

## Highway Police Help To Promote Safe Driving

The Arkansas Highway Police (AHP) joined law enforcement agencies in 13 other southern states on February 27th in a regional campaign to promote safer driving habits on our highways.

Approximately 50 AHP units were patrolling the highways that day to crack down on speeding and aggressive driving behavior.

According to the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, unsafe driving behaviors significantly relate to the death of approximately 43,000 people each year on this country's highways.

"We want to make it clear that driving defensively and in a cooperative manner creates a safer driving environment for all motorists on the road," stated AHP Chief Ron Burks.

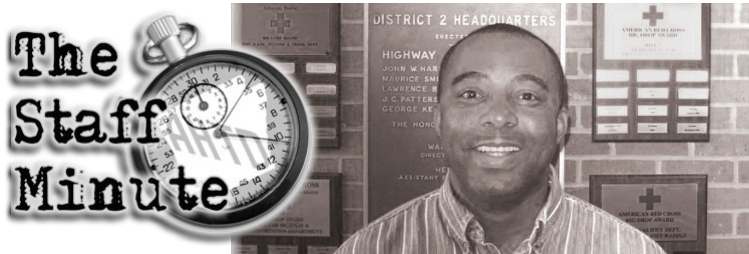
"Our goal was to target and take action against problem drivers. We spent the day watching for unsafe driving habits by drivers of commercial and passenger vehicles and issued citations as needed," Burks added. Officers stopped approximately 250 vehicles and issued a total of 96 tickets or warnings in an 8-hour period.

Law enforcement officials say that the objectives of the driver safety campaign included a heightened awareness of general safe driving practices, increasing safety belt usage, increasing regulatory compliance for drivers and vehicles, and increasing the presence of law enforcement on our highways.

"Drivers need to remember that driving safely is literally in their hands," added Burks.

In addition to Arkansas, states participating in the effort included Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.





**Employee:** Ray Spears, Area Supervisor, District 2

**Length of Service:** I have been with the Department for over 21 years.

**Job Duties:** My responsibilities include scheduling jobs, personnel and equipment for highway maintenance. I make sure that all material is accounted for and that job duties are performed safely and correctly. I also assist District and statewide crews when they are in our area. During mowing season, I work with mowing contractors. I am responsible for assisting the public, when needed, and assuring the Department is viewed in a positive light. I also communicate with my Supervisor on various projects.

**Favorite part of the job:** My favorite part of the job is laying asphalt and working alongside knowledgeable people both within and outside of the Department.

**Background:** In May of 1986, I was a summer employee on the maintenance crew and was then able to retain fulltime employment as a General Laborer at Jefferson Headquarters. I was also a Single Axle Truck Driver there before going to the District sign crew as a Sign Erector. I was the Station Attendant for Jefferson Headquarters for three years. In 1992, I went to the District Sealing Crew where I held the positions of Distributor Operator and Paving Operator. I became Sign Crew Supervisor in 1998, and the following year, Crew Leader on the Sealing Crew. Presently, I am the Area Maintenance Supervisor at Stuttgart and have been in this position since August of 2006.

**Family:** My wife, Jackie, and I have one daughter, Cetera, age 17.

**Hobbies/Interests:** I enjoy listening to all sorts of music and playing musical instruments. I play bass guitar in a gospel group and sing background vocals. We are involved in various church activities including the choir, in which I also play bass and lead guitar, and occasionally drums. Along with my interest in music, I own and operate a recording studio in Pine Bluff. Another pastime we enjoy is fishing.

## 2008 Equipment Operators Rodeo Semi-finals



|                                       |           | Tractor/Lowboy     | Tandem Axle Dump Truck | Single Axle Dump Truck | Tractor/Mower    | Backhoe       | Motor Patrol     |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| <b>DISTRICT TWO</b><br>March 12, 2008 | 1ST PLACE | John Harvey        | Jon Paul Anderton      | Royce Edmondson        | Clarence Edwards | Chris Edwards | Donnie Burks     |
|                                       | 2ND PLACE | Tim Cagle          | Carl Lamb              | James Dickson          | Brandon Webster  | Johnny Brown  | Travis Singleton |
|                                       | 3RD PLACE | Sidney Fitzpatrick | Keith Etue             | Chris Johnson          | Chris Hendricks  | Patrick Byrd  | Wallace Simmons  |

## 2008 Rodeo Schedule

|          |             |
|----------|-------------|
| March 20 | District 3  |
| March 27 | District 7  |
| April 3  | District 1  |
| April 10 | District 6  |
| April 17 | District 8  |
| April 24 | District 4  |
| May 1    | District 5  |
| May 8    | District 9  |
| May 15   | District 10 |

**Finals at the Central Office in Little Rock on June 10, 2008**

## Where Is This? See answer at bottom of last page.



# 2008 CENTRAL ARKANSAS

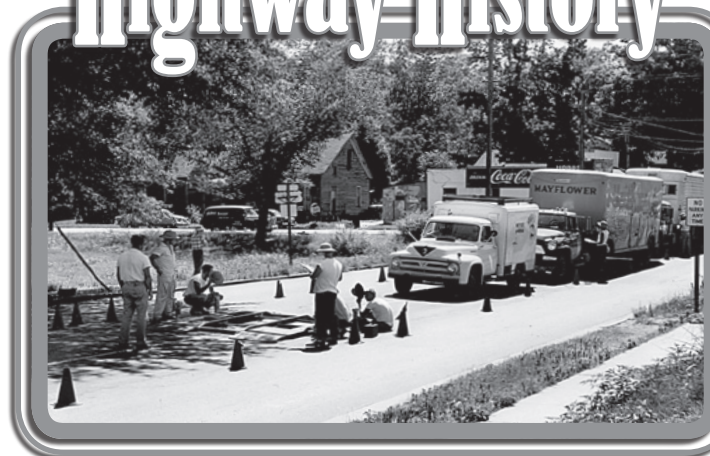
# HEART WALK



North Shore Riverwalk  
NLR, April 26<sup>th</sup>

To participate in this year's Heart Walk, contact David Nilles in the Public Affairs Office at 501-569-2508.

## Highway History



Truck weighing in 1957.

## Be Sharp About Needle Disposal

Sharps containers have been placed in the following locations to assist anyone who may need to dispose of needles, syringes, etc.:

- Planning Annex
- Maintenance Annex
- Equipment & Procurement Annex
- The first and sixth floor restrooms of the main building (ADA-accessible restrooms)
- All restrooms in the Central Office Annex (the building where Surveys, Environmental, Highway Police, Research and Mail & Supply are located)



If you should encounter a needle or syringe which has not been disposed of properly, please contact Training & Safety for handling.



DISTRICT 8: Receiving their 25-year service awards were (l. to r.) Jimmy Black, Single Axle Truck Driver; and Steve Sheets, Storeroom Supervisor.



DISTRICT 8: Receiving their 20-year service awards were (l. to r.) Johnny Rice, Maintenance Aide II; Larry Lay, Multi-Axle Truck Driver; Nancy Keeling, Office Administrative Assistant; Monty Scott, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor; and Ronnie Molloy, Bridge Repairer II.



DISTRICT 8: Receiving their 15-year service awards were (l. to r.) Tony Derrick, Storeroom Assistant II; and Larry Brazil, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator.



DISTRICT 8: Receiving their 10-year service awards were (l. to r.) Lincoln Tate, Area Headquarters Attendant; and Matthew Rowland, Distributor Roller Operator.



DISTRICT 8: Receiving their 5-year service awards were (l. to r.) Raymond McCoy, Motor Patrol Operator; Greg Konkel, Motor Patrol Operator; Marty Powell, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator; Rickey Garrett, Maintenance Aide I; and Theo Robinson, Maintenance Aide I. Not pictured are Lynn Aday, Bridge Repairer I; and Rickey Stevens, Multi-Axle Truck Driver.



DISTRICT 3: Ray Mays, Area Headquarters Attendant, receives his 5-year service award from Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer.



DISTRICT 3: Rick Branham, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, receives his 5-year service award from Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer.



District 6: Alley Raine Hobby, born February 13, 2008, weighing 7 lbs., 8 oz., is the daughter of Pepper Hobby, Single Axle Truck Driver.



ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE: (l. to r.) Corporal Tim Choate receives his 20-year service award from Captain Gary East.



DISTRICT 6: Jack Zuber, born February 21st, is held by big sister Madie. They are the grandchildren of Jerry Zuber, Maintenance Crew Supervisor.



DISTRICT 8: James Chronister, Motor Patrol Operator - Finish, retired in January with 29+ years of service.



DISTRICT 10: Jade Price, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, killed this 16-point deer in November. He also bagged two 11-point deer this season.



AHTD crews worked around the clock to restore roadways to safe driving conditions after record amounts of snow fell March 4th, 6th and 7th. This truck is plowing excess snow from Highway 95 in Conway County.

## Graduation Photos

Please submit your graduation photos to the Public Affairs Office

**by 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 1st**

to be included in the 2008 Graduates issue of the May *CenterLine*.

Information to be included with photo is as follows:

Student Name, School Name  
(High School, College or Military only),  
Relation to Employee,  
Employee Name and Employee District/Division.

### Submit the Photos:

► In person, ► By mail, or ► By email.

### Photo Format:

Emailed photos should be scanned at 300 dpi.  
Paper photos should be at least wallet size.  
To ensure quality, do not send a printout of a picture.  
CDs and floppy disks will be accepted as well.

### Other Information:

Photos will be returned after the May issue is printed.  
Please call or email with any questions.

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## NEW EMPLOYEES

**ENVIRONMENTAL** - Gina Perry, Env. Analyst I

**HEAVY BRIDGE MAINTENANCE** - Joshua Smith, Bridge Repairer I

**MAINTENANCE** - Dimitris Hunt, Communications Maintenance Specialist

**MATERIALS** - Lakisha Dawson, Chemist I

**DISTRICT 1** - Tharon Brown, Gen. Laborer • Carl Knuckles, Single Axle Truck Driver • Brandon McKenzie, Gen. Laborer • Mark Williams, Sr., Single Axle Truck Driver

**DISTRICT 2** - Eugene Bryant, Gen. Laborer • Tommy Lane, Single Axle Truck Driver

**DISTRICT 3** - Bryan Bass, Gen. Laborer • Glenn King, Single Axle Truck Driver • Aaron Morton, Single Axle Truck Driver • Timothy Owens, Single Axle Truck Driver • Diego Palomino, Single Axle Truck Driver

**DISTRICT 6** - Wayne Hegland, Single Axle Truck Driver

**DISTRICT 7** - Larry Boyd, Jr., Gen. Laborer • Tiffany Burke, Gen. Laborer • Brenetta Childs, Janitor • Larry Cortez, Single Axle Truck Driver • William Hale, Station Att. • Chad Launius, Gen. Laborer • Jesse Martin, Jr., Gen. Laborer • Catherine Wilson, Gen. Laborer

**DISTRICT 8** - Joann McNeill, Gen. Laborer

## PROMOTIONS

**BRIDGE** - Steven Peyton, Senior Bridge Design Engineer

**ENVIRONMENTAL** - Linda Pearson, Environ. Scientist III • Randy Reynolds, Beautification Coordinator II

**FISCAL SERVICES** - Stephanie Howard, Accounting Asst.

**LEGAL** - Angela Dodson, Staff Attorney

**MAINTENANCE** - Joshua Phillips, Sign Crew Supervisor

**PLANNING & RESEARCH** - Jack Gazin, Admin. Officer III • Johnna Thomas, Office Admin. Asst. IV

**ROADWAY DESIGN** - Mark Earl, Advanced Design Engineer • Ishwor Gurung, Advanced Design Engineer

**SURVEYS** - Rusty Goodall, Surveys Aide II • Edward Jeter, Surveys Aide II • Michael Kelly, Staff Surveys Eng.

**DISTRICT 1** - James Barte', Jr., Structural Detailing Spec. • Terry Dildine, Asphalt Tank Truck Driver • Pamela Frazier, Single Axle Truck Driver, Cross • Virgil Keeler, Area Hq. Att., Cross • Harold Mullins, Jr., Sealing Job Supt.

**DISTRICT 2** - James Ferguson, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, Lincoln • Charles Gant, Bridge Repairer I • Brent Glover, Asphalt Tank Truck Driver • Kevin Love, Single Axle Truck Driver, Drew • Robert Morrison, IV, Bridge Repairer I • Travis Singleton, Motor Patrol Op., Arkansas

**DISTRICT 3** - Albert Anderson, Single Axle Truck Driver, Hempstead • Suzanne Bullard, Resident Office Tech., RE 34 • John Daniel, Bridge Job Supt. • Ronald Hughes, Maintenance Aide II, Sevier • Stanley Katzer, Single Axle Truck Driver, Howard • James Pinkerton, Single Axle Truck Driver, Pike • Todd Rucker, Single Axle Truck Driver, Hempstead

**DISTRICT 4** - Jonathan Chambers, Backh./FEL Op., Logan • Eric West, Asst. Dist. Bridge Insp.

**DISTRICT 5** - Eva Luster, Office Admin. Asst. V • Ricky Milligan, Motor Patrol Op.-Fin. • Timothy Wilson, Senior Const. Materials Insp., RE 53

**DISTRICT 6** - Derek Bradley, Maintenance Aide II, Lonoke • Bobby Givens, Distrib. Op. • Tommy Lacy, Maintenance Aide II, Prairie • Michael McLernon, Sr., Single Axle Truck Driver, Prairie • Cleofus Penn, Crew Leader, Prairie • Walter Ratliff, III, Single Axle Truck Driver, Pulaski

**DISTRICT 7** - Abel Ayala, Single Axle Truck Driver, Bradley • Carrol Bryant, Storerem. Supervisor • Lowell Jones, Single Axle Truck Driver, Calhoun • Raymond Prescott, Maintenance Aide II, Dallas • Jermy Purifoy, Crew Leader

**DISTRICT 8** - Gary Dorough, Asst. Dist. Bridge Inspector

**DISTRICT 9** - Herbert Jordan, Asst. Dist. Bridge Inspector

**DISTRICT 10** - Richard Jones, Construction Aide II, RE 06 • Charles Schroeder, Single Axle Truck Driver, Mississippi • Brandon Sutton, Const. Aide II, RE 06 • Michael Webster, Single Axle Truck Driver, Mississippi • James Williams, Jr., Single Axle Truck Driver, Mississippi

## SERVICE

**ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE** - Eddie Boon, 2nd Lieutenant, 25 yrs. • Judy Hathcock, Div. Office Mgr., 25 yrs. • Thomas Low, Patrol Officer 1st Class, 20 yrs. • Daniel Morales, Patrol Officer 1st Class, 15 yrs. • Lowell Stephens, Corporal, 15 yrs. • Jack Stepp, Sergeant, 20 yrs. • Jeffery Yates, Corporal, 20 yrs.

**CHIEF ENGINEER** - Beverly Moore, Office Administrative Assistant, V, 15 yrs.

**CONSTRUCTION** - Will Cheatham, Asst. Resident Eng., 10 yrs., RE 34 • Walton Chestnut, Senior Insp., 25 yrs., RE 55 • Chris Doggett, Insp., 5 yrs., RE 65 • Rosalind Highfill, Field Clerk II, 5 yrs., RE 04

**ENVIRONMENTAL** - William McAlexander, Jr., Environmental Analyst III, 15 yrs. • Bob Scoggin, Environ. Scientist I, 15 yrs.

**MAINTENANCE** - Tommy Kirkpatrick, Pavement Profiler Job Supt., 25 yrs. • Rick Rawls, Roadway Designer, 15 yrs.

**MATERIALS** - Dana Smith, Office Admin. Asst. V, 15 yrs. • Jerry Westerman, Div. Head, 35 yrs.

**PLANNING & RESEARCH** - Tim Mahan, Cartographer III, 20 yrs. • Karen McDaniels, Admin. Asst. II, 25 yrs.

**RIGHT OF WAY** - Connie Stayton, Negotiator, 5 yrs.

**ROADWAY DESIGN** - Sharon Bowen, Admin. Officer II, 25 yrs.

**DISTRICT 1** - Jimmy Bryant, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 35 yrs. • Harold Mullins, Jr., Crew Leader, 20 yrs. • Ronnie Reel, Backh./FEL Op., 5 yrs. • Lennie Williford, Maintenance Aide I, 5 yrs.

**DISTRICT 2** - John Breitenstein, Sign Erector, 10 yrs. • George Holcombe, Maintenance Aide I, 5 yrs.

**DISTRICT 5** - Timothy Smith, Backh./FEL Op., 5 yrs. • Perry Stegall, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 30 yrs. • Hoyt Taylor, Crew Leader, 30 yrs.

**DISTRICT 6** - Orland Andrews, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs. • Angela Reddoch, District Office Mgr., 30 yrs. • Kenneth Smith, Maintenance Aide I, 5 yrs. • William White, Shop Supv., 20 yrs.

**DISTRICT 7** - Carrol Bryant, Storerem. Asst. II, 20 yrs. • David Denson, Motor Patrol Op.-Fin., 20 yrs. • Gary Grimes, District Maint. Eng., 20 yrs. • Randy Stinnett, Sealing Job Supt., 20 yrs.

**DISTRICT 8** - Larry Lay, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 20 yrs. • Johnny Rice, Maintenance Aide II, 20 yrs. • Matthew Rowland, Distrib./Roller Op., 10 yrs. • Cleo Scott, Equip. Maintenance Supv., 20 yrs.

**DISTRICT 9** - Patrick Kelley, Maintenance Aide I, 5 yrs. • Ronald Sligar, Crew Leader, 25 yrs.

## RETIREMENT

**CONSTRUCTION** - Allen Phillips, Adv. Estimates Tech., 24 yrs.

**FISCAL SERVICES** - Diann Gwatney, Admin. Asst. III, 26 yrs.

**DISTRICT 5** - William Beach, Crew Leader, 28 yrs.

**DISTRICT 7** - Jerry Rowland, Senior Insp., 37 yrs.

**DISTRICT 8** - Mark Koone, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 32 yrs.

**DISTRICT 9** - Randall Clark, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 35 yrs.

## MEMORIALS

**CHIEF ENGINEER** - James E. Lowder, 02/25/08, Retired

**DISTRICT 1** - Evelyn Wilkins, 03/06/08, Retired

**DISTRICT 4** - Mondell Aynes, 03/03/08, Retired

**DISTRICT 8** - David L. Poteete, 02/22/2008, Active

**DISTRICT 10** - William L. Currie, III, 02/26/2008, Active

## MILITARY DUTY

As of 3/13/08, the AHTD had 19 employees serving active duty in the United States military. Dates denote deployment.

**ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE** - Shawn Foust, Sergeant, 8/04/07

**PLANNING & RESEARCH** - Kimberly Sanders, Transportation Planner, 11/29/06

**DISTRICT 4** - Brandon Bowen, Senior Mech., 10/12/06 • Nathan Reed, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 10/3/05 • Kevin Tucker, Br. Rep. I, 10/1/07

**DISTRICT 5** - Greg Hellmann, Insp., 10/1/07 • David B. Smith, Insp., 10/1/07

**DISTRICT 6** - Shirley Hammett, Area Hq. Att., 7/20/04

**DISTRICT 8** - Michael H. Bunton, Asphalt Tank Truck Driver, 10/1/07 • James R. Harris, Motor Patrol Op., 10/1/07

**DISTRICT 9** - Douglas Henry, Single Axle Truck Driver, 10/1/07 • Joseph Ragland, Maintenance Aide I, 10/1/07 • Ashley Hale, Ferry Boat Pilot, 9/5/07 • Randall Williams, Ferry Boat Pilot, 09/10/07 • Eric Jaeger, Maintenance Aide I, 8/30/06 • Cameron Whitney, Sign Erector, 10/9/07

**DISTRICT 10** - Rufus Mitchell, Rest Area Att., 10/1/07 • Donald Evance, Cons. Aide I, 10/1/07 • Elvis Richmond, Senior Construction Materials Inspector, 10/1/07

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