Journalism, with emphasis in Advertising & Public Relations. She has a concentration in Business, and a specialty of Graphic Design. Shayla recently received a scholarship from the Arkansas Army National Guard for \$1,000.



District 5: Erin Street, daughter of Bruce Street, District Maintenance Engineer, is graduating this year from Batesville High School.



District 10: Mrs. Margaret McKenzie celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends on April 24, 2004. She is the mother-in-law of Joe Riley, Maintenance Aide II (mother of Joe's wife Mary).

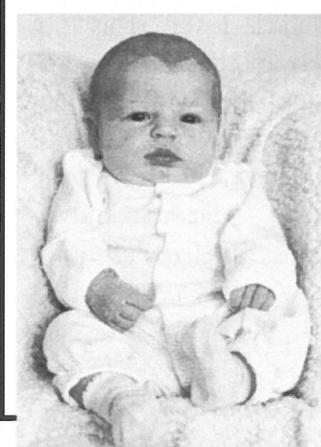


District 4: Larry Elder, Franklin County Area Maintenance Supervisor, is pictured here at his recent retirement party.

Programs & Contracts: Meribeth Heye, Federal Programs Coordinator, retired March 3, 2004, with 33 years of service. She was honored with a reception, received an award from FHWA and gifts from coworkers. Meribeth is shown here with her husband Steve Heye, Senior Design Engineer, Roadway Design.



Planning & Research: RheaAnn Bittle, daughter of Jordan & Dale Bittle, was born December 21, 2003. Jordan is Cartographer I in the Mapping Section.

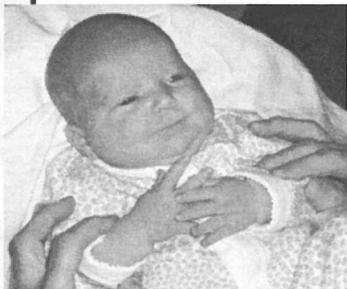


District 9: Kaliegh Nicole Phillips was born March 24, 2004. She is the granddaughter of Bill & Mardel Phillips. Bill is retired Area Maintenance Supervisor for Newton County.



District 2: Newborn baby girl, Dixie Lynn Martindale, is the daughter of Don Nutt, Area Maintenance Supervisor in Arkansas County.

District 5: Emilee Davis, age 3, celebrates Easter with a big basket of goodies. She is the daughter of Michael & Jenny Davis. Mike is Storeroom Assistant I.



Materials: David and Emily Ross are proud parents of newborn baby girl Allison. David is Civil Engineer II in the Geotechnical Section.

District 5: Jason Luke Seaton is the son of Jason Seaton, Maintenance Crew, and grandson of Tom Jones, Batesville Residency.



Roadcheck: Promoting Truck & Bus Safety & Security

The seventeenth annual International Roadcheck will take place throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico during 72 continuous hours from June 8 through June 10. Members of the Arkansas Highway Police will be among approximately 10,000 certified truck and bus safety inspectors from the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) who will be on the job at inspection sites along major highways. Roving patrols will be traveling other highways. Their job is to perform safety inspections on commercial trucks and buses.

Roadcheck 2004 will kickoff nationally in Arkansas with an opening ceremony in West Memphis on June 7. Featured speakers will include Stephen Campbell, Executive Director of CVSA, AHTD Director Dan Flowers and Ron Burks, Chief of Arkansas Highway Police. There will also be demonstrations on Standard Level 1 inspections, the K-9 Unit and infrared devices used for inspecting brakes.

During last year's Roadcheck, 55,784 inspections were performed on commercial vehicles by 9,471 state and provincial personnel at 1,097 locations throughout the United States and Canada. Another 4,816 inspections were performed by 378 Federal personnel at 140 U.S. locations.

In Arkansas last year, 519 inspections had been performed within the state by the end of the weekend.

The annual 72-hour Roadcheck focuses on the year-round commercial vehicle and driver roadside inspection program and draws the public's attention to the continuous and combined efforts of law enforcement and the truck and bus industries to save lives on North American highways. Roadside safety inspections are an everyday occurrence, with more than three million roadside inspections conducted in North America by CVSA-certified inspectors during 2003.

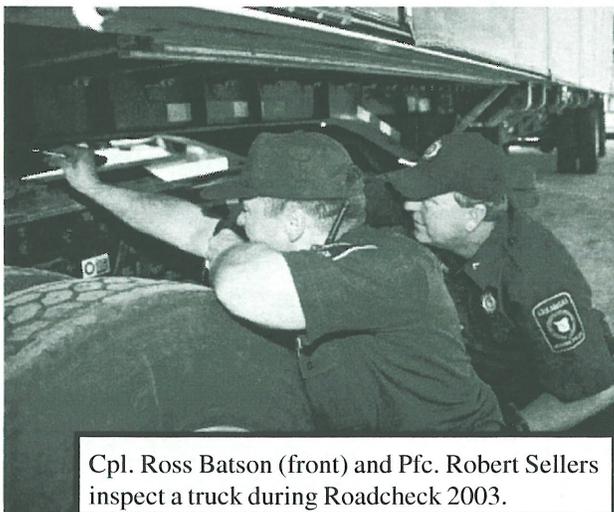
CVSA's President, 1st Lt. Paul Claunch, Assistant Commander of Special Services with the Arkansas Highway Police, says "Roadcheck provides the motoring public with a snapshot of commercial vehicle safety enforcement activities being conducted daily by highly trained state and provincial personnel throughout North America. It also gives the motor carrier industry an opportunity to showcase successful safety programs and their commitment to safety on our highways for all travelers."

In addition, Roadcheck provides an opportunity to distribute educational information to commercial vehicle drivers. This year, drivers will receive a reminder of the importance of wearing a safety belt while driving, as well as information regarding the North American Standard Inspection Program. Other emphasis areas this year include commercial vehicle security, intermodal equipment safety and cargo tank inspections.

AHP's Claunch Named CVSA President

First Lieutenant Paul Claunch, with the Arkansas Highway Police, was named President of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) at its annual conference held in Little Rock recently.

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance is a national non-profit organization of federal, state and provincial government agencies and private industry in the United States, Canada and Mexico dedicated to improving commercial vehicle safety. The goal of CVSA is to reduce fatalities, injuries and incidents by improving safety compliance of commercial vehicle operations throughout North America.



Cpl. Ross Batson (front) and Pfc. Robert Sellers inspect a truck during Roadcheck 2003.



An 18-wheeler pulls in for inspection during last year's Roadcheck.

ROADEO RESULTS

DISTRICT 5

April 15, 2004

TRACTOR/LOWBOY

FIRST: Donie Bray
SECOND: Daniel Recker
THIRD: Sammy Bennett

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

FIRST: Willie McCord
SECOND: Shon Griffis
THIRD: Christine Kolb

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

FIRST: James Moody
SECOND: Keith Foushee
THIRD: Jeff Gillihan

TRACTOR/MOWER

FIRST: Keith Skelton
SECOND: Karrie Ausbrooks
THIRD: Brian Arford

BACKHOE

FIRST: Bill Barker
SECOND: Tim Smith
THIRD: Tim Bradley

MOTOR PATROL

FIRST: Brad Davis
SECOND: Daniel Recker
THIRD: John Rodgers

DISTRICT 4

April 22, 2004

TRACTOR/LOWBOY

FIRST: Johnny Carte
SECOND: Richard Sullivan
THIRD: Terral Scoggins

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

FIRST: Jeffery Brooks
SECOND: Steve Hunt
THIRD: Tim Henretty

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

FIRST: Danny Loyd
SECOND: Michael Pennington
THIRD: Dustin Brown

TRACTOR/MOWER

FIRST: Fred Ridenhour
SECOND: Rickey Morris
THIRD: Chris Robertson

BACKHOE

FIRST: Dan Mowrey
SECOND: Jake Atkinson
THIRD: Wesley McRae

MOTOR PATROL

FIRST: Roger Simpson
SECOND: Jackie Garrison
THIRD: Clifton Beavers

DISTRICT 10

April 29, 2004

TRACTOR/LOWBOY

FIRST: Paul Riggs
SECOND: Trent Wood
THIRD: Marshal Shockley

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

FIRST: Tony Ruhl
SECOND: James Miller
THIRD: Randall Burkheart

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

FIRST: Todd Clifford
SECOND: Heath Eubanks
THIRD: Robert Henry

TRACTOR/MOWER

FIRST: David Wagster
SECOND: Sam Hancock
THIRD: Melvin Williams

BACKHOE

FIRST: Rick Hale
SECOND: Jade Price
THIRD: Dewayne Pharis

MOTOR PATROL

FIRST: Jerry Reeves
SECOND: Anthony Williams
THIRD: Tony Ruhl

MORE

2004 AHTD SEMIFINALS

Results from Districts 3 and 9 will appear in the June issue.

ROADEO DATES

2004 AHTD FINALS

June 10, Little Rock, AR

2004 REGIONAL COMPETITION

October 20-21, Gulfport, MS

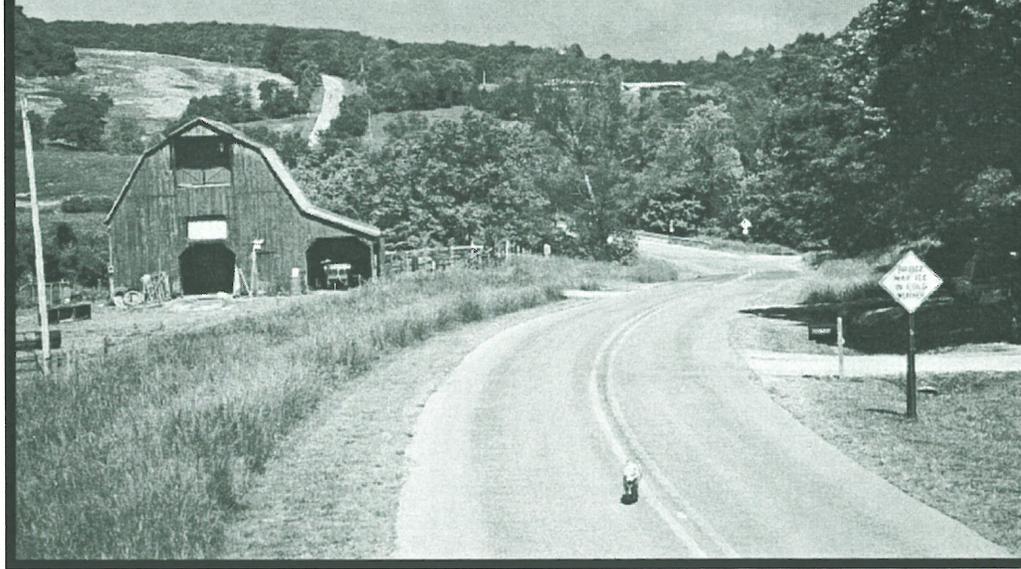
Memorial Day

**Monday,
May 31, 2004,
will be a holiday
for AHTD
employees
in observance of
Memorial Day.**

Work will be
suspended
statewide, except
for emergencies
or to provide
essential
services.

WHERE IS THIS?

Can you identify this highway?
See answer, bottom of last page.



Letting
Schedule
—
Commission
Meetings

2004

May 26
July 7
August 18
September 29
November 17

2003 United Way Campaign a Huge Success

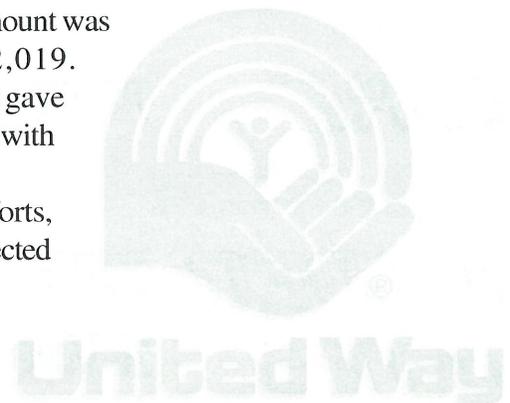
Congratulations to AHTD employees for a job well done on the 2003 United Way campaign. The amount donated by all employees participating totaled \$19,645.66.

The District Offices had a successful campaign bringing in \$7,427. District Five led the way donating a total of \$2,620.

In the Central Office, contributions reached a 17-year high. The Division

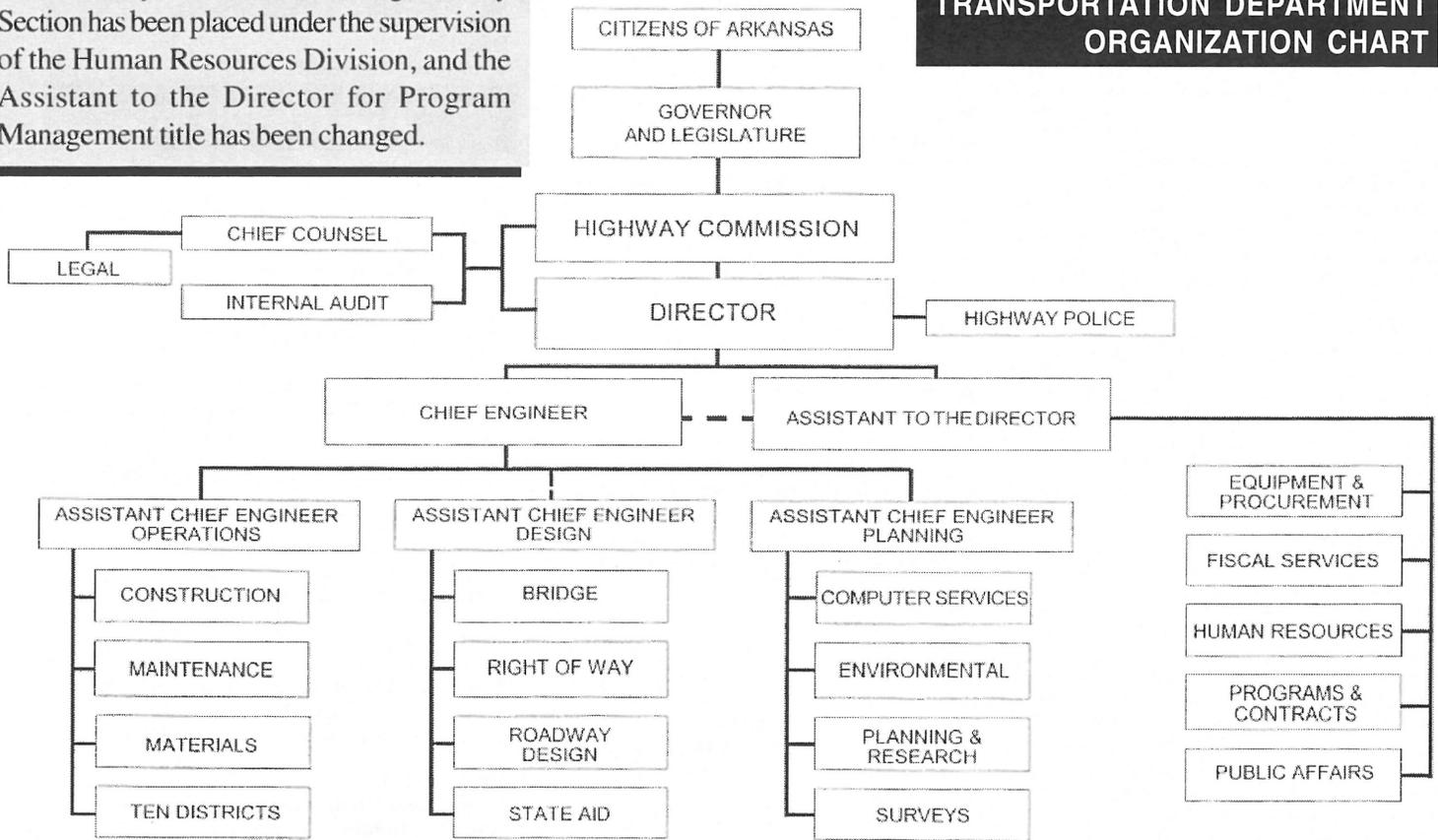
contributing the largest amount was Right of Way with \$2,019. Arkansas Highway Police gave the second highest amount, with \$1,199.

As a result of these efforts, donated funds are being directed back into our communities to help those that need it the most.



Below is the Department's organization chart, effective May 1, 2004. The Training & Safety Section has been placed under the supervision of the Human Resources Division, and the Assistant to the Director for Program Management title has been changed.

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION CHART



Law Flowers
DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

5-1-2004
Date

AHTD People

NEW EMPLOYEES

COMPUTER SERVICES

Louis Peralta Apps. Analyst/Programmer III

CONSTRUCTION

Tracy Neitzer Civil Engineer I
Sonya Sanders Construction Helper I
Robert Swan Construction Helper I

ENVIRONMENTAL

Kate Wright Environmental Analyst I

HEAVY BRIDGE MAINTENANCE

Robert De Leon Bridge Painter I

MAINTENANCE

Michael Allen Sign Maker I

REPRODUCTION

Joseph Wolfe Office Admn. Asst. I

ROADWAY DESIGN

Jonathan Pylant Civil Engineer

DISTRICT 1

Ron Jackson Single Axle Truck Driver
Dennis Johnson Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 2

Betty Stevens Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 4

Jeremy Bowles General Laborer
Derek Ennis Storeroom Assistant I
Stacy Shields Storeroom Assistant I
Trey Stormes Mechanic

DISTRICT 5

Stephen Kimmer General Laborer

DISTRICT 6

Richard Broyles Guard
James Godwin Single Axle Truck Driver
Steve Gulutzo Single Axle Truck Driver
Clyde Ray Single Axle Truck Driver
Jeffery Ray Single Axle Truck Driver
Horace Rogers Single Axle Truck Driver
Randy Sharp Single Axle Truck Driver
Sue Smith-Perdue Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 7

Christy Warner Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 8

Sharon Minga Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 9

Melody Blair Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 10

Charles Henderson Single Axle Truck Driver

PROMOTIONS

BRIDGE

Collin Boone Civil Engineer IV

CHIEF ENGINEER

Scott Bennett Asst. Chief Engineer - Planning

HEAVY BRIDGE

Tracey Dixon Bridge Repairer II
Presto Hubbard Bridge Repairer I
Benjamin Smith Bridge Repairer II

HUMAN RESOURCES

Crystal Cole Division Head
Lakela Jackson Office Admn. Asst. II

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Xuyang Li Civil Engineer II
Alan Meadors Division Head
Greg Nation Hwy. Perf. & Needs Analyst I

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

Katherine Hamilton Federal Programs Coord.
Judy Parson Administrative Officer II

DISTRICT 1

David McKissick Area Headquarters Attendant
Julius Miller, Jr. Senior Mechanic
Steve Pierce Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Roger Spence, Jr. Construction Aide II
Stephen Burnett Single Axle Truck Driver

PROMOTIONS (cont.)

DISTRICT 1 (cont.)

Cameron Tucker BH/Front End Loader Opr.
De'andra Warren Multi-Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 2

Rory Benson Station Attendant
Cynthia Burns Single Axle Truck Driver
Jeffery Byerly Construction Aide I
David Lawless Maintenance Aide II
Timothy Lovett Single Axle Truck Driver
Roderick Thomas Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 3

Teresa Harrington Single Axle Truck Driver
James Jones Single Axle Truck Driver
Brenda Marcum Single Axle Truck Driver
Joe Mills Construction Aide I
Glen Semmler Single Axle Truck Driver
Regina Smith Construction Aide I
Anthony Teague Multi-Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 4

Jacky Baldwin, Jr. Construction Aide II
Charles Dickerson Crew Leader
Louis Edwards Maintenance Aide II
Carla Ennis Maintenance Aide I
Angela Garner Rest Area Attendant
Kenneth Gentry Area Maintenance Supervisor
Ken Gunter Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.
Carrie Hudgens Construction Aide I
William Jones Single Axle Truck Driver
Cheril Knox Construction Aide I
Ernest Schlaefli Construction Aide II
Dan Stanley Single Axle Truck Driver
Linda Williams Resident Office Tech.

DISTRICT 5

Jason Candler Distributor/Roller Operator
Sara Gates Fuel Clerk
Jon Jones Motor Patrol Operator
Joshua Musick Distributor/Roller Operator
Deborah Qualls District Bookkeeper

DISTRICT 6

Lenora Hill Single Axle Truck Driver
Marshall Jenkins Bridge Repairer I
Nathan Shaw Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 7

James Dean Construction Field Engr. I
Otha Grice Maintenance Aide II
Earl McMahan Senior Inspector
Jason Nutt Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.
Danny Sikes Construction Helper II
Gary Stiles Construction Helper II

DISTRICT 8

Bazzel Bates Construction Aide III
Brigitte Roberson Construction Aide I
Matthew Rowland Distributor/Roller Operator
Curtiss Watkins Roller Operator
Stancy Westbrook Single Axle Truck Driver
Larry Wilson Construction Aide II
David Wyers Construction Aide III

DISTRICT 9

April Weaver Multi-Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 10

Linda Adams Construction Aide I
C. Brasher Civil Engineer I
Tony Crafton Construction Field Engr. I
Timothy Eaker Senior Inspector
Brad Fultz Maintenance Aide II
Dustin James Rest Area Attendant
Tonya Wagster Construction Aide I

SERVICE

35 YEARS

Stanley Smith District 7 Bridge Inspector

30 YEARS

Ronald Elmore AHP 1st Lieutenant
Billy Rea District 9 Guard
Stanley Sutterfield D6 Single Axle Truck Dr.

25 YEARS

James Doster Construction Office Tech.
Daniel Howell District 5 Shop Supervisor
Steve McNeese District 6 Single Axle Truck Dr.
Coleman Nesbitt District 1 Street Sweeper Op.
David Tenner D6 Motor Patrol Operator-Finish

20 YEARS

Clinton Littlejohn D8 Elec. Pl. & Mech. Rep.
Jerry Mitchell Distric 1 Bridge Repairer II
James Moore Section Head - EEO
Joe Riley District 10 Maintenance Aide II
Ricky Sattler D9 Area Maintenance Supervisor
Randy Still Advanced Const. Field Engineer
William Styles District 9 Maintenance Aide I
Frank Young AHP Corporal

15 YEARS

Travis Bell District 7 Area Headquarters Atten.
Rosanna Blansett D9 Maintenance Aide I
Alan Brand District 10 Maintenance Aide I
Sammy Brown, Jr. AHP Sergeant
Dennis Condley District 8 Bridge Repairer I
Jimmie Cone District 10 Guard
Thomas Dixon District 9 Bridge Repairer II
Mary Maupin District 10 Multi-Axle Truck Dr.
Loretta McEntire P & R Data Collection Tech.
Armon Perrin, Jr. Sr. Construction Matl. Insp.
Charles Rogers Construction Inspector
Craig Rosten District 10 Senior Mechanic
William Ryan Construction Senior Inspector
Bruce Street District 5 Maintenance Engineer

5 YEARS

Marilyn Embry Maint. Sign Layout Specialist
Robert Grady, Sr. D6 BH/Front End Loader Opr.
Herman Greenwood D1 Single Axle Truck Dr.
Tracy Jackson P & R Accident Coding Clerk
James Johnston District 7 Bridge Repairer I
Linda Page District 3 Single Axle Truck Driver
Steven Peyton Bridge Design Engineer
Tracy Wallace District 1 Maintenance Aide I

RETIREMENTS

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Steve Teague Assistant to the Director
for Program Mgmt., 33+ yrs

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Steve Doolin Administrative Officer I, 24+ yrs

DISTRICT 2

Leslie Hinton Area HQ Attendant, 9+ yrs
Willy Smith Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 24+ yrs

DISTRICT 8

Fred Goates Lowboy/Float Truck Dr., 15+ yrs

DISTRICT 9

Paul Lasater Senior Inspector, 26+ yrs

DISTRICT 10

Jesse Dial Motor Patrol Opr.-Finish, 35+ yrs

MEMORIALS

District 7

James M. Garrison (ret) 05/05/04

ACTIVE DUTY

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

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 Opr. 1/30/03
Leoyd Robinson Single Axle Truck Dr. 10/8/03

DISTRICT 5

Greg Hellman Const. Aide III Insp. 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 Dr. 1/28/03
Ashley Hale Ferry Boat Pilot 3/15/04
Steven Halsted Hydr. Excav. Opr.-Fin. 3/15/04
Randall Williams Pilot-Deck Hand 3/15/04

DISTRICT 10

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

The CenterLine

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Carl S. Rosenbaum, Member
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Dan Flowers, AHTD Director

