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AHP Holds Inspection Competition

The Arkansas Highway Police held its Second Annual Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspection Competition in Springdale on June 23rd.

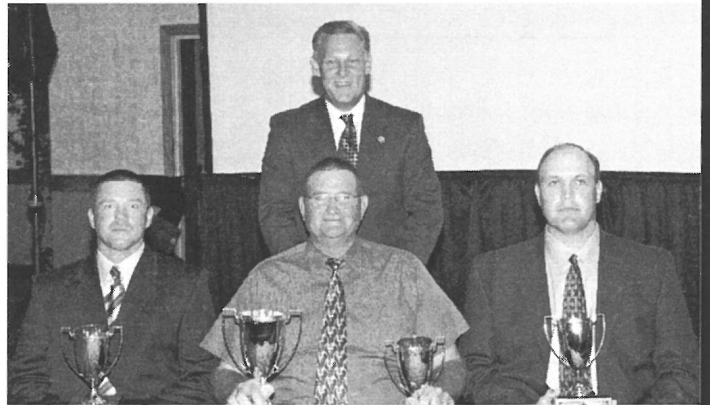
The competition attracted Highway Police officers from across the state and utilized roadside scenarios to focus on promoting uniformity in inspection procedures.

Officers competed in three categories including Level One Inspection, Hazardous Material Inspection and Motor Coach Inspection.

Winners in each category were:

- **Corporal Butch Stephens - Level One Inspection**
- **Corporal Jeff Bickerstaff - Hazardous Material Inspection**
- **Corporal Mark Pyburn - Motor Coach Inspection**

At the close of the competition, Butch Stephens from Unit 278 in Batesville was named the 2005 Grand Champion.



Winners in the AHP's Second Annual Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspection Competition were (front, l. to r.) Corporal Jeff Bickerstaff - Hazardous Material Inspection; Corporal Butch Stephens - Level One Inspection; and Corporal Mark Pyburn - Motor Coach Inspection. Standing behind the winners is Arkansas Highway Police Chief Ron Burks.

Stephens will represent the Arkansas Highway Police in the 2005 North American Inspectors Championship to be held in Tampa, Florida, August 15th - 20th.



AHP Inspector Jay Thompson (left) and Chief Ron Burks (right) present Bobby Doyle and Shelly Yielding of Special Olympics Arkansas a \$20,000 check for the money raised in the AHP's annual Special Olympics Classic Golf tournament. The tournament was held at Harbor Oaks Golf Course in Pine Bluff on June 21st. Forty-nine teams participated in the event.

Insurance Alert

Employees' health insurance premiums will be eligible for a monthly discount for the 2006 plan year. The monthly discount is \$10 for completing the health survey and \$10 for a non-tobacco user. Spouses are also eligible for these discounts. Failure to complete the health survey will prohibit the employee from receiving a \$20 discount.

Employees interested in a tobacco cessation program can contact Corphealth at 1-866-378-1645 or go online to www.arquitnow.com if you would like information or to enroll.

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The Staff Minute



A different AHTD employee is featured here each month.



Favorite or most interesting part of the job: My favorite part of my job is getting to travel and work across District 5, doing a variety of jobs and meeting a lot of very nice people.

Family: I have a husband, two step-daughters and grandsons, two sisters and three brothers.

Hobbies/Interests:

I love to bass fish (and other kinds of fishing, too). I like to work in my flower beds, go deer hunting and camping.

Name/Job title: Ruth Moody, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, District 5

Length of service with AHTD: Eight years and eight months.

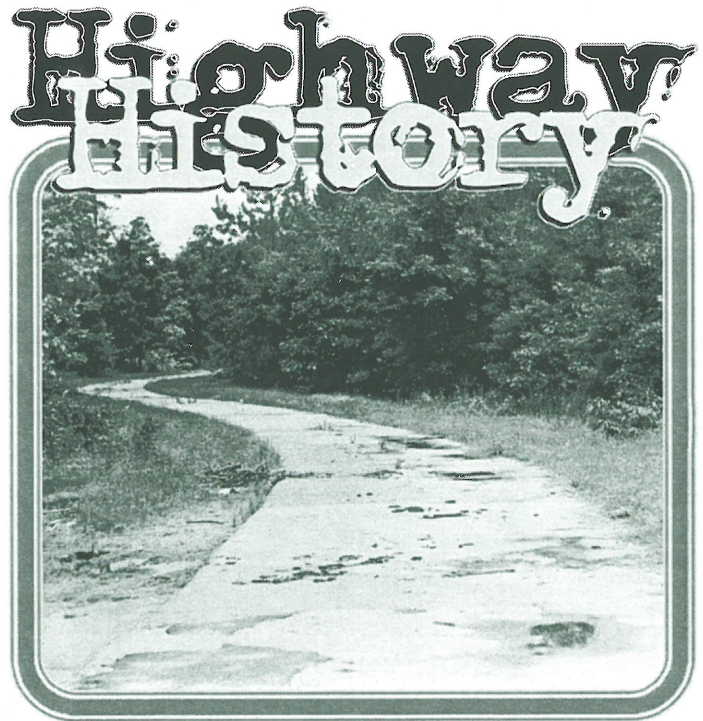
Job Duties: I drive a tandem axle dump truck and haul highway construction material to the job site. I also flag traffic and perform preventative maintenance on my assigned vehicle.

Two Elected To Retirement Board

The results of the Arkansas State Highway Retirement System election have been announced. Scott Bennett has been re-elected by the active system members as an employee member of the Retirement System Board of Trustees, and William Tyler has been elected by the retired members. Both positions are two-year terms and will end in June of 2007.

Bennett serves as Assistant Chief Engineer for Planning. He is a registered professional engineer with Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas. He began his career at AHTD in 1989.

Tyler began his career at AHTD in 1966 as an Instrumentman in the Hope Residency. He was promoted to numerous positions throughout his career and became District Three Engineer in 1984. Tyler retired in 2002.



Dedicated in 1914, the Dollar Way Road, extending northwest from Pine Bluff to the Pulaski County line, was the longest continuous stretch of concrete pavement in the nation. Total cost was \$158,000 for the 23.6 miles, or approximately \$1 per lineal foot; thus the name "The Dollar Way."

K-9 Units Bring Special Skills To Highway Police Program

Arkansas' Highway Police officers have any number of special tools and equipment they use to do a more effective job. Among those tools are laptop computers for patrol cars, Infra Red Inspection Systems to check brakes on commercial vehicles and portable scales for weighing axles on trucks.

Another tool in use has more to do with "man's best friend" than electronics. They are the AHP's four K-9 patrol units.

The teams are located in Little Rock, Hope, Alma and West Memphis, and consist of one officer and one dog.

Corporal William Scott, of Little Rock, has been with the Arkansas Highway Police for four years and has worked with his "partner", a five-year-old German Shepherd named Yvo (pronounced EE-voh), for approximately two years.

"Training these dogs takes months," Scott says. "In addition, each officer that will be working with a dog attends training for three to six weeks."

"Yvo is a multi-purpose dog that was brought in from Germany," says Corporal Scott. "He is trained for tracking, drug sniffing, patrolling and for protection."

Corporal Scott and Yvo recently took part in Roadcheck 2005 near Benton. The event is held annually to perform roadside inspections on commercial vehicles. The team was there to search for possible transportation of illegal drugs.

Yvo is right at home searching a vehicle. On Scott's command, Yvo will search behind bumpers, under wheel wells, among the cargo in the trailer, or anywhere else drugs may be stowed away.

"Yvo is a scratch response dog trained to detect cocaine, marijuana, heroine and crystal meth," stated Scott. "That means he scratches on an exact location where he finds drugs."

There are other dogs that are trained as "sit response" dogs. These dogs assume a sitting position upon finding what they are looking for. This type of dog is used for bomb detection.

Scott and Yvo didn't find any drugs on board on this particular day.

At the end of their work day, Corporal Scott doesn't leave his partner at the office. Like each K-9 unit, Yvo works all day with Scott and then goes home with him at the end of the day giving special meaning to the term "full time" job.

"At home, Yvo has his own special fenced area, but he is quite comfortable around my wife and kids," states Scott. "Yvo is like part of the family."



*(Top) Corporal William Scott and K9 Patrol dog Yvo.
(Middle) Inspecting a truckload of grapes.
(Bottom) Inspecting a tractor trailer rig during Roadcheck 2005 on Interstate 30.*

DEA Praises Efforts of Arkansas Highway Police

Members of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) took time on June 29th to recognize several members of the Arkansas Highway Police (AHP) for their hard work in detecting and confiscating illegal drugs.

In a ceremony held in the Central Office auditorium, fifteen Highway Police officers were presented with plaques commending them for their efforts. Bill Bryant, Assistant Special

Agent in charge of the New Orleans Division of the DEA, praised the work of the Arkansas Highway Police.

"It is always a pleasure to call on the Arkansas Highway Police," says Bryant. "Every time I call, we always get great assistance. It takes a special officer to be part of the Arkansas Highway Police. Their work is very impressive."

According to AHP Chief Ron Burks,

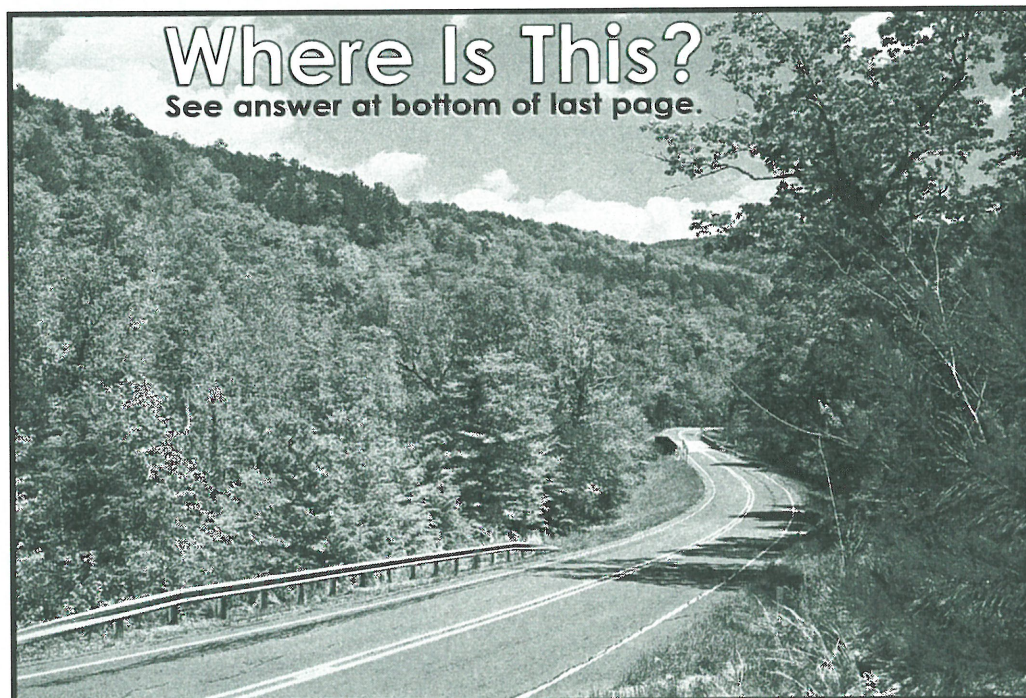
"Our mission has changed over time from simply weighing trucks, which is still important, to drug interdiction."

In an 18-month period ending in April, 2005, Highway Police officers confiscated 14,000 pounds of marijuana, 401 pounds of cocaine, 7 pounds of meth and \$1.3 million dollars in cash.

"With the assistance of the DEA, we are able to take our work a step further and make more arrests," added Burks.



Top row: (l. to r.) AHP Chief Ron Burks, Bill Bryant of the DEA, PFC James Ludwig, CPL Larry Mitchell, CPL Tim Culver, CPL Gene Short, SGT Jacky Simmons, PFC Steve Woods, CPL Tim Choate. Seated (l. to r.): PFC Kathy Davis, CPL William Scott, PFC Tim Gushing, CPL Andy Smith, PFC Michael Partain, PFC Felix Carr, SGT Scott Fraley, PFC Daniel Morales.





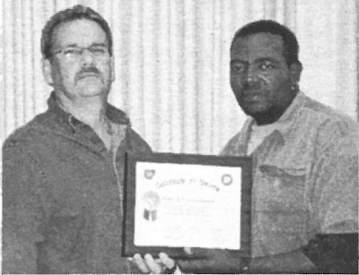
District 9: (l. to r.) Floyd Wyatt, Senior Body Repairer & Painter, receives his 20-year service award from Joe Davidson, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor.



District 7: (l. to r.) Larry Bloomfield, Area Maintenance Supervisor, Clark County, receives his 30-year service award from Carl Bachelor, District Engineer.



District 7: (l. to r.) Joel Todd, Maintenance Job Superintendent, receives his 30-year service award from Carl Bachelor, District Engineer.



District 2: (l. to r.) Kelly Slater, Job Superintendent, presents to Willie Patrick, Distributor Operator, a 15-year service award.



District 2: Gary Bunting, Area Maintenance Supervisor, Lincoln County (left), and Harlon Colbert, Area Maintenance Supervisor, Drew County (right), each receive their 20-year service award from James House, District Engineer (middle).



District 4: Receiving service awards are (l. to r.) James Nelson, Senior Inspector, 20 years; Cheril Knox, Construction Aide I, 10 years; and Sid Hunt, Inspector, 20 years.

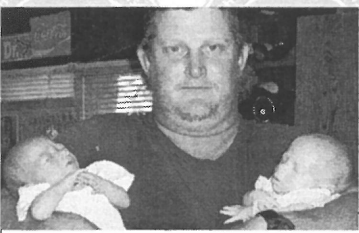
District 4: Jim Carter, Area Maintenance Supervisor, Sebastian County, retires with 28+ years of service.



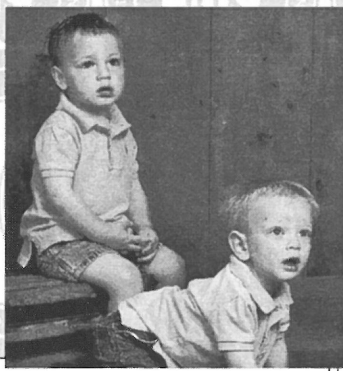
Maintenance: (l. to r.) Alex Hester, Paint Transport Truck Driver, receives his 5-year service award from Charles Latture, Pavement Marking Supervisor.



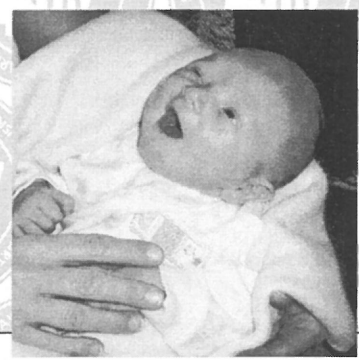
Maintenance: (l. to r.) Boyd Dickey, Striping Crew Supervisor, receives his 15-year service award from Charles Latture, Pavement Marking Supervisor.



District 2: John Harvey, Single Axle Truck Driver, with his new twin sons, Johnathan Pete and James Daniel born March 1st, 2005. Mom is Charollette Harvey.



District 5: Jacob and Zackary Johnson, age 2, are twin nephews of Chris Johnson, Area Maintenance Supervisor, Independence County.



District 8: Parker Hugh Jackson, 7 lbs., 5 oz., was born April 27, 2005, to Steve and Melissa Jackson. Grandparents are Johnny and Dorothy Jackson. Dorothy is Storeroom Assistant.

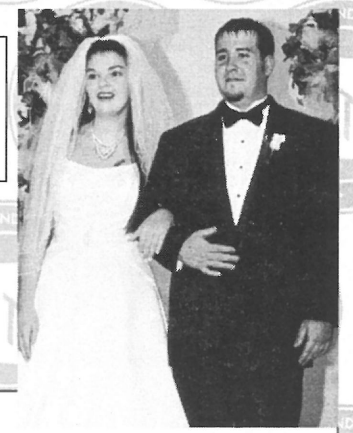


District 4: Twandria Campbell, Construction Helper, receives her 5-year service award.

Arkansas Highway Police, Permits: AHP Chief Ron Burks (second from left) presents service awards to (l. to r.) John Strojek, Jr., Administrative Aide IV, 10 years; Ron DuPriest, Permit Technician, 5 years; and Jason Davis, Permit Technician, 5 years.



Maintenance (l. to r.) Brian Hayes, Striping Crew Supervisor, Statewide Striping Crew, receives his 10-year service award from Charles Latture, Pavement Marking Supervisor.



District 10: Scott and Kristina Berry were married June 4, 2005. Scott is the son of Linda Faulkenberry, Office Administrative Assistant V.

NEW EMPLOYEES

COMPUTER SERVICES

Amanda Walker Administrative Aide IV

CONSTRUCTION

Slade Dollar Construction Helper I
Alfred Keith Construction Helper I
Ronald Oliver Construction Helper I

MAINTENANCE

Joseph Callahan Communication Maint. Spec.
John Gerloff Telecommunications Operator
Richard Hester Telecommunications Operator

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

Terry Young Reproduction Operator

DISTRICT 1

Clark Hill Single Axle Truck Driver
Matthew Story Single Axle Truck Driver
Alan Weeks Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 2

David Campbell Mechanic

DISTRICT 4

Kevin Chancey Backh./Front End Loader Opr.
Scotty Hobbs Backh./Front End Loader Opr.

DISTRICT 6

Kyle Scritchfield Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 7

Stephanie Faucett Office Admin. Asst. I

DISTRICT 9

Jackie Caton Mechanic
Sandra Chafee General Laborer
Jackie McGehee Single Axle Truck Driver
Robert Mersman Pilot-Deck Hand

DISTRICT 10

William Key Single Axle Truck Driver
Barry Lunsford Single Axle Truck Driver

PROMOTIONS

BRIDGE

Dan Devore Bridge Design Engineer
Dallas Stevens Advanced Bridge Design Engr.
Kyle Yeary Advanced Bridge Design Engineer

MAINTENANCE

Bobby Estes Striping Machine Driver
Rick Rawls Administrative Officer I
Richard Strasburg Senior Inspector

MATERIALS

Ben Novak District Materials Supervisor
Kenyada Simpson Materials Technician II

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Michael Magneson Data Collection Tech.
Johnna Thomas Transp. Mgmt. Analyst I

ROADWAY DESIGN

Brian Bettinardi Civil Engineer I

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

David Hall Program Administration Engineer

DISTRICT 1

Nathaniel Bell Rest Area Attendant
Deldrick Burton Inspector
Joseph Smith Construction Helper II

DISTRICT 3

Colin Nine Construction Helper II
Robert Swan Construction Helper II
Jeremy Thomas Construction Field Engr. II

DISTRICT 4

Delores Alberty Field Clerk II

DISTRICT 5

Gavin Franke Striping Machine Driver
Cavin Hall Maintenance Aide II
Ricky Milligan Motor Patrol Operator

DISTRICT 6

Eric Bearfield Maintenance Aide II
Benjamin Browning Civil Engineer II
Yurhonda Jones Motorist Assistance Provider
Deborah Mealler Rest Area Attendant
Moses Waiters Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 7

Kyle Ritchie Bridge Repairer I
Gregory Strange Street Sweeper Operator
William Wilkerson Distributor Operator

DISTRICT 8

Scott Craig Mechanic
Eric Duvall Distributor-Operator
Travis Sisco Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Robby Strother Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 10

Christopher Allbritton Inspector
Tony Crafton Construction Field Engineer II
Dennis Herren Sealing Job Superintendent
Corey Weatherford Maintenance Aide I

SERVICE AWARDS

BRIDGE

Carl Fuselier Assistant Division Head, 20 yrs.

CONSTRUCTION

David Bienick Senior Inspector, 20 yrs.
Thomas Bloesch Asst. Resident Engr., 20 yrs.
John Bolton Construction Aide II, 20 yrs.
David Edwards Constr. Materials Insp., 25 yrs.
Jason Hughey Constr. Field Engineer, 5 yrs.
Sidney Hunt Inspector, 20 yrs.
Charles Lance Constr. Project Coord., 40 yrs.
Sandra McManus Inspector, 20 yrs.
Bud McMillian Resident Engineer, 35 yrs.
Wesley Pierce Constr. Project Coord., 25 yrs.
Jerry Rowland Senior Inspector, 35 yrs.
Kim Sanders Transportation Planner, 10 yrs.
Susan Smith Field Clerk II, 5 yrs.
James Toney Adv. Constr. Field Engr., 5 yrs.

COMPUTER SERVICES

Raymond Leung Automation Engr. II, 5 yrs.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Al Collins Beautification Coordinator III, 30 yrs.
Milton Hughes Environmental Analyst III, 5 yrs.

FISCAL SERVICES

Randy Lively Utility Auditor, 20 yrs.

INTERNAL AUDIT

Kelly Heaton Senior Internal Auditor, 15 yrs.

MATERIALS

Mitchell Archer District Materials Supv., 20 yrs.
Odell Johnson Office Admin. Asst., 25 yrs.

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Steve Alexander Admin. Officer III, 25 yrs.
Paul Edwards Sect. Hd., Map. & Graphics, 40 yrs.
Kristie Keene Office Admin. Assistant III, 5 yrs.

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

Ed Hoppe, Jr. Division Head, 30 yrs.

RIGHT OF WAY

Doug Thacker Property Manager, 35 yrs.

ROADWAY DESIGN

Martin Cruce Staff Design Engineer, 25 yrs.

DISTRICT 1

Carl Andrews Sign Crew Supervisor, 30 yrs.
Freddie Andrews Area Maint. Supv., 30 yrs.
Russell Curbo Backh./Fr. End Loader Opr., 5 yrs.
Mel Fowler Motor Patrol Operator, 5 yrs.

Billy Haycraft Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 30 yrs.
Rommie Jackson Backh./Fr. End Load. Opr., 5 yrs.
Kathryn Johnson Maintenance Aide I, 10 yrs.
Veronica Richard Rest Area Attendant, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 3

Theresa Bohannon Multi-Axle Truck Dr., 5 yrs.
Jerry Ladd Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 10 yrs.
Charlie Ogden Motor Pat. Opr.-Finish, 35 yrs.
Troy Williamson Motor Pat. Opr.-Fin., 20 yrs.
James Owenby District Bridge Insp., 20 yrs.

DISTRICT 4

Stanley Arocha Single Axle Truck Dr., 30 yrs.
Charles Dickerson Crew Leader, 20 yrs.
Harold Rose Maintenance Aide II, 20 yrs.

DISTRICT 5

Jeremy Gay Bridge Repairer I, 5 yrs.
Joe Trantham, Jr. District Const. Engr., 15 yrs.
Ricky Womack Crew Leader, 20 yrs.

DISTRICT 6

Larry Childress Senior Mechanic, 20 yrs.
Steven Coulter Maintenance Aide I, 5 yrs.
Roy Johnson Storeroom Supervisor, 5 yrs.
Tommy Manning Maintenance Aide I, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 9

David Colf Distributor/Roller Operator, 5 yrs.
Marvin Sims Storeroom Assistant I, 30 yrs.
Floyd Wyatt Sr. Body Rep. & Painter, 20 yrs.

DISTRICT 10

Joe Foresythe District Bridge Insp., 30 yrs.
Alan Walter District Maint. Engineer, 15 yrs.
Roy Ferrell Backhoe/Fr. End Loader Opr., 10 yrs.
Leon Jacobs Rest Area Attendant, 10 yrs.
Therese Purifoy Construction Aide I, 10 yrs.
Dana Smith Distributor/Roller Operator, 5 yrs.
Cathy Groning Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs.

RETIREMENTS

SURVEYS

William Bryant Surveys Specialist, 26+ yrs.

DISTRICT 1

Freddie Andrews Area Maint. Supv., 30+ yrs.
Bobby Weatherford Area Maint. Supv., 35+ yrs.

DISTRICT 4

James Carter Area Maint. Supervisor, 28+ yrs.
Frank Curtis Motor Patrol Operator, 18+ yrs.
Charles Lance Const. Project Coord., 40+ yrs.

DISTRICT 7

Lee Ford Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 14+ yrs.

DISTRICT 8

James Miller Maintenance Aide II, 20+ yrs.

DISTRICT 9

Ronald Staggs Dozer Operator, 28+ yrs.

DISTRICT 10

James Travis Motor Patrol Opr.-Finish, 16+ yrs.
Kenneth Stapler Maintenance Aide II, 11+ yrs.

MEMORIALS

RETIRED EMPLOYEES

Henry H. Adcock District 6, 6/4/05
Arthur P. Cole District 10, 6/13/05
E. Steve Cornett District 9, 6/13/05
Alfred E. Crumley District 5, 7/5/05
Alvis J. Dillin District 5, RE #55, 6/13/05
Paul J. Elcan Planning & Research, 7/10/05
Joe E. Newell District 4, 6/27/05
Charles E. Onyett Maint. - Comm., 7/1/05
James G. Pay, Jr. Equip. & Proc., 6/23/05
Floyd L. Pharris, Jr. Computer Svc., 6/17/05
James L. Weathers, Jr. AHP, 6/14/05

ACTIVE EMPLOYEES

(None)

ACTIVE DUTY

AHTD has many employees in the armed services. This list includes those who have been deployed to serve our country. As of July 11, 2005, the Department had 8 employees on Active Duty. *Dates denote the deployment date.*

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

James Clark Sergeant 11/1/02

RIGHT OF WAY

B. Kevin Young Utility Coordinator I, 5/5/05

DISTRICT 1

James Barte Senior Inspector 9/28/04
Lamaris Mitchell Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr. 10/13/03

DISTRICT 4

Leslie Barnett Const. Proj. Coord. 10/13/04

DISTRICT 6

Shirley Hammett Area Hq. Att. 7/20/04
Alfred Langhorn Maint. Aide II 10/13/04

DISTRICT 8

Michael Bunton Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr. 10/13/03

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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State Highway 123 in
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