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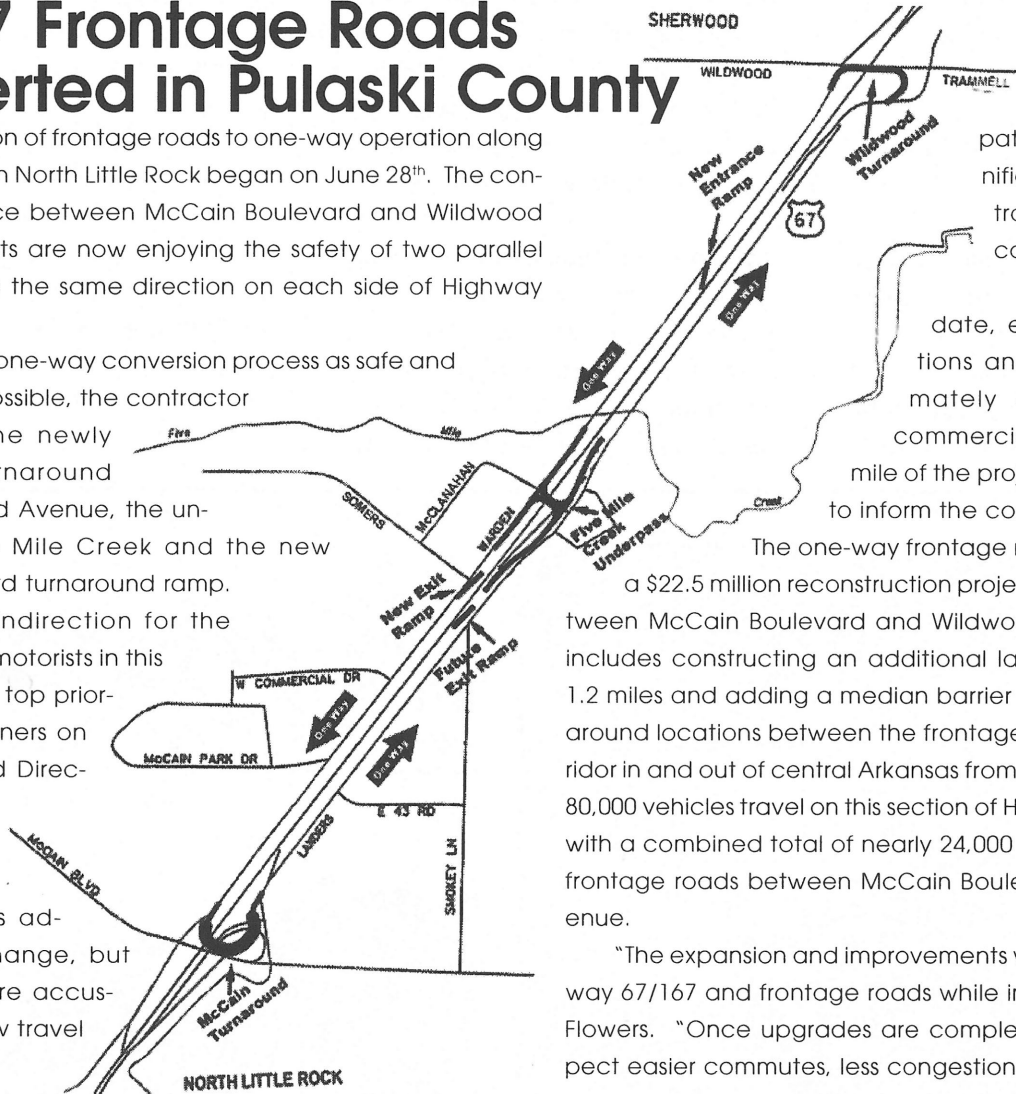
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67/167 Frontage Roads Converted in Pulaski County

The conversion of frontage roads to one-way operation along Highway 67/167 in North Little Rock began on June 28th. The conversion took place between McCain Boulevard and Wildwood Avenue. Motorists are now enjoying the safety of two parallel lanes traveling in the same direction on each side of Highway 67/167.

To make the one-way conversion process as safe and convenient as possible, the contractor also opened the newly constructed turnaround lane at Wildwood Avenue, the underpass at Five Mile Creek and the new McCain Boulevard turnaround ramp.

"Reducing indirection for the convenience of motorists in this area has been a top priority for AHTD planners on this project," said Director Dan Flowers. "Initially, there was some confusion as drivers adjusted to this change, but now that they are accustomed to the new travel



patterns, we're seeing a significant improvement to the traffic flow within this busy corridor."

Prior to the conversion date, extensive media promotions and a mailing to approximately 8,000 residential and commercial addresses within one mile of the project corridor were utilized to inform the community.

The one-way frontage road conversion is part of a \$22.5 million reconstruction project on Highway 67/167 between McCain Boulevard and Wildwood Avenue. The project includes constructing an additional lane in each direction for 1.2 miles and adding a median barrier wall and three new turnaround locations between the frontage roads. As the main corridor in and out of central Arkansas from the north, approximately 80,000 vehicles travel on this section of Highway 67/167 each day, with a combined total of nearly 24,000 vehicles traveling on the frontage roads between McCain Boulevard and Wildwood Avenue.

"The expansion and improvements will add capacity to Highway 67/167 and frontage roads while improving safety," added Flowers. "Once upgrades are completed, motorists should expect easier commutes, less congestion and fewer accidents."

Labor Day Holiday

Monday, September 5th, is a state holiday for Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department employees in observance of Labor Day. All work will be suspended except for cases of emergency.

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The Staff Minute

A different AHTD employee is featured here each month.



Name/Job title: Tim Mahan, Cartographer III, Planning and Research, Central Office.

Length of service with AHTD: 16 years, 7 months

Job Duties: I travel statewide collecting GPS data that we use for mapping City, County and State roadways. I also gather GPS data used for aerial photography ortho rectification, which is an accurate

reprojection relative to the earth's surface. In the office, I add field collected data to our county maps and check and ortho rectify imagery used for mapping. In addition, I work on special projects within our Division.

Favorite or most interesting part of the job: I'm fortunate enough to work with some friendly, talented folks which makes for a good working environment. Outside in the field, I never know what unusual circum-

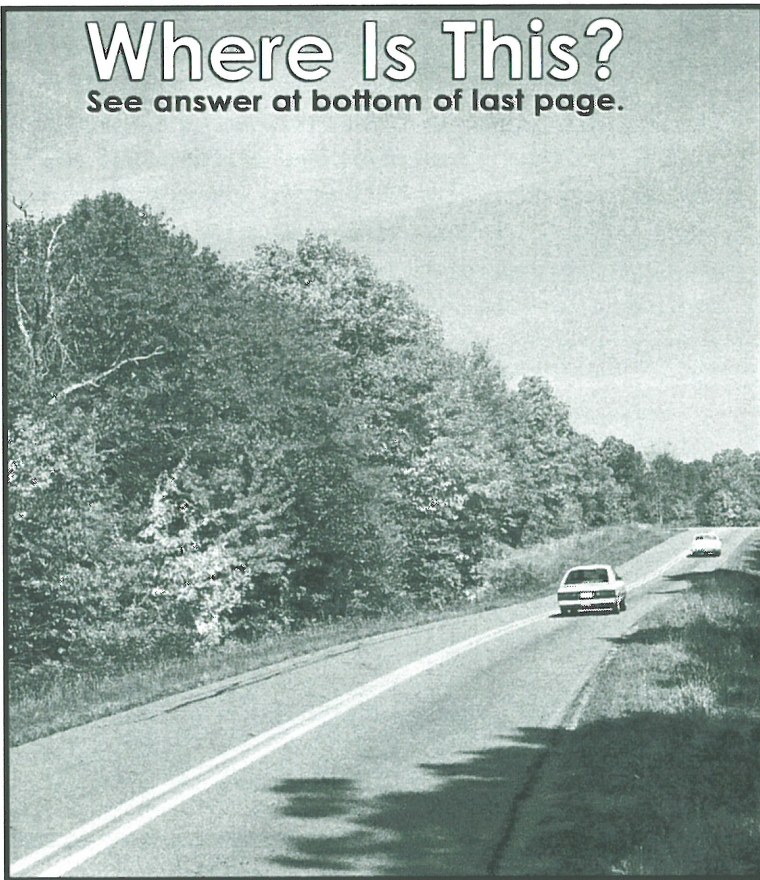
stances each project holds. Traveling around the state, I find that people, places and scenery are always interesting to me.

Home Life: I live on a farm in the small town of Damascus, about an hour from Little Rock. I'm lucky enough to have a lot of good friends and family nearby, including a most charismatic Granddad.

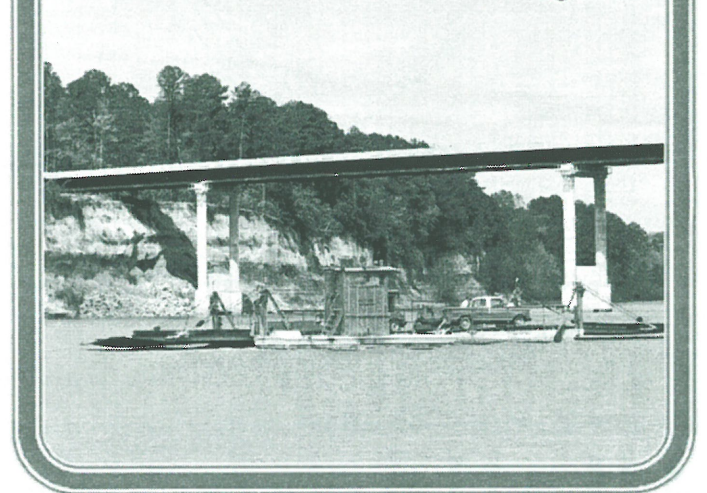
Hobbies/Interests: In the spring and summer, I enjoy just about any water-related activity - anything from Saturdays on the lake to paddling the many great creeks and rivers in this state. Fall and winter seasons, it's hunting, 4-wheeler rides and as many visits as I can afford out west to snow ski.

Where Is This?

See answer at bottom of last page.



Highway History



The Spring Bank Ferry as it makes one of its final runs across the Red River. The new bridge on Highway 160 replaced the ferry in 1995.

Employees Participate in First Commuter ITS Program in Arkansas

In September 2002, Arkansas developed an Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Strategic Plan to enhance transportation on our roadways for the citizens of Arkansas and our visitors. One of these strategies was implemented in June of this year and is called "Traveler Information on Arkansas Roadways."

The first commuter ITS program in Arkansas is located on eastbound Interstate 40 from Conway to Little Rock. It is being monitored to give motorists travel information, including travel times.

AHTD has installed a Changeable Message Sign (CMS) on Interstate 40 eastbound at Mile Marker 132, approximately three miles before the Mayflower Exit, to disseminate travel information.

A group of AHTD employees from the Central Office have volunteered to participate in the program. They call in and report average travel times from the CMS to the Interstate 430 exit on their way to work each morning. Once a participant reaches the Interstate 430 exit, he or she calls in their travel time to another participant in the program located in the Research Section Office. That person changes the travel time displayed on the message board via computer.

An example of a message that would be displayed on the CMS at Mayflower is shown at right.

Not only is the travel information priceless, so is the new program's cost. The CMS and related software come compliments of the Precision Solar Company of Dallas, Texas. There are plans to install a video camera on a pole at the Interstate 40 CMS location to view real-time traffic and incidents. The AHTD Computer Services Division will assist in providing a communications link to the Central Offices.

Comments received about the new system have been positive.

"A large group of folks commute to Little Rock from Conway everyday, and the message board is a welcome sight," says Conway commuter Betty Brown, who contacted the AHTD to thank them for the roadside information.

Thanks go to our AHTD staff involved in the program, for going above and beyond the call of duty to get the system up and running.



AHTD Central Office employees volunteering in the first Commuter ITS Program are (front row, l. to r.): Andrew Malcolm, Les Miller, Glinda Kidd, Danny Chidester, Patty Anthony, Robert Reed, Kathy Gunderman, Sharon Baker and Jordan Bittle. (Back row, l. to r.) Tynli Frierson, Brian Freyaldenhoven, Carol Ward, Gene Kuettel, David Hall, Trinity Smith, Brooks Booher and Ron Fields.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



District 10: Donnie Pfeifer, Single Axle Truck Driver in Craighead County, receives his 20-year service award.



District 4: Sandy Kivett, Senior Inspector for Resident Engineer Office #43, receives her 25-year service award from Jeff Stroud, Resident Engineer.



District 3, Hempstead County Maintenance Crew: (l. to r.) Larry Burke, Area Headquarters Attendant; and Ray Scott, Maintenance Aide II on the Hempstead County Maintenance Crew, receive their 10-year service awards.



District 5: Receiving service awards are (l. to r.) Billy Bolding, Construction Aide II, 25 years; Johnnie Hyslip, Maintenance Aide II, 25 years; and Bryan Anderson, Construction Aide I, 15 years.



District 2: Ginger Haire, District Guard, receives her 15-year service award.



District 3, Hope: (l. to r.) John Daniel, Crew Leader on the District Bridge Crew, and Billy Stewart, Storeroom Assistant II in the District Stock Room, receive their 20-year service awards.



District 3, Hope: (l. to r.) Wesley Fritts, Senior Mechanic in the District Shop, and Chad Hodges, Bridge Repairer II on the District Bridge Crew, receive their 10-year service awards.



District 4: Congratulations to Shane Reeves, Permit Officer, who has been promoted to Area Maintenance Supervisor for Sebastian I.



District 2: (l. to r.) Gary Bunting, Area Maintenance Supervisor in Lincoln County, presents a 10-year service award to Cathy Blasengame, Area Headquarters Attendant.



District 3, Lafayette County Maintenance Crew: (l. to r.) Melinda Lester, Area Headquarters Attendant on the Lafayette County Maintenance Crew, receives her 20-year service award from Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer.



District 3, Lafayette County Maintenance Crew: (l. to r.) Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer, presents a 5-year service award to Paul Eubanks, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator on the Lafayette County Maintenance Crew.



District 3, Hempstead County Maintenance Crew: (l. to r.) Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer, presents a 5-year service award to Chad Townsend, Motor Patrol Operator on the Hempstead County Maintenance Crew.



District 3: (l. to r.) Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer, presents a 20-year service award to Troy Williamson, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish, on the Sevier County Maintenance Crew.



District 5: (l. to r.) Jimmy Weaver, Crew Leader, receives a 25-year service award from Dennis Nixon, Area Maintenance Supervisor.



District 3, Nevada County Maintenance Crew: (l. to r.) Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer, presents a 20-year service award to Curtis Christopher, Single Axle Truck Driver on the Nevada County Maintenance Crew.



District 3, Hope: (l. to r.) Johnny Wake, Dozer Operator, Finish on the District Crew, and Stan Whatley, Asphalt Tank Truck Driver on the Sealing Crew, receive their 25-year service awards.



District 9: (l. to r.) Receiving service awards are Marvin Sims, Storeroom Assistant I, 30 years; Maxine Moore, Janitor, 5 years; and Bobby Keeton, District Permit Officer, 10 years.



Programs & Contracts: Ed Hoppe (center), Division Head, receives his 30-year service award from Frank Vozel (right), Assistant to the Director. Ed's wife, Celeste, was present for the event.



District 10: Receiving 10-year service awards are (l. to r.) Ronnie Dunbar, Dozer Operator-Finish, Maintenance; Kim Friar, Storeroom Assistant I; and Leon Jacobs, Rest Area Attendant, Mississippi County.



District 3, Miller County Maintenance Crew: (l. to r.) Jerry McMurry, Multi Axle Truck Driver on the Miller County Maintenance Crew, receives his 5-year service award from Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer.



District 5: Receiving their 5-year service awards are (l. to r.) Cecil Meggs, Jr., Motor Patrol Operator; Casey Chastain, Assistant Resident Engineer; and Michael Foster, Maintenance Aide I.



District 10: Receiving 15-year service awards are (l. to r.) Shirley Littleton, Crew Leader, Mississippi County; Brad Fultz, Maintenance Aide II, Greene County; Jerry Rogers, Resident Engineer, Osceola; Alan Walter, District Maintenance Engineer; and Sammy Parrish, Maintenance Aide II, Clay County.



District 10: Receiving 5-year service awards are (l. to r.) Cathy Groning, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, Clay County; Shannon Weeks, Maintenance Aide I, Mississippi County; Dale Putman, Motor Patrol Operator, Randolph County; Steven Bryan, Construction Aide I, RE Office 06; and Edward Orr, Maintenance Aide I, Mississippi County. Not pictured are Dana Simpson, Distributor/Roller Operator, Craighead County; Jim Toney, Advanced Construction Field Engineer, Resident Engineer Office #04; and Jeffery Armstrong, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, Craighead County.



District 5: (l. to r.) Receiving service awards are Jeremy Gay, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, 5 years; Anthony Dorton, Single Axle Truck Driver, 10 years; Johnny Smith, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, 15 years; and Joe Trantham, Jr., District Construction Engineer, 15 years.



Programs & Contracts: (l. to r.) Don Young, Reproduction Section Head, presents a 15-year service award to Patricia Greenway Office Administrative Assistant III.



District 3, Sevier County Maintenance Crew: (l. to r.) Kathy Johnson, Maintenance Aide I on the Sevier County Maintenance Crew, receives her 10-year service award from Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer.



Public Affairs: Gracie Russell, daughter of Shelli Russell, Public Affairs Specialist, turned two on August 13th.



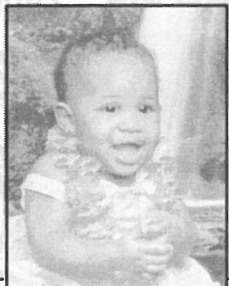
District 5: (l. to r.) Receiving 20-year service awards are Mike Falwell, Inspector; Harry Hohenstein, Inspector; Ronnie Caraway, Crew Leader; and Bryan Baldrige, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator.



District 6: (l. to r.) Rex Spurlock, District Maintenance Engineer, presents a 20-year service award to Joe Childress, Senior Mechanic.



District 9: (l. to r.) Sherri Mae Taylor, Construction Aide III, RE 94, transferred to RE 92 June 23rd. With Taylor is Billy (Fred) Berry, Senior Inspector.



Right of Way - Acquisition: Trinity A. Burton, daughter of Crystal Trammell, Office Administrative Assistant II.



District 3: (l. to r.) David Gaylord, Multi-Axle Truck Driver on the Sevier County Maintenance Crew, receives his 5-year service award from Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer.



Programs & Contracts: (l. to r.) Division Head Ed Hoppe presents a 20-year service award to Lorie Tudor, Assistant Division Head.



District 9: (l. to r.) Mitchell Archer, Materials Supervisor, receives a 20-year service award from Tyler Nicholson, Materials Area Engineer.



District 9: Steve Lawrence, District Construction Engineer, presents a 20-year service award to John James, Resident Engineer, Office #09.



District 10, Maintenance Crew: (l. to r.) Jerry Ladd, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, receives his 10-year service award from Joe Barnett, District Engineer.



District 3, Hope: (l. to r.) Stanley Rogers, Hydraulic Excavator Operator-Finish, on the District Sealing Crew, receives his 15-year service award from Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer.

NEW EMPLOYEES

CONSTRUCTION

Cynthia Green Field Clerk I
Freddie Heard Construction Helper I
Andrew Owen Construction Helper I

Maintenance

Mark Nichols Civil Engineer

DISTRICT 3

Johnny Cheatham Station Attendant
Jose Gonzalez Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 4

Darren Fields General Laborer
Bryan McAdoo General Laborer
Orvil Meyer General Laborer
Cynthia Thompson General Laborer
Brian Walden General Laborer

DISTRICT 6

Jared Shinn Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 9

David Green Mechanic

PROMOTIONS

BRIDGE

Daniel Devore Bridge Design Engineer
Dallas Stevens Adv. Bridge Design Engineer
Kyle Yeary Advanced Bridge Design Engineer

COMPUTER SERVICES

Amanda Walker Administrative Aide IV

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Rick Rawls Administrative Officer I
Richard Strasburg Senior Inspector

MAINTENANCE

Bobby Estes Striping Machine Driver

MATERIALS

Ben Novak District Materials Supervisor
Kenyada Simpson Materials Technician II

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Michael Magnuson Data Collection Tech.
Johnna Thomas Transportation Mgmt. Anal. I

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

David Hall Program Administration Engineer

ROADWAY DESIGN

Brian Bettinardi Civil Engineer I

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 I
Benjamin Browning Civil Engineer II
Yurhonda Jones Motorist Asst. 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 Mechanic

DISTRICT 8

Scott Craig Distributor Operator

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

DISTRICT 9

Robert Mersman Pilot-Deck Hand

DISTRICT 10

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

SERVICE AWARDS

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Terry Cutchall Corporal, 30 years

CONSTRUCTION

Angela Cantu Resident Office Tech., 20 years
Paul Howard Bridge Design Engr., 10 years
Gregory Oliver Senior Inspector, 25 years
Bobby Pearson Senior Inspector, 20 years
Carl Pierce Senior Inspector, 30 years
Mason Pope Adv. Const. Field Engr., 5 years
Joe Richmond Construction Aide II, 15 years
Keith Robertson Construction Aide II, 5 years
Vernon Sanders Sr. Const. Mat. Insp., 30 years
Christopher Stanfield Const. Mat. Insp., 15 years
Timothy Wilson Constr. Mat. Inspector, 5 years

ENVIRONMENTAL

Don Nichols Env. Analyst III, 5 years

FISCAL SERVICES

Kathy Fooks Account Analyst, 10 years

MAINTENANCE

Shelly Bradley Office Admin. Asst. III, 5 years
Gary Hillery Asst. Sign Shop Supv., 10 years

MATERIALS

Brian Casto Geotechnical Spec., 20 years
Jim Mitchell Materials Tech. III, 5 years
Tyler Nicholson Mat. Area Engr., 30 years

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Greg Wallis Administrative Officer I, 10 years

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

Mark Green Reproduction Technician, 5 years

RIGHT OF WAY

Dot Coburn Closing Agent, 15 years
Randy Reed ROW Plans Des. II, 30 years

SURVEYS

Johnny Collins Surveys Aide II, 5 years
John Wilson Surveys Crew Chief, 30 years

DISTRICT 1

John Holcombe, Jr. Mot. Asst. Prov., 5 years

DISTRICT 2

Hellen Kennedy District Office Mgr., 25 years
Donald Nugent Motor Patrol Op., 10 years
Thomas Taylor Bridge Repairer II, 10 years
Lori Thomas District Bookkeeper, 10 years
Bobby West Area Maint. Supervisor, 25 years

DISTRICT 3

Billy Delaney Senior Mechanic, 5 years

DISTRICT 4

Roger Harris Crew Leader, 20 years

DISTRICT 5

Larry Deaton Backh./Fr. End Load. Op., 15 years
Johnny Kimbriel Single Axle Truck Dr., 5 years
Kerry Martin Dist. Bridge Insp. Helper, 10 years

DISTRICT 6

Rebecca Larney Street Sweep. Op., 10 years
John Redwine Backh./Fr. End Load. Op., 25 years
Wilbert Wilson Single Axle Tr. Dr., 5 years

DISTRICT 7

Jeremy Evans Distribution Op., 5 years
Bobby Hall Maintenance Aide II, 10 years
Donald Hudson Hydr. Exc. Op. - Fin., 15 years
John Trawick Shop Supervisor, 30 years

DISTRICT 8

William Watson Rest Area Attendant, 15 years
Cleo Webb Mot. Pat. Op. - Fin., 20 years

DISTRICT 9

Sandi Kimble Area Hq. Attendant, 10 years

DISTRICT 10

Dale Arnold Crew Leader, 25 years
David Cooper Crew Leader, 20 years
Larry Hicks Backh./Fr. End Load. Op., 25 years

RETIREMENTS

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

Nancy Jo Summers P & C Tech. II, 29+ years

DISTRICT 3

Charlie Ogden, Jr. Mot. Pat. Op. - Fin., 35+ years

DISTRICT 9

Arlis Daniels Single Axle Truck Driver, 26+ years

DISTRICT 10

Jimmie Cone Guard, 16+ years

MEMORIALS

RETIRED EMPLOYEES

L. D. Hopper District 7, 7/25/05
Wilda J. Hord P & R, 7/31/05
Dick Ethridge District 1, 8/04/05
Homer R. Sides District 10, 7/23/05

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 August 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, 5/5/03

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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Answer to "Where is This?"
State Highway 9
in Stone County.

The Highway and Transportation Department will be hosting a booth at the State Fair again this year. Department employees are invited to bring their families by the Hall of Industry to visit the booth. We will be distributing highway maps, litter bags and other information.