



The CenterLine

Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department

October 23, 2003

AHTD WINS FIRST REGIONAL ROADEO

AHTD employees look forward to the AHTD Equipment Operators ROADEO each year held in Little Rock. But for 2003, that was just the beginning! This year, winners of the AHTD ROADEO participated in what will become an annual event in the future, the Regional Equipment Operator's ROADEO.

AHTD employees welcomed participants from the Mississippi Department of Transportation to the Central Shops in Little Rock for a regional com-

petition in September. The ROADEO featured the top three winners in each event from both states' finals held earlier in the year.

Although there were only two teams competing, spectators from North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Louisiana were also on hand to share in the event.

At the end of the day after all points were tallied, Dan Flowers, Director of Highways, announced that Arkansas was the winner of the inaugural event. See results above; photos below.

Look for a larger field of participants as the competition grows. Next year, crews from Louisiana are also expected to join the competition.

	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
Tractor/Lowboy	Juan Hernandez	Steve Sites	Russell Curbo
Tandem Axle Dump Truck	Keith Carpenter	Scott Horton	Robert Caines
Single Axle Dump Truck	Wayne Hamilton	Oren "Jeff" Mink	Tracy Woods
Tractor Mower	Joey Hood	Clarence Edwards	Darrell Carter
Backhoe	Larry Otwell	David Morton	Rick Hale
Motor Patrol	Randall Edgemon	David Denson	Howard Joe Smith

Names in dark shading are AHTD employees.

What's Inside

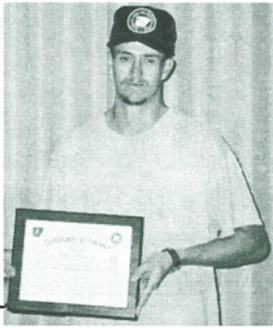


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At left, and below: AHTD Winners from Regional Rodeo 2003.





Dist. 3 - David Lively, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, received his 5-year service award.



Dist. 3 - Danny Jones, Dist. Storeroom Assistant I, received his 10-year service award.



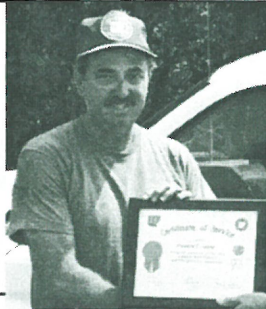
Dist. 3 - Debra Pate, Area HQ Attendant, received her 10-year service award.



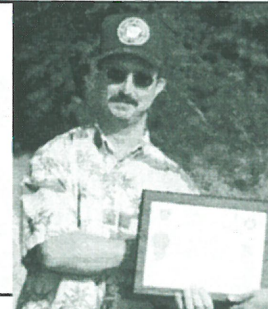
Dist. 3 - Jackie Horton, Roller Operator, received his 10-year service award.



Dist. 3 - Patty Wicker, Backhoe/Fr. End Loader Op., received her 10-year service award.



Dist. 3 - Donny Stone, Backhoe/Fr. End Loader Op., received his 15-year service award.



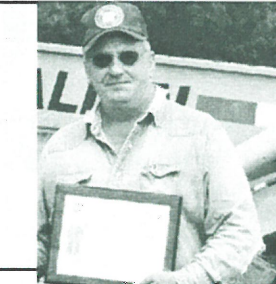
Dist. 3 - Eddie Loyed, Finish Motor Patrol Op., received his 15-year service award.



Dist. 3 - James Edney, Dist. Shop Crew Leader, received his 15-year service award.



Dist. 3 - Rick Lowe, Rest Area Attendant, received his 15-year service award.



Dist. 3 - Roy Neiman, Finish Motor Patrol Op., received his 15-year service award.



Dist. 3 - Betty Barham, Crew Leader, received her 20-year service award.



Dist. 3 - Gene Bishop, Dist. Roller Op. receives his 25-year service pin from Kenny Bennett, Dist. Maint. Engineer..



Dist. 3 - Kenneth Adams (I), Sr. Mechanic & Clyde Mays, Guard, received their 15-year service awards.



Dist. 3 - Travis Cearley, Sr. Mechanic, received his 20-year service award.



Dist. 3 - Ray Steen, S.A.T.D. received 30-year service pin from Kenny Bennett, Dist. Maint. Eng.



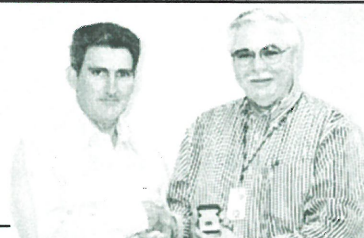
Dist. 2 - Charlie McCree, Backhoe/Front End Loader Op., retired after 25 years.



Dist. 4 - Larry Elder, Area Maint. Supv., received 30-year service award from D. E. Harold Beaver.



Dist. 4 - Larry Neff, Crew Leader, received 30-year service award from D. E. Beaver.



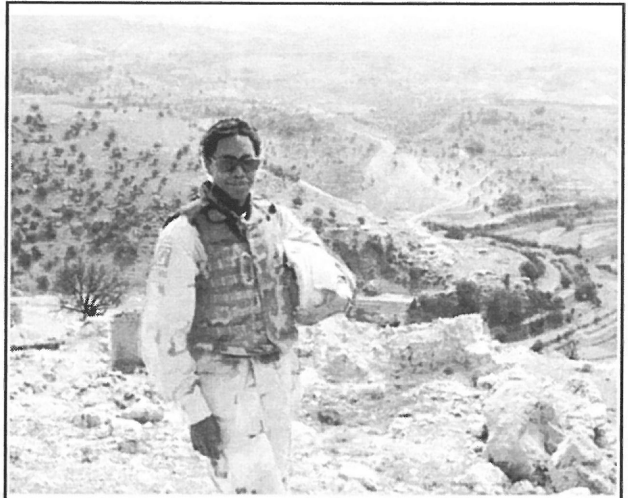
Dist. 4 - Larry Thornburg, Area Maint. Supervisor, received his 35-year service award from D. E. Beaver.



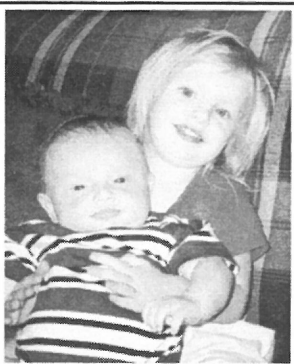
Dist. 2 - Richard Johnson, Single Axle Truck Driver, retired after 31 years.



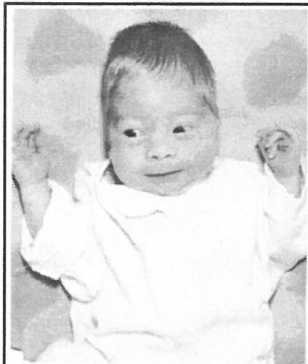
Kim Sanders, Statewide Planning (top left), with 431st Civil Affairs Battalion in Mosul, Iraq. Kim's unit arranged transportation for Bruce Willis and his band. They didn't get to see the band perform, but they did eat breakfast with them!



Aristotle.net Photo of the Week. Kim Sanders, Statewide Planning, on duty in Iraq.



Madeline James holds her new brother Garrett James. He was born June 6th, 2003, to Jason James, Assistant Resident Engineer in Bentonville, and wife Christina.



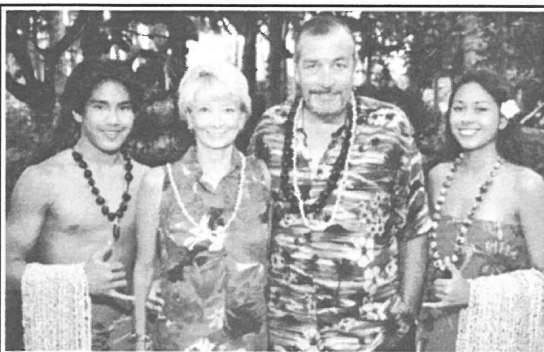
Austin Christopher Bailey, grandson of Emily Boggs in Fiscal Services, was born May 6th, 2003. He was Ambassador Baby for the March of Dimes "Bikers for Babies" Ride 2003.



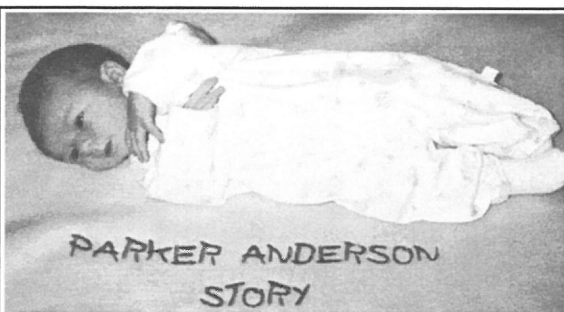
Alisha Edgmon, daughter of Randall (Crew Leader in Newton County) and Karen Edgmon became the bride of Drew Atkinson June 21st, 2003

MEMORIAL

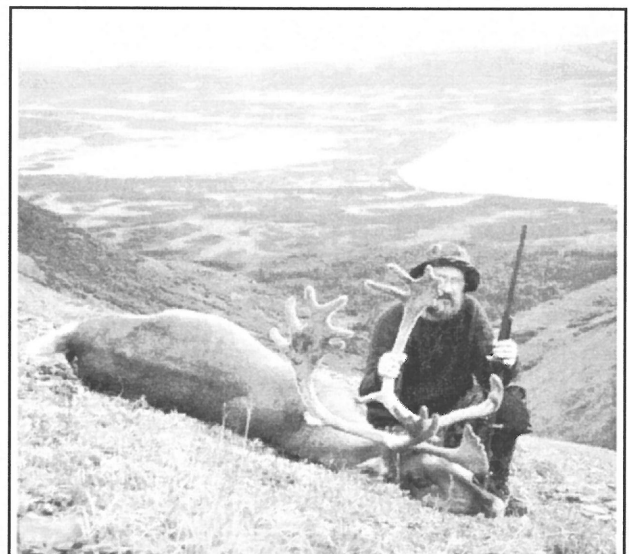
Bridge Division extends condolences to Linda Glover and family in the recent death of **Ken Glover, Structural Detailing Specialist**. Ken was not only a valued employee but also a good friend. Ken had been with the Department for 33 years and has a host of extended friends throughout the Department. We have a lot of great memories with him. He will be missed.



Bob Colford, Right of Way -Appraisal Section Head, & wife Pat, went to Hawaii for their 35th anniversary.



Parker Anderson Story was born Sept. 5th, 2003. Parker's parents are Andy & Courtney Story; Grandparents, Bill & Jann Parker (D2 Maintenance Aide II); and Grady & Judy Story.



2003 Caribou hunt in Alaska. Randy Reed, Right of Way Plans Designer II.

Department Hosts Booth At Arkansas State Fair



The 2003 Arkansas State Fair was held at the fairgrounds in Little Rock October 10th through the 19th. Over 400,000 people attended the fair and several thousands stopped by the AHTD booth in the Hall of Industry.

The focus of this year's booth was on the Adopt A Highway program. Visitors to the booth were invited to participate in a trash toss game and received free litterbags and other Department information.

The Department appreciates the work and support of all the employees who volunteered their time to staff the booth this year.

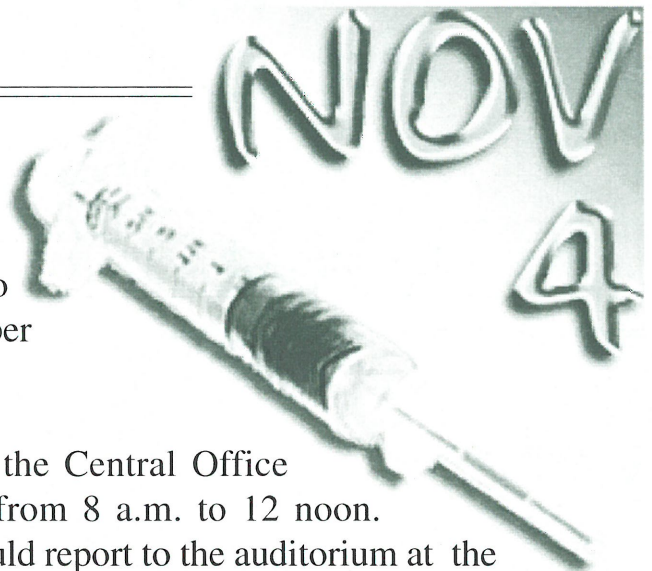


Patrolman First Class Jeff Bickerstaff educates the public on AHTD services and programs.

Flu Shots Are Coming!

The Southwest Regional Medical Center has again agreed to offer Department employees and their adult family members the opportunity to receive flu shots at a discounted price of \$10.00 per person.

The Department has scheduled a clinic in the Central Office Auditorium on Tuesday, November 4, 2003, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Employees interested in receiving a flu shot should report to the auditorium at the time most convenient for them. Contact Tara Robinson at ext. 2455 for more information.



Daylight Saving Time Ends October 26

Sunday, October 26, at 2:00 a.m. marks the end of Daylight Saving Time. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour.

DON'T FORGET!

Insurance enrollment forms must be filled out, signed, and turned in by October 31, 2003 to ensure continuous coverage.



United Way

An Agency Fair will take place in the Central Office on Monday, November 3, from 9 to 11 a.m. Several agencies that receive funding from the United Way of Pulaski County will be in attendance to demonstrate how they provide assistance to the local community. In addition, two informational sessions will be held in the Central Office Auditorium on the same day, at 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. A representative from the United Way of Pulaski County will discuss local services that are offered by the agency and its affiliates. District employees should contact their district headquarters for campaign information.

Veteran's Day Holiday

Tuesday, November 11, 2003, is a state holiday for Highway and Transportation Department employees in observance of Veteran's Day. All work will be suspended except for cases of emergency.



Fall Colors on Arkansas Scenic Byways

Highway 7 from
Louisiana to
Harrison

Highway 309 from
Webb City To Havana

Highway 88 from
Mena to Oklahoma

Highway 71 from
Dean's Market to
Fayetteville

Interstate 540 from
Dean's Market to
Fayetteville

Crowley's Ridge,
various routes from
Helena to
near Piggott

Great River Road
various routes from
Blytheville to South
of Lake Village



See a full map on your AHTD intranet at:
<http://web/planning/ScenicHighways/bywayweb.pdf>
 or on the internet at:
<http://www.arkansashighways.com/planning/ScenicHighways/bywayweb.pdf>

Predicted Peak of Fall Color:

Northwest/North Central:	Oct. 25-29
Central Arkansas/Ouachita Mountains:	Oct. 31
Southern/Eastern Arkansas:	Mid-Nov.

AHTD People

NEW EMPLOYEES

CONSTRUCTION

Joseph Smith, Construction Helper I
Denise Tallant, Construction Aide I

HUMAN RESOURCES

Lakela Jackson, Office Admin. Asst. I

DISTRICT 1

Cledith Davis, Single Axle Truck Driver
Joey Dunigan, Single Axle Truck Driver
William Eaves, General Laborer
Eugene Farrell, Single Axle Truck Driver
Deborah Harris, Single Axle Truck Driver
Willester Jackson, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 3

Donald Langston, Single Axle Truck Driver
Jason Patrick, General Laborer

DISTRICT 4

Ernest Alcalá, Single Axle Truck Driver
Joseph Cloos, General Laborer
Timothy Combs, General Laborer
Nathaniel Jackson, General Laborer
Stacey Ryan, General Laborer

DISTRICT 5

George Baird, Single Axle Truck Driver
Roosevelt Brandon, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 6

Mark Hill, Jr., General Laborer
McHenry Littleton, General Laborer
Curtis Lott, Single Axle Truck Driver
Darrell Smith, Single Axle Truck Driver
Mary Young, District Receptionist

DISTRICT 7

Lewis Childs, Single Axle Truck Driver
Thomas Ezell, Single Axle Truck Driver
Jonathan Dorrell, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 8

Dwayne Spears, General Laborer
Tamara Wright, General Laborer

DISTRICT 10

Gary Jeffers, Single Axle Truck Driver
Kristie Mott, General Laborer
Gerald Thacker, Single Axle Truck Driver

PROMOTIONS

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Donna Hames, Motor Carrier Safety Spec I
Ross Martin, AHP Sergeant
Terry Miller, AHP Sergeant
James Moore, AHP First Lieutenant
Joy Scrivner, AHP First Lieutenant

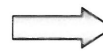
ENVIRONMENTAL

Robert Fuhler, Section Head, GIS
John Miller III, Section Head, Cultural Resources
Robert Reed, Environmental Analyst III

HEAVY BRIDGE

Charles Manning, Bridge Painter II

Remember!!!



Send, by mail or email, "Around the Department" photos and news to the Public Affairs Office by the first workday of each month.

MAINTENANCE

Michael Arellanes, Sign Crew Supervisor
Lloyd Haas, Sign Erector
Chad Ring, Sign Crew Supervisor
Denny Stout, Maintenance Aide II

MATERIALS

Josh Higginbottom, Geotechnical Aide II
Chris Wald, Civil Engineer I

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

Tammy Goshien, Administrative Asst. I

SURVEYS

Vernon Vinson, Surveys Aide I

DISTRICT 1

Ptasha McGregory, Area Headquarters Attendant
Brenda Morris, Construction Aide I
James Warren, Construction Field Engineer I

DISTRICT 2

Jason Hughey, Construction Field Engineer I
William Lum, Single Axle Truck Driver
Deborah Roberts, Single Axle Truck Driver
Keith Robertson, Construction Aide II

DISTRICT 3

Patti Clowers, Construction Project Coordinator
Robert Leamons, Motor Patrol Operator
Jimmy Rosenbaum, Distributor/Roller Operator
Rodney Stone, Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.

DISTRICT 4

Herbert Barker, Construction Aide II
Cody Holland, Construction Aide II
Sandra Kivett, Senior Inspector
Cynthia Lee, Construction Helper II
Edith Magee, Maintenance Aide II
Jason Marshall, Construction Helper II
Ricky Morris, Maintenance Aide I
Laura Patrick, Construction Helper II

DISTRICT 5

Bobby Manor, Elec. Pl. & Mech. Repairer
Anthony Mesa, Paver Operator
Jason Moser, Welder
Bobby Pearson, Senior Inspector
Dan Yates, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish

DISTRICT 6

Jilanna Cook, Field Clerk II
Paul Wingfield, Dist. Bridge Inspector Helper

DISTRICT 7

Jim Branch, Construction Aide III
Jonathan Dorrell, Single Axle Truck Driver
Jerry Graham, Construction Aide II
Audrey Myers, Street Sweeper Operator
Roger Spakes, Distributor/Roller Operator
Aaron Vanderzwaln, Backhoe/Frt. End Ldr. Opr.

DISTRICT 8

Lendel Carmack, Area Maintenance Supervisor
Kenneth Howard, Maintenance Aide II
Richard Rackley, Backhoe/Frt. End Loader Opr.
Dwayne Spears, General Laborer

DISTRICT 9

Jeff Myatt, Bridge Repairer I
Kelly Rogers, Area Headquarters Attendant
Randy Zeigler, Backhoe/Frt. End Loader Opr.

DISTRICT 10

Lance Cook, Single Axle Truck Driver
Loretta McEntire, Data Collection Technician

SERVICE

35 YEARS

Jim Gilbert, Public Transportation Admin.*
Fredrick Heyde, District Bridge Inspector*

30 YEARS

Edward Marlin, Striping Superintendent
Leo Turner, District Bridge Inspector
Orville Wiggins, District Laboratory Technician

25 YEARS

Bobby Bailey, Area Maintenance Supervisor
Billy Clemons, Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.
Lawrence Drewry, Station Attendant
Gary Greene, Inspector
Gregory Hellmann, Inspector
Barry Hutson, Area Headquarters Attendant
Michael Lassiter, Crew Leader
Dean Nichols, Resident Engineer
Charles Parrish, Crew Leader
Evandrew Washington, Inspector

20 YEARS

Don Buell, Maintenance Aide II
Rommie Harris, Maintenance Aide II
Charles Onyett, Communications Maint. Spec.
Allen Phillips, Advanced Estimates Technician
Fred Ware, Officer 1st Class, AHP

15 YEARS

James Adams, Maintenance Aide II
Kenneth Butler, Elec. Pl. & Mech. Repairer
Virgil Butler III, Surveys Crew Chief
Tony Delph, Photogrammetry Technician II
James Didiuk, Maintenance Aide II
Donald Elmore, Elec. Pl. & Mech. Repairer
Ronald Gorman, Crew Leader
Tim Leet, Telecommunications Operator
Mark Lyons, Senior Traffic Engineer
Billy Mitchell, Area Maintenance Supervisor
Byron Price, Sr. Construction Materials Insp.
William Richmond, Maintenance Aide II
Donnie Sanderson, Surveys Technician II
Richard Steed, Dist. Bridge Inspector Helper
Mona Stitt, Office Admin. Asst. III
Lonnie Teague, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish
Lois Turner, Construction Materials Inspector
Thomas Whitman, Senior Body Rep. and Painter

10 YEARS

Bazzel Bates, Construction Aide II
Albert Brady, Area Headquarters Attendant
Jimmy Brooks, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish
Cameron Forbush, Finish Carpenter
Ashley Hale, Ferry Boat Pilot
David Orr, Motor Patrol Operator

AHTD Four-Day Work Week Ends For 2003

Effective Thursday, October 30, employees working the four-day work schedule will revert to the normal five-day, eight hour work schedule.

This schedule includes field maintenance personnel, District shop crews, storeroom personnel, Area Maintenance Supervisors, Job Superintendents, Shop Supervisors, District Equipment and Maintenance Supervisors, striping and signing crews, Surveys Division party crews, Heavy Bridge Maintenance crews, Facilities Management personnel, Radio Maintenance Specialists, Safety Inspection Officers, Sign Shop personnel, Equipment and Procurement personnel, and Planning & Research Technical Services Section field personnel.

SERVICE (Cont.)

10 YEARS (CONT.)

Tony Parnell, Crew Leader
Kenneth Stapler, Maintenance Aide II
Denice Stitt, Resident Office Tech.

5 YEARS

Morrison Baker, Motor Patrol Operator
Christy Cambron, Distributor/Roller Operator
Janice Doss, Maintenance Aide I
Jack Gazin, Civil Engineer III
Roy Herron, Single Axle Truck Driver
Joseph Knight, Construction Field Engineer I
Gregory Mosley, Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.
Reginald Pickney, Dist. Bridge Inspector Helper
Kimberly Ramsey, Single Axle Truck Driver

**In top 20 employees by service date.*

RETIREMENTS

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Thomas Carriker, Patrol Officer 1st Class, 24+ yrs

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

Peggy Martin-Hall, Admin. Asst. I, 26+ yrs

ROADWAY DESIGN

James Squires, Jr., Senior Designer, 35+ yrs

SURVEYS

Lee Gates, Surveys Aide II, 6+ yrs

DISTRICT 1

Willie Anderson, Senior Mechanic, 26+ yrs

DISTRICT 3

Richard Dempsey, Backhoe/Fr. End Loader Op., 32+ yrs

DISTRICT 4

Jerry Mantooth, Senior Mechanic, 26+ yrs
Garry Hurst, Backhoe/Fr. End Loader Op., 7+ yrs

DISTRICT 5

Nora McLaughlin, Inspector, 17+ yrs
David Neighbours, Sr Constr Matl Insp., 31+ yrs

DISTRICT 6

Larkie Cobb, Distributor Operator, 24+ yrs

DISTRICT 7

Benny Thompson, Multi-Axle Tr. Driver, 25+ yrs

DISTRICT 9

Jerry Kasich, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 7+ yrs

MEMORIALS

Ruben T. Kelley, Ret., District 9, Sept. 24
Doyle E. Martin, Ret., District 2, Oct. 15
Henry E. Pruitt, Ret., Maintenance Div., Sept. 10
William E. Raspberry, Ret., District 10, Sept. 26
Julia M. Rowe, Ret., Materials, Oct. 7

ACTIVE DUTY

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Shawn Foust*, Feb. 15, 2003
Henry Lewis*, Jan. 28, 2003
Danny Williford*, Mar. 19, 2003
Jack Stepp, Oct. 12, 2003

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Kimberly Sanders*, Dec. 9, 2002
Reggie Smith*, Feb. 10, 2003

REPRODUCTION

Mark Green, Oct. 13, 2003

MAINTENANCE

Michael Brown*, Jan. 28, 2003
Bishop Terrell, Oct. 13, 2003
Kennedy Ezell, Oct. 13, 2003

DISTRICT 1

Lenora Wilson*, Oct. 4, 2002
Gary Morton*, Jan. 30, 2003

DISTRICT 2

Andrew Maddox*, Jan. 30, 2003
Lloyd Robinson, Oct. 8, 2003
Larry Crow*, Feb. 11, 2003

DISTRICT 5

Greg Hellman*, Oct. 6, 2003

DISTRICT 6

Andre Jackson*, Feb. 12, 2003
Alfred Langhorn, Jun. 5, 2003

DISTRICT 8

William Alvey, Mar. 15, 2003
Michael Bunton, Oct. 13, 2003
William Fales, Oct. 13, 2003
Cecil Long*, Jan. 22, 2003

DISTRICT 9

Nathaniel Day*, Jan. 28, 2003
Larry Richard*, Mar. 15, 2003
Randall Williams, Mar. 15, 2003

DISTRICT 10

Rufus Mitchell, Feb. 10, 2003
Willie Mitchell, Feb. 10, 2003
Elvis Richmond, Feb. 10, 2003
W.C. Tobar, Feb. 10, 2003

* Indicates orders received

The Highway Department has 47 additional employees subject to call.

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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

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R. Madison Murphy
Dan Flowers, Director