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United Way Recognizes AHTD

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has received recognition from the United Way for its 2005 United Way campaign.

The Department received a Crest Award at a United Way Campaign Celebration held in Little Rock on March 16th. The award recognizes a company or agency for its dedication and commitment to the campaign. To earn a Crest award, an agency must meet two of four criteria: a 10% increase in employee giving, \$100 or more per capita per employee, one

or more Pillar Society donors, or 50% or more participation.

In addition to the Crest Award, AHTD Personnel Specialist Carla Edwards was presented with the Outstanding Coordinator of the Year award for the AHTD's category. Edwards has coordinated AHTD's United Way campaign for the past five years.

AHTD employees across the state raised a total of \$25,532.23 for the 2005 United Way campaign.



Results from additional Semi-Finals will be published in upcoming issues of the Center-Line. The Finals will take place at the Central Office on June 1st, with results being published in the June issue of the CenterLine.

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		Tractor/ Lowboy	Tandem Axle Dump Truck	Single Axle Dump Truck	Tractor/ Mower	Backhoe	Motor Patrol
DISTRICT TWO March 16, 2006	1ST PLACE	John Harvey	Keith Etue	Royce Edmondson	Edward Kirkham	Stacey Stepp	Jimmy Brooks
	2ND PLACE	Tim Cagle	Shirley Norman	Chris Johnson	Clarence Edwards	Edward Kirkham	Robert Glover
	3RD PLACE	Steve Sites	Beverly Meredith	Rickey Scott	Marcus Robinson	Clayton Shackelford	David Alverson
DISTRICT SEVEN March 23, 2006	1 ST PLACE	Jeremy Cain	Lonnie Teague	Jeremy Evans	Ricky Cummings	Donald Crawford	William Hickman
	2ND PLACE	Bill Wilkerson	Roberto Hernandez	Jacob Melson	Charlotte Quimby	Anthony Prescott	David Culp
	3RD PLACE	Raymond Buzbee	Ann Carter	Mickey Davis	Harvey Barkhimer	Jason Nutt	Mike Wolfe
DISTRICT ONE March 30, 2006	1 ST PLACE	Brad Swaite	Gray Fendley	Jimmy Pulley	Curtis Burnett	Michael Howard	Jerry Mitchell
	2ND PLACE	Darrell Meyers	Gerry Washington	Thomas Holmes	Earnest Rose	Ray Chapman	William Ewing
	3RD PLACE	George Powers	Jeremy Burnett	James Poindexter	Taylor McDaniel	Michael Mann	Robert Gray
DISTRICT EIGHT April 6, 2006	1ST PLACE	Darrell Barnes	David Pruitt	Jay Rankin	John Crawford	Larry Brazil	Dennis Langston
	2ND PLACE	Paul Charton	Steve Pierce	Paul Burris	Robby Strother	Paul Charton	Danny Garton
	3RD PLACE	Glen Chavers	Kenny Howard	Danny Parker	Randy Tankersley	Kris Parish	Rick Mabry
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Employee: Cecil Coleman, Sr., Crew Leader, Crittenden County/Lehi, District 1

Length of Service: 14+ Years

Job Duties: I assist the Area Maintenance Supervisor every day to make sure that crews follow Department specifications while properly completing assigned maintenance jobs in a timely manner. In the absence of my supervisor, I assign daily work orders for the crews and attend to any challenges a day can bring within all areas of supervision.

Favorite part of the job: What I like most about my job is being able to work handin-hand with my crew members and always showing a positive attitude while trying to set a good example for others to follow. My daily goal is to do an excellent job in keeping the area that my crews are responsible for in the best possible condition.

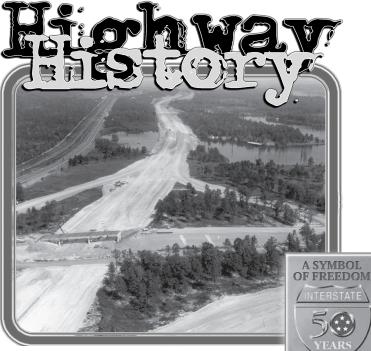
Background: My father, the late Stanley Coleman, worked for the Department for over ten years. When I was a child, I never dreamed I would have the opportunity to follow in his footsteps and try to fill his shoes, but I'm proud to have taken his advice. He was a hard worker and he always said 'dedication and hard work will pay off'. I began working for the Department as a General Laborer under the supervision of Area Maintenance Supervisor Jimmy Bryant, in Marianna, in August of 1991. Through hard work and determination, I have earned several promotions (SATD, Vegetation Controller, Maintenance Aide I & Maintenance Aide II) up to this point in my career. My present title as Crew Leader has been the most re-

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warding. God has blessed me with another great supervisor to work with and hopefully to further my career with the Department. With this promotion, in 2002, my family and I had to move from Marianna closer to my work area, but we have all adjusted well to the move. I am very happy with where I am and I appreciate everyone who felt confident that I would be the best qualified person to fill the position as Crew Leader.

Family: My wife Carolyn, of 22 years of marriage, is a wonderful woman. We have three children, CeCarol, Cecil Jr., and Cecily, and one granddaughter, Christian. Carolyn is employed at Le Bonheur East Surgery Center in Memphis as a Surgical Technician. My oldest daughter, CeCarol, and my son, Cecil, Jr., are currently attending Mid-South Community College in West Memphis. My youngest daughter, Cecily, is a junior at West Memphis High School where she is a Flag Girl in the band and a member of the West Memphis High School Choir.

Hobbies/Interests: My interests include attending church, ministering, singing and spending time with my family.



Construction on Interstate 40 at the Highway 89 Overpass at Mayflower, in 1965.

Arkansas Highway Commission Meetings & Bid Letting Schedule for the rest of 2006

May 24 July 12 August 23 September 27 November 15

Two from Computer Services Tackle Little Rock Marathon

Charlie Frame and Ron Mitchell, of AHTD's Computer Services Division, had never run in a race quite so long before. On March 5th, they lined up to compete in their very first marathon.

Frame, age 57, and Mitchell, age 42, joined 6,000 other runners early that morning to run in the Little Rock Marathon.

Running a marathon can be a grueling task, especially for someone who has never run one before. It is approximately 26 miles and takes multiple hours to complete.

For Charlie and Ron, this was a new experience.

"I run two or three 5K races per month," stated Frame. 5K races are a little over three miles in length.

As for Ron, "I run mostly 5K races for fun but did complete the Little Rock Half Marathon last year and thought I would try the marathon this year." Running in a marathon isn't something you jump right into. To properly train for a race takes months.

"I did a four-month training program which consisted of two short runs and one long run per week," Mitchell stated. "I added mileage to the long run until I was able to run about 20 miles without stopping."

Frame also put in some extra training. "I run about 30 miles per week when not training for a marathon, but increased to about 35 miles per week at a slower pace two months before the marathon. I learned from this race to start earlier than two months. Next time I will start at 21 weeks prior to the race and increase my mileage no more than ten percent each time. I plan on running the marathon again next year to improve my time."

Training paid off for both men. Frame finished the marathon in 5 hours and 36 minutes. Mitchell crossed the finish line after 4 hours and 9 minutes.



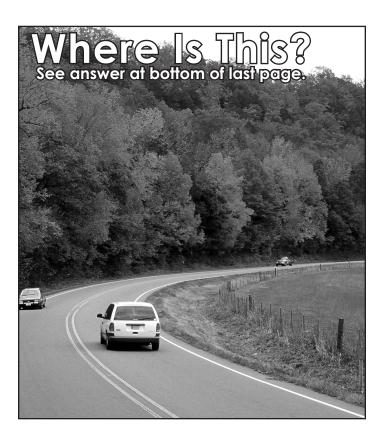
(I. to r.) Charlie Frame, Quality Assurance Specialist II, and Ron Mitchell, Lead Section Analyst, of Computer Services, ran their first marathon on March 5, 2006.

Frame and Mitchell both gave credit to their families for their success.

"My supporters were my wife, son and grandson. I could not have made it without the help of my son, Brian, who helped me train," commented Frame.

For Mitchell, his wife Stacy was a big supporter. "She helped me train and cheerfully provided support on race day," Mitchell added.

Asked if he would do it again next year Mitchell responded, "Maybe, but the 5K races are more fun and hurt less!"



Arkansas State Employees Health Insurance Comparative Income Statement

To keep you informed throughout the plan year, we will periodically present the income statement for our health plan.

	Months Ending February 28		Increase/	Percent Increase/
	2006	2005	(Decrease)	(Decrease)
FUNDING				
State Contribution	\$ 21,171,820	\$ 18,196,430	\$ 2,975,390	16.35%
Employee Contribution, Rebates, Life	\$ 12,397,423	\$ 12,983,231	\$ (585,808)	-4.51%
TOTAL	\$33,569,243	\$ 31,179,661	\$ 2,389,582	7.66%
EXPENSES				
Medical Expenses	\$ 25,052,426	\$ 21,741,138	\$ 3,311,288	15.23%
Life Insurance Premiums	\$ 275,839	\$ 294,204	(\$ 18,365)	-6.24%
Pharmacy Expenses	\$ 7,870,384	\$ 7,450,495	\$ 419,889	5.64%
Plan Administration	\$ 65,061	\$ 139,464	(\$ 74,403)	-53.35%
TOTAL	\$ 33,263,710	\$ 29,625,301	\$ 3,638,409	12.28%
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 305,533	\$ 1,554,360	(\$ 1,248,827)	-80.34%

The increase in funding is additional contributions paid by the State of Arkansas and was not enough to offset the increase in medical and pharmacy expenses.

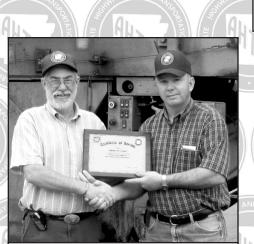




District 2: (I. to r.) Brent Glover, Roller Operator, receives his 5-year service award from Kelly Slater, Job Superintendent.



District 2: (I. to r.) Receiving service awards were Johnny Williams, Bridge Repairer I, 5 years; David Hutchins, Bridge Job Superintendent, 10 years; and Johnny Brown, Bridge Repairer II, 10 years.



District 6: (I. to r.) Johnny Carte, Lowboy/Float Truck Driver, receives his 10-year service award from Tommy Kirkpatrick, Pavement Profiler Job Superintendent.



District 6: (I. to r.) Gary Curtis, Paint Transport Truck Driver, received his 5-year service award from Ed Marlin, Striping Crew Superintendent.



District 6: (I. to r.) Rex Spurlock presented Shane Martin, Crew Leader, with his 15year service award.



District 9: (I. to r.) Kit Core, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Steve Duran, Motor Patrol Operator, with his 5-year service award.



DISTRICT 10: Receiving 5-year service awards were (I. tor.) Tony Crafton, Construction Field Engineer II; Linda Morgan, Construction Aide I; Kim Pugh, Multi-Axle Truck Driver; Richard Allen, Construction Aide I; and Minnie Alexander, Rest Area Attendant.



DISTRICT 10: Receiving 10-year service awards were (I. to r.) Tammy Croom, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator; Kim Tippy, Distributor/Roller Operator; and Nate Bell, Maintenance Aide II.

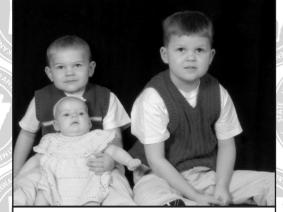


District 9: (I. to r.) Butch Martin, District Maintenance Engineer, presented Ronnie Faught, District Sealing Crew Supervisor, with his 30-year service award.

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District 10: Landon Jacob Simpson is the son of Alicia Simpson, Office Tech, and husband Grayson. Landon was born February 6, 2006.



Roadway Design: (I. to r.) Nathan and Garrett Williams welcomed baby sister Natalie Renee Williams on December 18, 2005. They are the children of Jennifer Williams, Senior Design Engineer, and husband Vernon.



District 3: Receiving service awards were (I. to r.) Reginald Easter, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 10 years; and David Morton, Motor Patrol Operator- Finish, 15 years.



District 4: Chad Adams, District Maintenance Engineer, received his 10-year service award.

Maintenance: Amanda Jo Wyles, Office Administrative Assistant III, won the title of Toughwoman

won the title of Toughwoman Champion in the Lightweight Division at the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock on March 11th, 2006. In addition to the title, she received a cash prize and a satin title jacket.





District 7: Employees gathered to celebrate the retirement of George Montgomery, District Materials Supervisor. (I. to r., front) Stephanie Faucett, Office Administrative Assistant I; Henrietta McMahan, Storeroom Supervisor; Kathy Daniel, District Receptionist; Rhonia Krisell, Personnel Clerk; (middle) Louise McMahan, Office Administrative Assistant V; Nina Ingram, District Bookkeeper; George Montgomery; Dennis Rogers, Storeroom Assistant I; (rear) David Archer, District Construction Engineer; Gary Grimes, District Maintenance Engineer; Sam Bradshaw, District Permit Officer; Dannie Launius, District Office Manager; and Carl Bachelor, District Engineer.



District 9: (I. to r.) Debra Meyer, District Office Manager, presented Melissa Weaver, Personnel Clerk, with her 5-year service award and her favorite donut with sprinkles.



DISTRICT 10: Receiving 15-year service awards were (I. to r.) Anthony James, Station Attendant II; Anthony Williams, Maintenance Aide II; and (not pictured), Don Truitt, Multi-Axle Truck Driver.



DISTRICT 10: Receiving 20-year service awards were (I. to r.) Victor Blevins, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish; David Prine, Bridge Repairer II; Margaret Valliant, Motor Patrol Operator; and Sammy McDaniel, Bridge Repairer II.

Planning & Research: Myles Neighbors, son of Sheila Neighbors, Office Administrative Assistant V, won a new saddle for being the All-Around Cowboy in his age division for the Southern Junior Rodeo Association. He also won a new buckle for being the Hi-Point Barrel Racer for his age division.







District 4: Robert Dean, IV, son of Robert Dean, III, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, was born December 29, 2005, in Fort Smith.





NEW EMPLOYEES

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE Thomas Holloway, Motor Carrier Safety Auditor Lisa Rhodes, Motor Carrier Safety Auditor DeVaughn Stephens, Motor Carrier Safety Aud.

ENVIRONMENTAL Tomeka Broadway, Office Admin. Asst III

MATERIALS William Davenport, Chemist I

STATE AID Jonathan Clements, Design Engineer

DISTRICT 1 Derrick Nesbitt, Sgl. Axle Tr. Driver (Crittenden)

DISTRICT 3 Steve Sumpter, Mechanic (Statewide)

DISTRICT 4 Grant Sturdivant, General Laborer (Franklin) Jerry Trotter, General Laborer (Franklin) Kevin Tucker, Single Axle Truck Dr. (Franklin)

DISTRICT 5 Justin Rush, Single Axle Truck Driver (Fulton) Janice Wright, General Laborer (Izard)

DISTRICT 6 Alicia Harrison, Single Axle Tr. Driver (Pulaski) William Stivers, Jr., Sgl. Axle Tr. Driver (Lonoke)

DISTRICT 8 Michael Mitchell, Single Axle Truck Driver (Yell)

DISTRICT 9

Dustin Bryant, Roller Operator (Statewide) Pedro Lazo, Single Axle Truck Driver (Carroll) Jeremy Merriman, Sgl. Axle Truck Dr. (Marion) Archie Sappenfield, Parts Runner (Statewide) Michael Valentin, Sgl. Axle Tr. Driver (Boone)

PROMOTIONS

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE Russell Curbo, Motor Carrier Safety Auditor LaDonna Nelson, Motor Carrier Safety Auditor

CONSTRUCTION Kevin Thornton, Staff Construction Engineer Spencer Wendland, Estimates Technician

MAINTENANCE Kevin Brown, Sign Erector (Ouachita) Paul Forst, Striping Zoner II (Ouachita) Joseph Pierson, Striping Crew Supv. (Ouachita)

MATERIALS Paul Howard, District Materials Supervisor

PLANNING & RESEARCH Mickey Newcomb, Public Transportation Admin.

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS Marcus Johnson, Senior Reproduction Operator

STATE AID Charles Crawford, Advanced Design Engineer

DISTRICT 2

James Ball, Single Axle Truck Driver (Chicot) Gilbert Byrd, Single Axle Truck Driver (Jefferson) SURVEYS Herbert Carpenter, Single Axle Tr. Dr. (Ashley) Johnny Cotton, Backh./Fr. End Load. Op. (Grant) Cheryl Davies, Construction Helper II, RE 24 Michael Davis, Inspector, RE 23 Arthur Gatewood, Single Axle Tr. Dr. (Jefferson) William Lum, Construction Helper II, RE 24

DISTRICT 3

Vincent Brzeski, Sign Erector (Statewide) James Koontz, Multi-Axle Tr. Driver (Statewide) Donald Langston, Dist./Roller Op. (Howard) Bucky Sawyer, Dist./Roller Operator (Sevier)

DISTRICT 4

Chad Davis, Construction Field Engr. I, RE 41 Reginald Easter, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 10 yr John McLaughlin, Motor Patrol Op.-Fin. (Franklin) David Morton, Motor Patrol Op.-Finish, 15 yrs. Johnie Phillips, Distributor/Roller Op. (Logan) Lena Rhodes, Distributor/Roller Op. (Sebastian) Joe Richmond, Inspector, RE 42 William Wagner, Inspector, RE 41 Jason Williams, Adv. Const. Field Engr., RE 43

DISTRICT 5

Michael Alcorn, Single Axle Tr. Driver (Jackson) DISTRICT 6

Stephen Brown, Crew Leader (Statewide) Chris Doggett, Inspector, RE 65 Billy Hill, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish (Pulaski) Paul Precord, Maintenance Aide II (Saline)

DISTRICT 7

David Arnold, Sign Erector (Statewide) Michael Brown, Backh./Fr. End Load. Op. (Union) Allan Autrey, Senior Mechanic, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 8

Scott Craig, Welder (Statewide) David Duvall, Single Axle Truck Driver (Faulkner Thomas Fisher, Const. Field Engr. II, RE 84 Steve Huffman, Single Axle Truck Driver (Pope) Dennis Langston, Crew Leader (Conway) Kathy Richey, Single Axle Truck Dr. (Faulkner) Janet Smith, Senior Const. Matl. Insp, RE 86 Larry Wilson, Inspector, RE 86

DISTRICT 9

Scott Burleson, Maintenance Aide I (Boone) Jackie Caton, Senior Mechanic (Statewide) David Green. Senior Mechanic (Statewide) Roger Ricketts, Single Axle Tr. Driver (Newton) Charita Robison Gregory, Inspector, RE 95

DISTRICT 10

John Bell, Motor Patrol Op.-Finish (Poinsett) Larry Burdette, Maintenance Aide I (Poinsett) Gregory Jackson, Single Axle Tr. Dr. (Poinsett) Steve Leath, Area Maint. Supv. (Craighead) Teresa Wright, Resident Engineer, RE 05

SERVICE AWARDS

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE Jimmy Acord, Corporal, 20 yrs. Howard Besett, Sergeant, 20 yrs.

COMPUTER SERVICES Ron Mitchell, Data Processing Manager, 20 yrs.

CONSTRUCTION Richard Allen, Construction Aide I, 5 yrs., RE 05 Suzanne Bullard, Field Clerk II, 10 yrs., RE 34 Johnny Johnson, Const. Aide III, 5 yrs., RE 31 Joe Mills, Construction Aide I, 5 yrs., RE 34

David Roush, Inspector, 15 yrs., RE 61 Kevin White, Asst. Resident Engr., 10 yrs., RE 61 **ENVIRONMENTAL** Ruby Jordan, Environmental Scientist I, 20 yrs.

HEAVY BRIDGE Raymond Parker, Hvy. Bridge Maint, Supy., 20 yrs.

MAINTENANCE Paul England, Sign Crew Supervisor, 20 yrs.

PLANNING & RESEARCH Valerie Gifford, Office Admin. Asst. III, 5 yrs. Virginia Porta, Staff Planning Engineer, 20 yrs.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS John Jackson, Photographer, 30 yrs.

Lee Kendrick, Land Surveyor I, 5 yrs. Farron Milholen, Surveys Specialist, 25 yrs.

DISTRICT 1 Lisa Jones, Personnel Clerk, 10 yrs. Taylor McDaniel, Jr., Mechanic, 20 yrs.

DISTRICT 2

Charles Hughes, Motor Patrol Operator, 10 yrs. Travis Watkins, Single Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs. Anderson Williams, Multi-Axle Tr. Driver, 10 yrs. Johnny Williams, Bridge Repairer I, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 3

Reginald Easter, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 4

Dwayne Adams, District Maint. Engineer, 10 yrs. Gerald D. White, 03/21/06, Retired Tommy Riley, Senior Mechanic, 35 yrs.

DISTRICT 5

V. Gammill, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs. Jared Moxley, Backh./Fr. End Load. Op., 10 yrs. Leslie Shane, Senior Mechanic, 35 yrs.

DISTRICT 6

Danny Carlton, Crew Leader, 20 yrs. Norman Edge, Single Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs. Billy Hill, Single Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs. Estel Taylor, Sr. Body Rep. & Painter (Statewide) John Hill, Backhoe/Front End Loader Op., 10 yrs. Alvin T. White, 03/15/06, Retired Rickey Prince, District Permit Officer, 20 yrs.

DISTRICT 7

Ann Carter, Area Headquarters Attendant, 10 yrs. Anthony Herndon, Asphalt Tank Truck Dr., 10 yrs. Rhonia Krisell, Personnel Clerk, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 8

Darrell Maxwell, Distributor/Roller Op., 10 yrs. Joe Phillips, Area Maint. Supervisor, 30 yrs. David Poteete, Bridge Repairer II, 15 yrs. Travis Sisco, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 9 Jerry Dillon, Guard, 10 vrs.

Ronnie Faught, Sealing Job Supt., 30 yrs.

DISTRICT 10 Darrell Campbell, Crane Op. - Finish, 10 yrs. Anthony James, Station Attendant II, 15 yrs. Larry McKinney, Senior Mechanic, 10 yrs. Ricky Morris, Senior Body Rep. & Painter, 15 yrs. Larry Toombs, Maintenance Aide II, 30 yrs. Harold White, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 35 yrs.

RETIREMENTS

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE Ross Henry, Guard, 17+ yrs.

ENVIRONMENTAL Larry Long, Sect Head - Beautification, 33+ yrs.

MATERIALS George Montgomery, Dist. Materials Supv., 33+ yrs. Jerry Dixon, Admin. Assistant III 33+ yrs.

PLANNING & RESEARCH Brenda Kirkpatrick, Section Office Coordinator 37+ yrs.

DISTRICT 2 Jesse Stringfellow, Guard 24+ yrs.

DISTRICT 3 Coy Clayborn, Bridge Repairer II 26+ yrs. Connie Jones, Office Admin. Asst V 32+ yrs. Richard Oglesby, Backhoe/Front End Loader Op. 10+ yrs.

DISTRICT 4 Gary Currier, Rest Area Attendant 25+ yrs. Charles Parrish, Crew Leader 27+ yrs.

DISTRICT 5 David Bishop, Backhoe/Front End Loader Op. 28+ vrs.

DISTRICT 7 Zack Lambert, Rest Area Attendant 16+ yrs.

DISTRICT 9 Ronnie Stone, Maintenance Aide II 12+ yrs.

DISTRICT 10 Earl Bragg, Inspector 36+ yrs.

MEMORIALS

COMPUTER SERVICES Albert E. Comeau, 03/15/06, Retired Ila Fay Sullivan, 03/06/06, Retired

SURVEYS Delbert H. Lambert, 03/25/06, Active

DISTRICT 2 Robert Allen, Jr., 03/10/06, Retired

DISTRICT 3 Billie Ruth Barnett, 03/13/06, Retired

DISTRICT 6 John B. Baggett, Jr., 03/11/06, Retired Fred L. Beliew, 03/06/06, Retired Oral Q. Fendley, 03/12/06, Retired James A. Ford, 03/29/06, Retired

DISTRICT 7

DISTRICT 10 Johnnie K. Marley, 01/22/06, Retired

MILITARY DUTY

As of 4/10/06, the AHTD had 2 employees serving active duty in the military. Dates denote the deployment date.

DISTRICT 4 Nathan Reed, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 10/03/05

DISTRICT 6 Shirley Hammett, Area Hq. Attendant, 7/20/04

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Mary P. "Prissy" Hickerson, Chairman Jonathan Barnett, Vice Chairman Carl S. Rosenbaum, Member R. Madison Murphy, Member John Ed Regenold, Member

Dan Flowers, AHTD Director



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