

CenterLine

JANUARY 2009



Dick Trammel Appointed To Highway Commission

Dick Trammel, of Rogers, has been appointed by Governor Mike Beebe to serve a ten-year term on the Arkansas Highway Commission. Trammel replaces Jonathan Barnett, whose term ended this month.

“Dick Trammel is somebody who cares about Arkansas,” stated Governor Beebe. “You can’t find anybody who has worked harder for more people in northwest Arkansas, he will be a tireless advocate.”

A resident of Rogers, Trammel currently serves as Executive Vice President, member of the Board of Directors and Board Secretary of Arvest Bank in Rogers. He is also a founding member of Northwest Arkansas Community College. He was chairman of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, a position he gave up when he was sworn in as Commissioner.

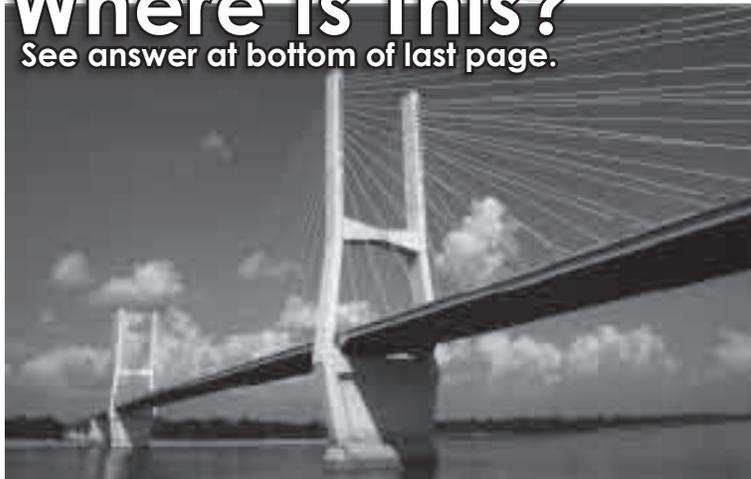
Trammel moved to Rogers in 1975 from his hometown of Pocahontas. He graduated from the University of Arkansas. He was sworn in on January 12th in Bentonville. His term will run through January of 2019.



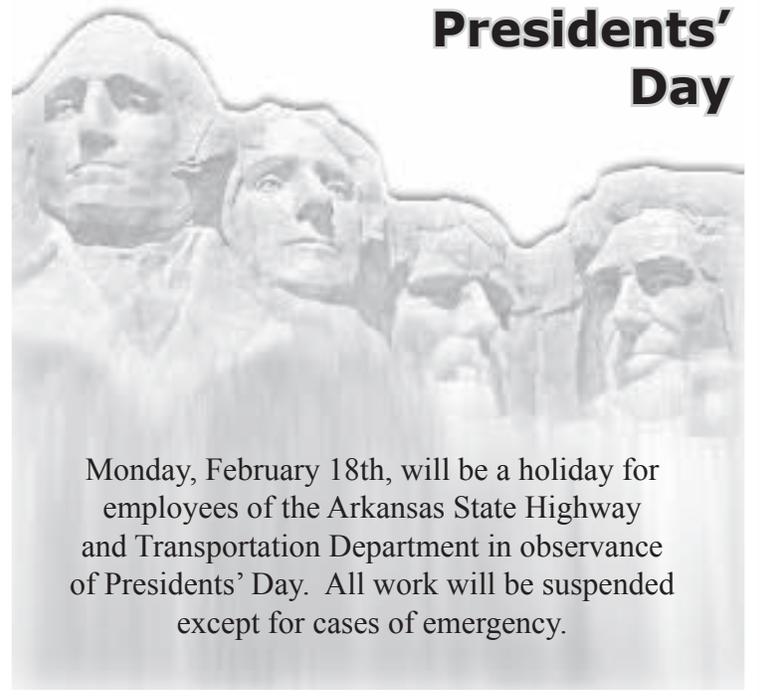
Dick Trammel, of Rogers, was sworn in January 12, 2008, as the newest Arkansas Highway Commissioner.

Where Is This?

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Presidents' Day



Monday, February 18th, will be a holiday for employees of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department in observance of Presidents' Day. All work will be suspended except for cases of emergency.



Employee: Michael Brasel

Job position: Boone County Area Maintenance Supervisor, District Nine

Length of service: 33+ years

Job duties: I survey all state roads and bridges within the assigned area so that any problems can be addressed in a timely manner to prevent any further damage to the roadway. Once a month, I conduct safety meetings to ensure that all safety precautions are adhered to by employees under my supervision. Each day I schedule employees and equipment for work that is needed. Occasionally, I work with District Supervisors on construction and maintenance projects in the county. When an accident occurs on the roadway, I estimate repair costs to signs, guardrails, bridges, etc. Some of my other job duties include working with the public, writing driveway permits, making sure headquarters are kept clean, interviewing applicants for job vacancies and examining the progress of contract mowing jobs.

Favorite part of the job: I find that the most fulfilling part of my job involves the opportunity to work outside in the communities and the outlying areas of Boone County. The support I receive from the Boone County crew, district

crews and the leadership from the district staff enables me to serve the people of Boone County by safeguarding and improving their travels on the roadways. When you get right down to it, working with employees of District Nine is my favorite part of the job.

Background: I graduated from Valley Springs High school in 1974. I attended Northwest Arkansas Community College (NACC) from 1974 to 1975 . I started my career for the AHTD in Newton County as a General Laborer in May of 1975. After transferring to the Boone County crew in September of 1975, I worked as an Equipment Operator I, Equipment Operator II and a Roller Operator. In 1984, I was promoted to District Station Attendant Supervisor and later to Mechanic. In 2000, I was promoted to Crew Leader in Boone County. The next year, I was fortunate enough to receive my current position, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

Family: I have been married to my wife Dana since 1991. We have two children. Our son, Tyler Fleming, graduated from Harrison High School and the University of Arkansas. He is currently employed by Fed Ex in Omaha, Nebraska, as an Operations Supervisor. Our daughter, Sara Sanders, graduated from Branson High School in Missouri and is employed at J. B. Hunt in Lowell Arkansas, as an Account Representative. We have two grandchildren, Savannah Sanders, age five, and Creighton Sanders, age three.

Hobbies/interests: I enjoy pheasant hunting in Kansas and Iowa. I enjoy hunting, fishing, farm work, “waiting on a woman” (Dana) at the mall and playing with the grandkids.

CONSTRUCTION CORNER

Work is underway in Batesville to widen Harrison Street (Highway 69) to five lanes. The job was awarded to White River Materials, Inc. of Batesville for \$12,948,724 in November of 2007. Construction began in early 2008. The project is just under three miles in length and extends from Highway 167 eastward to Highway 394. Six new traffic signals are also included in the plans. Work on the new five-lane roadway should be completed in the summer of 2010.



DISTRICT 5

2008 Service Awards and Retirements



Central Office, 25 Years: (front, l. to r.) Brenda Price, Brenda Guest, Sharon Bowen, Sheryl Fletcher and Karen McDaniels. (middle, l. to r.) Tina Adams, Mitzi Dunn and Reda Webb. (rear, l. to r.) David Hicklin, Scott Mullis, Gary English, Ronnie Smith, Eddie Boon, Terry Gaither, Tommy Kirkpatrick and Larry Golden.



Central Office, 30 Years: (front, l. to r.) Linda Price, Kay Crutchfield, Cindy Webb Kuykendall, Toni Barnes and Tammy Caple. (rear, l. to r.) Ron Johnson, Jon Waldrup, Mike Dudoich, Ken Holmes, Mike Sebren, James Key, Ken Parker and Tony Sullivan.



Central Office, 35 Years: (front, l. to r.) Larry Newman, Debra Sain and Terry Hardison. (rear, l. to r.) Danny Bradford, Miles Patton, Jimmy Sanson, Ed Marlis and Ronnie Anderson.



Central Office, Retiring: (l. to r.) Johnnie Parks, James McLeod, Allan Holmes, Gary East and Danny Moore.



Central Office, 40 years: (l. to r.) Commissioner Carl Rosenbaum, Director Dan Flowers and Commissioner Jonathan Barnett.



District 1, 25 years: (l. to r.) Commissioner John Ed Regenold, Rommie Harris and Director Dan Flowers.



District 1, Retirees: (front, l. to r.) Carl Andrews, Charles Duff, James Ramsey, Jr. and Earl Tittle. (rear, l. to r.) Assistant to the Director Ralph Hall, District Engineer Ray Woodruff, Commissioner John Ed Regenold and Director Dan Flowers.

District 2 held their service awards ceremony after the publication deadline due to inclement weather and therefore will be shown in the February CenterLine.



District 3, 30 years: (front, l. to r.) Commissioner Carl Rosenbaum, Ala Mae Flenory, Bobby Bailey, Deborah Stueart, Gene Bishop, Jr. and Director Dan Flowers.



District 3, 35 years: (front, l. to r.) Commissioner Carl Rosenbaum, Kathy Barham, Curtis Hill and Director Dan Flowers.



District 4, 35 years: (front, l. to r.) David Dodd and Buddy Turner. (rear, l. to r.) Assistant to the Director Ralph Hall, District Engineer Joe Shipman, Commissioner Jonathan Barnett and Director Dan Flowers.



District 3, Retirees: (front, l. to r.) Commissioner Carl Rosenbaum, Michael Givens, Larry Johnson, Kenneth Wilkins, Billy Delaney and Director Dan Flowers.



District 5, 30 Years: (front, l. to r.) Perry Stegall, Randy Rector, Billy Clemons, Michael Lassiter, Patty Jackson and Barry Hutson. (rear, l. to r.) Assistant to the Director Ralph Hall, Hoyt Taylor, Edwin Chaney, District Engineer Lyndal Waits and Director Dan Flowers.



District 4, 25 years: (front, l. to r.) Harmon Edgmon, Patricia Gilbert, Nicky Mings and Rita Stone. (rear, l. to r.) Commissioner Jonathan Barnett, Director Dan Flowers, District Engineer Joe Shipman and Assistant to the Director Ralph Hall.



District 5, 35 years: (front, l. to r.) Terry Sipes, Ronald Satterwhite, Winfred Reed, Michael Lackey and Thomas Inman. (rear, l. to r.) Assistant to the Director Ralph Hall, District Engineer Lyndal Waits and Director Dan Flowers.



District 4, 30 years: (front, l. to r.) Lionel Elder, Gary Greene, Clinton Isaacs, Mark Simpson, William Nichols. (rear, l. to r.) Assistant to the Director Ralph Hall, District Engineer Joe Shipman, John Sharum, Jeffrey Stroud, Commissioner Jonathan Barnett and Director Dan Flowers.



District 5, Retirees: (front, l. to r.) Thomas Inman, Danny Fleetwood, Brenda Taylor, William Beach, Dennis Nixon and William Jernigan. (rear, l. to r.) Assistant to the Director Ralph Hall, Tommy Jones, District Engineer Lyndal Waits and Director Dan Flowers.



District 6, 30 Years: (front) John Wehunt, Denny Parish, Steve Morgan, David Crain. (rear, l. to r.) District Engineer Joe Sartini, Assistant to the Director Ralph Hall, Director Dan Flowers and Commissioner Carl Rosenbaum.



District 7, 35 Years: Assistant Chief Engineer - Operations Emanuel Banks, Gary Grimes, Henrietta McMahan and Commissioner Madison Murphy.



District 6, 35 Years: (front) Michael Allman. (rear, l. to r.) District Engineer Joe Sartini, Director Dan Flowers, Commissioner Carl Rosenbaum and Assistant to the Director Ralph Hall.



District 8, 25 years: (front, l. to r.) Jimmy Black, Dennis Langston and Lloyd Sheets. (rear, l. to r.) Assistant to the Director Ralph Hall, District Maintenance Engineer Tommy Littleton, Commissioner Cliff Hoofman and Director Dan Flowers.



District 7, 30 Years: (l. to r.) Assistant Chief Engineer - Operations Emanuel Banks, Dennis Lindsey, Clifford Childers, Mike Nelson, Johnny Brandon, Michael Jester, Jim Woods and Commissioner Madison Murphy.



District 8, 30 years: (front, l. to r.) John Hayes and Kenneth Jones. (rear, l. to r.) Assistant to the Director Ralph Hall, District Maintenance Engineer Tommy Littleton, Commissioner Cliff Hoofman and Director Dan Flowers.



District 7, 35 Years: Assistant Chief Engineer - Operations Emanuel Banks, William "Hicky" Hickman and Commissioner Madison Murphy.



District 8, 35 years: (front, l. to r.) James Washington and Dennis James. (rear, l. to r.) Assistant to the Director Ralph Hall, District Maintenance Engineer Tommy Littleton, Commissioner Cliff Hoofman and Director Dan Flowers.



District 8, Retiree: Commissioner Cliff Hoofman, Frank Russenberger and Director Dan Flowers.



District 9, Retirees: (l. to r.) Commissioner Jonathan Barnett, Dennis Trammell, James Mallett and Director Dan Flowers.



District 8, Retiree: (l. to r.) Commissioner Cliff Hoofman, Richard Keaster and Director Dan Flowers.



District 9, 25 Years: (l. to r.) Commissioner Jonathan Barnett, Ronald Sligar and Director Dan Flowers.



District 8, Retiree: (l. to r.) Commissioner Cliff Hoofman, James Chronister, Jr. and Director Dan Flowers.



District 9, 30 years: (front, l. to r.) Billy Trammell, Teddy Widner, Ronnie Pierson, Tim Fields and Denver Jennings. (rear, l. to r.) Commissioner Jonathan Barnett, District Engineer Ralph Fulton, Lawrence Drewry, James "Butch" Fancher and Director Dan Flowers.



District 8, Retiree: (l. to r.) Commissioner Cliff Hoofman, Kenneth Buchanan and Director Dan Flowers.



District 10, 25 Years: (l. to r.) District Engineer Joe Barnett, Assistant to the Director Ralph Hall, Roger Specking, Dennis McKinney, David Pratt and Director Dan Flowers.



District 10, 30 Years: (front, l. to r.) James Hastings, Mike Hastings, John Allison, Walter McMillan and Walter Hamm. (rear, l. to r.) Assistant to the Director Ralph Hall, District Engineer Joe Barnett and Director Dan Flowers.

District One



District 10, 35 Years: (l. to r.) Assistant to the Director Ralph Hall, District Engineer Joe Barnett, Gary Toombs and Director Dan Flowers.



District Two

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District 10, Retirees: (l. to r.) Assistant to the Director Ralph Hall, Wayne Hay, District Engineer Joe Barnett, Brent Watkins, Donald Kingston and Director Dan Flowers.

District Three



Central Office



District Four



District Eight



District Five



District Nine



District Six



District Seven



District Ten





Central Office Awards Ceremony, 30 Years and AASHTO Awards: Director Dan Flowers, Tony Sullivan and Commissioner Carl Rosenbaum.



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Arkansas Highway Police: Cannon Wayne Burks, grandson of Chief Ron Burks, born November 24th, 2008.



Materials: (l. to r.) Michael Benson, Materials Engineer, presents Harold Banks, Materials Technician IV, with his 30-year service award.



District 2: Tom Simpson, Permit Officer, and his daughter, Averie, with 2008 opening day deer.



District 2: Dallas Collins, age 9, son of Kristie Fowler, Fuel Clerk, killed this 5-point buck while hunting with his Paw-Paw in Mountain Home.



District 3: (l. to r.) Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Patty Wicker, Maintenance Aide II, with her 15-year service award.



District 3: (l. to r.) Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer, presents William Turner, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, with his 15-year service award.



District 5: Dakota Maddison Barker, granddaughter of Bill Barker, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, was born October 2nd, 2008, weighing 7 lbs., 2 oz., and measuring 20.5 inches long.



District 5: J.C. Eldridge, Des Arc High School 10th grader, started on the varsity team as a cornerback. The Eagles were 13-0 in regular season, won their district conference and made it to the 2A state championship game in Little Rock against Junction City for the state title.

J.C. also placed 2nd in the state for wrestling in his weight division. He has been an inspiration to his teammates since he was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes in 2006, achieving his goals in athletics. J.C. is the son of Jimmy Eldridge, Motor Patrol Operator.



District 6: (l. to r.) Rex Spurlock, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Curtis Aud, Area Maintenance Supervisor, with his 20-year service award.



District 6: (l. to r.) Jerry Zuber, Maintenance Job Superintendent, presents Roger Starling, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, with his 5-year service award.



District 8: (l. to r.) David Tolleson, Resident Engineer, presents Joe Knight, Advanced Construction Field Engineer, with his 10-year service award.



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new employees

CONSTRUCTION - Dustin Harrell, Const. Helper I, RE 34

ENVIRONMENTAL - Christopher Branam, Env. Anal. I

DISTRICT 1 - Joshua Branch, Single Axle Truck Dr. - Lela Jenkins, Single Axle Truck Dr. - Donnie Johnson, Single Axle Truck Dr. - Christopher Pruitt, Sr., Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 2 - Linsley Adams, General Laborer - Earl Rogers, Mechanic

DISTRICT 3 - Richard Carter, General Laborer

DISTRICT 4 - Brandy Binyon, Gen. Laborer - Tommy Greenmyer, Mechanic - Joseph Lindsey, Gen. Laborer - Jacob Pennington, Single Axle Tr. Driver - Christina Simmons, Gen. Laborer

DISTRICT 6 - David Miller, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 8 - Larry Bailey, Single Axle Truck Driver - April Goodnight, Single Axle Truck Driver - Ronnie Hamby, Single Axle Truck Driver - Mark Harris, Single Axle Truck Driver - Rustin McCormick, Single Axle Truck Driver - Edgar Yates, Single Axle Truck Driver

promotions

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE - Ross Batson, First Lieutenant - Jeff Bickerstaff, First Lieutenant - Jack Stepp, First Lieutenant

MAINTENANCE - Neil Austin, Lowboy Or Float Truck Driver - Johnny Carte, Pavement Profiler Operator - Donnie Foster, Striping Machine Driver

PLANNING & RESEARCH - Jennifer Jackson, Office Adm. Assistant V - Johnna Thomas, Traffic Crash Analyst

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS - Trey Foster, Project Development Engineer

DISTRICT 1 - Rollie Hall, Multi-Axle Truck Driver - Rick Hicks, Multi-Axle Truck Driver - Michael Smith, Multi-Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 2 - Luther Drye, Resident Engineer, RE 24 - Erminio Huante, Single Axle Truck Driver, Jefferson Co. - Jeffrey Johnson, Multi-Axle Truck Driver - Kennedy Junior, Single Axle Truck Driver, Ashley Co. - David May, Backhoe/Front End Loader Op. - Craig Uranga, Crane Op. - Finish

DISTRICT 3 - Bobby Adams, Area Headquarters Attendant, Pike Co. - Bubba Cox, Construction Aide II, RE 31 - Carol Crow, Rest Area Attendant, Little River Co. - Robert Swan, Construction Aide II, RE 31

DISTRICT 4 - Keith Chambers, Maint. Aide II, Logan Co. - Chad Davis, Advanced Construction Field Engineer, RE 41 - Joe Mora, Roller Op. - Donald Ullrich, Jr., Roller Op.

DISTRICT 5 - William Evans, Construction Aide III, RE 52 - Ryan Herndon, Street Sweeper Op. - Gary Lockett, Maint. Aide II, White Co. - Loren Trewyn, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, Independence Co.

DISTRICT 6 - Ryan Bailey, Construction Aide I, RE 64 - Caleb Bryant, Single Axle Truck Driver, Pulaski Co. - Kevin Busick, Single Axle Truck Driver - Keith Goff, Assistant Resident Engineer, RE 64 - Bennie McKim, Construction Aide I, RE 64 - Rick Stanley, Sign Erector - Eric Williams, Single Axle Truck Driver, Pulaski Co.

DISTRICT 7 - Donald Hudson, Crew Leader - Mark Simecek, Resident Engineer, RE 74

DISTRICT 8 - Randall Burris, Multi-Axle Truck Driver - Angela Dunn, Maint. Aide I, Faulkner Co. - Dennis Loven, Single Axle Truck Driver, Van Buren Co. - Brigitte Roberson, Inspector, RE 86

DISTRICT 10 - Michael Borden, Single Axle Truck Driver, Mississippi Co. - Barry Letson, Station Attendant II - Brittany Monette, Single Axle Truck Driver - Clarence Ward, Single Axle Truck Driver, Mississippi Co.

service

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE - James Moore, First Lieutenant, 25 yrs.

BRIDGE - David Ball, Staff Structures Engineer, 30 yrs.

CONSTRUCTION - Ricardo Michael, Construction Aide I, 5 yrs. RE 61 - Lovett Timothy, Construction Aide I, 5 yrs. RE 21

DIRECTOR - Doris Mixon, Adm. Assistant I, 35 yrs.

DISTRICT 1 - Robert Gray, Distributor Operator, 10 yrs. - Phillip Hunt, Senior Mechanic, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 2 - Stacy King, Storeroom Assistant I, 5 yrs. - Sandra Pendergrass, Office Adm. Assistant V, 10 yrs. - Maurice Wade, Mechanic, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 5 - Timothy Hurtt, Maint. Aide II, 20 yrs.

DISTRICT 6 - Alfred Langhorn, Crew Leader, 30 yrs.

DISTRICT 7 - Michael Barnett, Motor Patrol Op.-Finish, 25 yrs. - Joe Mason, Crew Leader, 30 yrs. - David Wages, Station Attendant II, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 8 - Debbie Matchett, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 9 - Gabriel Hensley, Motor Patrol Op.-Fin., 5 yrs. - Terry Sartin, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 10 - James Keasler, Multi-Axle Tr. Dr., 5 yrs.

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT - Dale Womack, Senior Mechanic, 15 yrs.

HUMAN RESOURCES - Larry Copeland, Maint. Aide I, 5 yrs.

MAINTENANCE - Roger Mahan, Crew Leader, 20 yrs. - Joseph Pierson, Striping Crew Supervisor, 10 yrs.

PLANNING & RESEARCH - Christopher Hanning, Civil Engineer IV, 10 yrs.

ROADWAY DESIGN - Micah Bryant, Design Engineer, 5 yrs. - Mark Earl, Advanced Design Engineer, 5 yrs. - Eric Phillips, Staff Traffic Engineer, 35 yrs.

SURVEYS - Maria Atchley, Surveys Aide III, 5 yrs. - Jordan Hoffman, Surveys Aide II, 5 yrs.

retirement

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE - James Clark, First Lieutenant, 31+ yrs.

PLANNING & RESEARCH - Reba Pettus, Transportation Management Analyst I, 32+ yrs.

DISTRICT 1 - James Poindexter, Motor Patrol Operator, 12+ yrs.

DISTRICT 4 - Frederick Brouse, Maintenance Aide II, 11+ yrs. - Rick Law, Crew Leader, 27+ yrs.

DISTRICT 5 - Johnny Smith, Backhoe/Front End Loader Op., 18+ yrs.

DISTRICT 7 - Hugh Leamons, Jr., Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 11+ yrs.

DISTRICT 8 - Norman Brown, Construction Project Coordinator, 34+ yrs.

DISTRICT 9 - Howard Farmer, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish, 34+ yrs. - Detlev Garner, Senior Inspector, 29+ yrs. - James Massengale, Bridge Repairer II, 23+ yrs.



memorials

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE - Armando Reginelli, 12/26/08, retired

SURVEYS - Bennie B. Horn, 1/3/09, retired

DISTRICT 2 - Leon Crouch, 12/17/08, retired

DISTRICT 4 - Herman F. Pierce, 1/1/09, retired

DISTRICT 7 - John D. Waller, 1/10/09, retired

DISTRICT 8 - Kenneth G. McGuire, 1/12/09, retired

DISTRICT 9 - Edward A. Carson, 1/8/09, retired

DISTRICT 10 - Maurice W. Sims, 1/10/09, retired; Eugene E. Gramling, 12/15/08

DISTRICT 5 - Denny Joe Stout, 12/29/08, active

active duty

As of 12/15/08, the AHTD had 19 employees serving active duty in the United States military. Dates denote the deployment date.

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE - Shawn Foust, Sergeant, 8/4/07

MATERIALS - David Kraft, Geot. Drill Party Chf., 1/2/08

DISTRICT 1 - James Barte, Senior Insp., 2/19/08

DISTRICT 4 - Nathan Reed, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 10/3/05 • Kevin Tucker, Bridge Repairer I, 10/1/07

DISTRICT 5 - Greg Hellmann, Inspector, 10/1/07 • David Smith, Inspector, 10/1/07

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

DISTRICT 8 - Michael Bunton, Asphalt Tank Truck Driver, 10/1/07 • James Harris, Motor Patrol Operator, 10/1/07 • Cornell Newsome, Single Axle Truck Driver, 05/07/08

DISTRICT 9 - Ashley Hale, Ferry Boat Pilot, 9/5/07 • Douglas Henry, Single Axle Truck Driver., 10/1/07 • Joseph Ragland, Maint. Aide I, 10/1/07 • Cameron Whitney, Sign Erector, 10/9/07 • Randall Williams, Ferry Boat Pilot, 9/10/07

DISTRICT 10 - Donald Evance, Con. Aide I, 10/1/07 • Rufus Mitchell, Rest Area Att., 10/1/07 • Elvis Richmond, Sr. Construction Mat. Insp., 10/1/07

"Where Is This?"

The new Highway 82 Bridge over the Mississippi River near Lake Village, in Chicot County.