



Center Line

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Districts Prepare for Winter Weather

As Arkansas' weather forecasts begin to call for ice and snow, the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) stands by, ready to keep our highways open for motorists.

Equipment and supplies have been stored in advance in each of the AHTD's ten Districts and in the Department's Area Maintenance Headquarters. The supplies are on hand to be used on highways across the state.

Standing by to battle the icy conditions are close to 200 motor graders, 300 snow plows, over 350 salt spreaders and over 700 dump trucks. The Department utilizes sand, salt, calcium chloride and magnesium chloride as the need arises.

"When icy weather is in the forecast, we equip a number of our dump trucks with snow plows and others with salt spreaders," says Ralph Hall, Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations.

Temperatures and type of precipitation are the main factors in determining how to combat the conditions.

"Needless to say, we go through a lot of sand and salt. Then there is calcium chloride which serves as a melting agent and is used when the temperature drops below 20 degrees. Magnesium chloride is a liquid spread over bridges and overpasses in advance of a storm to help prevent freezing," Hall explains.

In addition to the supplies needed, clearing the roadway requires AHTD staff to put in extra man hours. Often times, crews are on the roadways overnight preparing for the traffic that arrives with the daylight. Manpower and supplies for snow and ice removal are factored into the Department's yearly budget.

"Based on the past ten years, we spend over \$3.8 million annually to combat winter weather," Hall added.

In addition to keeping the state's highways passable, the AHTD strives to keep motorists informed of current road conditions before they leave home. The AHTD makes it possible for motorists to check on up-to-the-minute conditions by visiting the Internet at www.arkansashighways.com. Utilizing a map of the state, motorists can click on a highway and get current weather and roadway conditions in that particular area. Road conditions are also available by calling 501-569-2374.

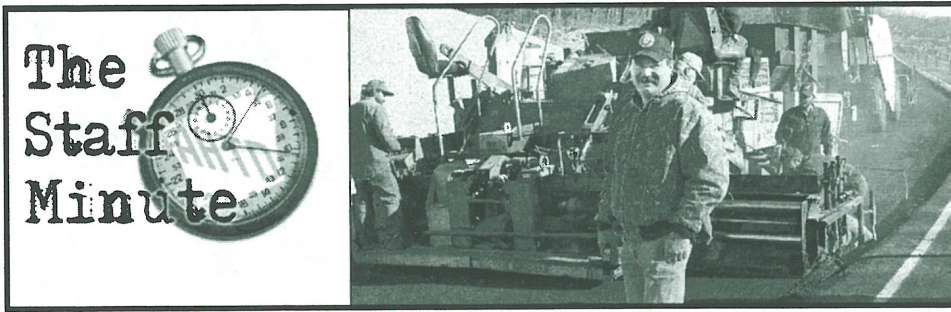


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- Ralph Hall, Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations

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Employee: Billy Mack

Job Position: Construction Project Coordinator, District 5

Length of Service: I have been with the Department for 19 years.

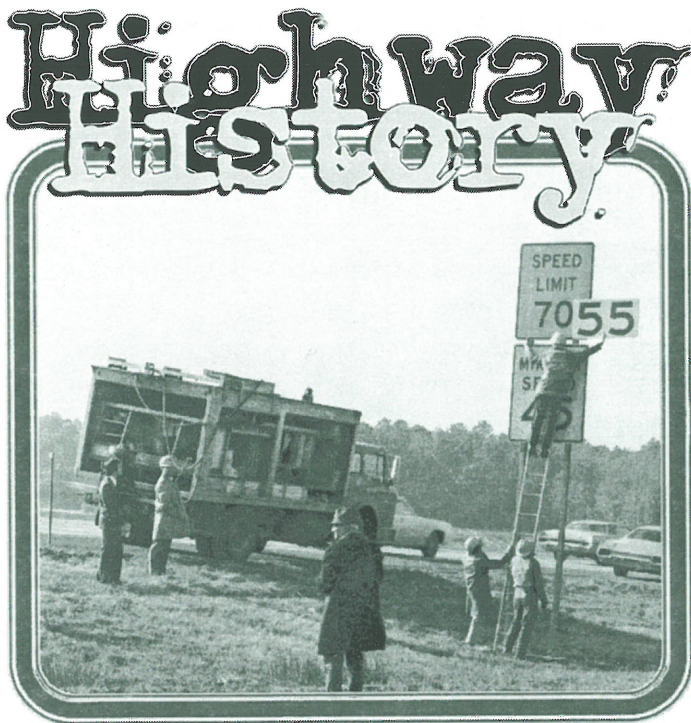
Job Duties: My job duties are to monitor construction projects to ensure adherence to the plans and specifications, foresee and recommend needed changes so the project will be correctly constructed, and assist in preparation of current and final estimates.

Favorite Part of the Job: I like being involved with the construction projects and the challenges they impose. It is very interesting to see the jobs progress and the different construction techniques each contractor uses. You also get to meet a lot of interesting people.

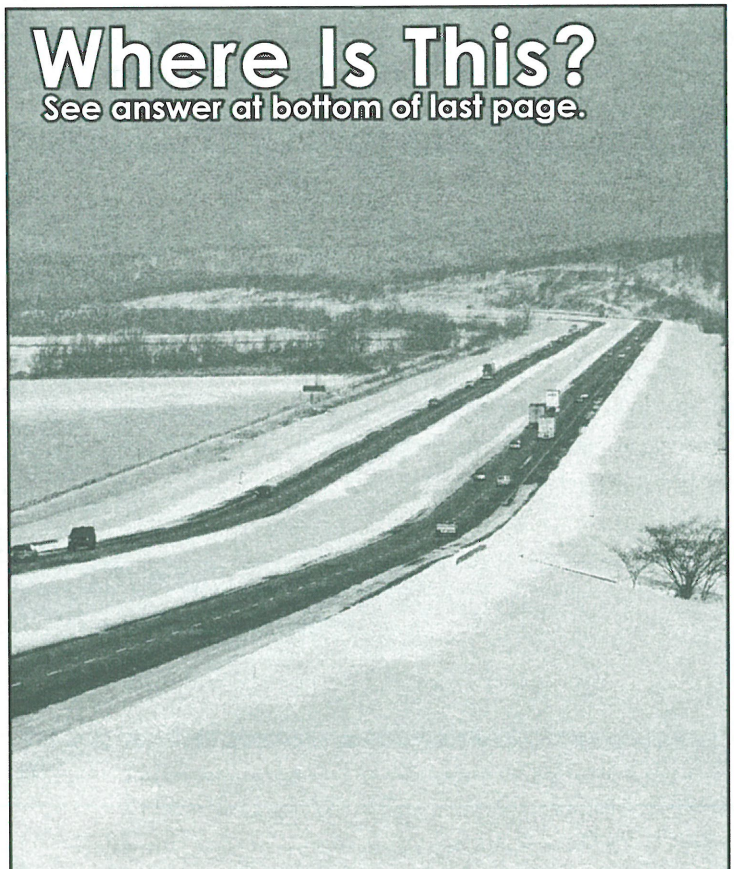
Background: I started with the Department as a Construction Helper the fall after I graduated from high school. I have been on the Resident Engineer #53 crew ever since. My grandfather, Y. M. Mack, II, was co-author of the Mack-Blackwell Amendment. The amendment was passed in 1952 and created the system that the Highway Commission uses today.

Family: My wife, April, and I have two children. Casey is 17 and a Junior at Cedar Ridge High School. Clayton is 13 and a 7th grader at Cedar Ridge Junior High School.

Hobbies/Interests: My family and I love to hunt and fish. We usually hunt dove, squirrel and deer in the fall and turkeys in the spring. We also enjoy raising cattle and watching our kids play sports. I like to play golf but I can never seem to find time to go.



The energy crisis was being strongly felt by late 1973. In January 1974, the maximum speed limit on the nation's highways was lowered to 55 m.p.h in an effort to conserve fuel.





2006 Highway Commission Meetings & Letting Schedule

January 11
February 22
April 12
May 24

July 12
August 23
September 27
November 15

All meetings will be held at the Central Office in Little Rock.

AHTD Wraps Up United Way Campaign

AHTD employees worked hard to make the 2005 United Way campaign a success again this year.

Through individual giving, bake sales and other special events, AHTD employees across the state raised a total of \$25,532.25. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who participated.

Among our Districts across the state, District 5 set the pace by giving \$5,044. District 2 followed with \$2,054.

Thanks to all of our campaign coordinators for their hard work. They included:

Pat Bending	Max Farrell	Nancy Keeling	Danya Steele
Sam Bradshaw	Ala Mae Flenory	Steve Leath	Mike Tackett
Mary Bryant	Patricia Fletcher	Debra Meyer	Lyndal Waits
Patti Bryant	Trey Foster	Shelly Morrow	Brenda Walden
Karen Colclasure	Bruce Hurlbut	Ann Prosper	Chad Walker
Bob Colford	Tammy Jernigan	Needra Sisson	Lanecia Weston
Mitzi Dunn	Bettye Carter-Johnson	Jimmie Sneed	Jennifer Williams
Carla Edwards	Norma Johnson	Tammy Spencer	

Holiday Schedule

The following days are state holidays for Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department employees. All work will be suspended except for cases of emergency.

- Monday, January 2 for New Year's Day
- Monday, January 16 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day/ Robert E. Lee Day

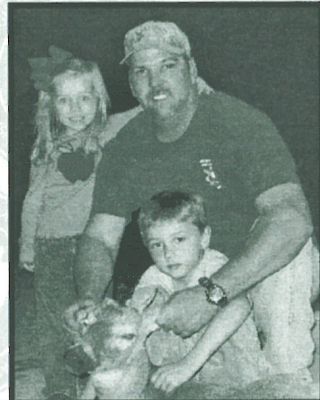




District 8: (l. to r.) Receiving service awards were Michael Guess, Bridge Repairer I, 5 years; Tim Flory, Welder, 5 years; Ora Mae Helton, Maintenance Aide I, 5 years; James Gardner, Distributor Roller Operator, 10 years; Paul Charton, Backhoe Front End Loader Operator, 5 years; Kyle Ritchie, Distributor Operator, 10 years; Charlie Farrow, Sign Erector, 5 years and not pictured, Randy Tankersley, Hydraulic Excavator Operator, 5 years.



District 7: This group traveled to Laurel, Mississippi, and helped Hurricane Katrina victims before going to New Orleans to work in the devastated areas. Different teams will continue work there until Christmas. The volunteers serve 25,000 to 30,000 meals a day. (l. to r.) Dennis Burke, Crew Leader; Bryan Ryder, Motor Patrol Operator Finish; Rusty Lynn, Construction Project Coordinator and Ed Fain, Retired Bridge Engineer.



District 2: Chris Penny, Sign Erector, with children Grace Ann and Griffen. Griffen, age 6, killed his first deer in a youth hunt recently. Chris' wife is Missy Penny.

Fiscal Services: Jim Whitley and buck captured by his father Wayne Whitley, Budget & Expenditure Controller.



Arkansas Highway Police, District 4: Receiving service awards were (l. to r.) CPL Mark Willis, 15 years and CPL Vicki Simmons, 25 years.



District 9: (l. to r.) Don Baker, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Darvin Barrett, Maintenance Aide II, with his 20-year service award.



District 4, Maintenance: (l. to r.) Connie Meyer, Area Headquarters Attendant, received his 35-year service award from Kenneth Gentry, Area Maintenance Supervisor.



District 2: (l. to r.) Children of Keith Robertson, Construction Aide III, Josie, 6 months and Josh, 4 years.



District 8: Receiving service awards (l. to r.) were Kenny Howard, Maintenance Aide II, 20 years; Kerry Blair, District Bridge Inspector, 30 years; Bill Watson, Rest Area Attendant, 15 years and Ronnie Brooks, Maintenance Aide II, 15 years.



District 9: (l. to r.) Butch Martin, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Stan Risley with his 15-year service award.



District 3: (l. to r.) Don Donaldson, District Engineer, presented Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer, with his 20-year service award.

District 2: (l. to r.) Hellen Kennedy, Office Manager, presents Lori Thomas, Bookkeeper, with her 10-year service award.





Materials Division service awards: (l. to r.) Michael Benson, Assistant Division Head, presenting; Tyler Nicholson, Materials Area Engineer, 30 years; Larry Williams, Materials Technician IV, 30 years; Rod Cole, District 3 Materials Supervisor, 20 years; Steve Pennington, District 8 Materials Supervisor, 25 years; Brian Casto, Geotechnical Specialist, 20 years; Jim Mitchell, Materials Technician III, 5 years; Laura Johnson, Chemist II, 5 years; Jerry R. Westerman, Division Head, also presenting.



District 3: Receiving 10-year service awards were (l. to r.) Scott Hatfield, Crew Leader; Dwain Rosenbaum, Maintenance Aide I and Terry Small, Multi-Axle Truck Driver Crew. Kenny Bennett, Maintenance Engineer, presented.

District 3, Construction: Jason Efrid, Resident Engineer, presents a 20-year service award to Dave Shipman, Senior Inspector.



District 3: Darlene Lummus, Area Headquarters Attendant, received her 15-year service award from Kenny Bennett, Maintenance Engineer.



District 3: (l. to r.) Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer, presented Robyn Freeman, Area Headquarters Attendant, with her 10-year service award.



Recognized for their work on the Highway 412 project from Paragould to Big Slough Ditch were (l. to r.) Will Holt, Right of Way; Phillip Rye, Surveys; Terry Tucker, Environmental; Jennifer Williams, Roadway Design; Rick Ellis, Bridge and John Bettis, Materials.

District 6: (l. to r.) Richard Lambert, Maint. Aide II, received his 5-year service award from Rex Spurlock, District Maintenance Engineer.

District 3: (l. to r.) Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer, presented David Austin, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, with his 5-year service award.



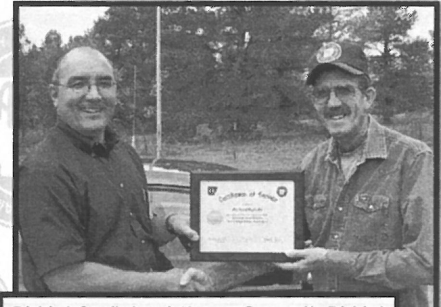
District 3: (l. to r.) Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer, presented Greg Allen, Motor Patrol Operator - Finish, with his 10-year service award.



District 2: (l. to r.) Ezra McFadden, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Phyllis Myles, Maintenance Aide I, with her 10-year service award.



District 6: (l. to r.) Shelly Bradley, Bookkeeper, received her 5-year service award from Rex Spurlock, District Maintenance Engineer.



District 3: (l. to r.) Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer, presented Richard Oglesby, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, with his 10-year service award.



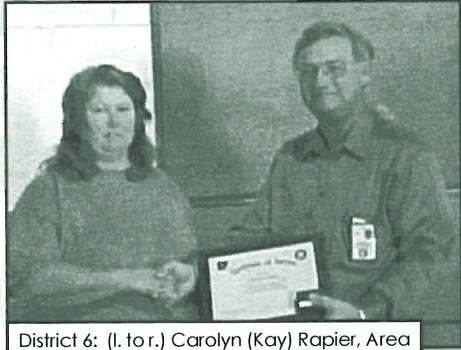
District 2: (l. to r.) Ezra McFadden, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Shirley Norman, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, with her 10-year service award.



District 2: (l. to r.) Harlon Colbert, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Bill Parker, Maintenance Aide II, with his 10-year service award.



District 4: (l. to r.) Sam Turner, Construction Project Coordinator, received his 30-year service award from Jeff Stroud, Resident Engineer.



District 6: (l. to r.) Carolyn (Kay) Rapier, Area Headquarters Attendant, received her 5-year service award from Rex Spurlock, District Maintenance Engineer.



District 3: Ally Regan Blue had her first birthday December 7, 2005. She is the daughter of Rochelle Blue, Resident Engineer, and husband Tim.



District 4: (l. to r.) Delores Alberty, Field Clerk II, received her 5-year service award from Jeff Stroud, Resident Engineer.



District 9: Steve Lawrence, District Construction Engineer, was treated, on Halloween, with a visit by his wife Kelli, and daughters Lindsay and Kayley.



District 3: (l. to r.) Bob Adams – Maintenance Aide I in the Pike County Maintenance Crew received his 10-year service award from Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer.



Public Affairs: David Nilles, Public Information Specialist, holds his new granddaughter, Lacy Treadway, born November 30, 2005.



District 3: (l. to r.) Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer, presented Sid Zimme, Distributor Operator, with his 20-year service award.



District 9: Gabe Hensley, Motor Patrol Operator, (middle) received a candy prize for his Great Pumpkin costume on Halloween. Ralph Fulton, District Engineer, (left) and Steve Lawrence, District Construction Engineer, (right) were happy to pose for a commemorative photo with him.



District 8: Cassidy Layne Lafferty was born October 17, 2005, at 8:37 p.m. She weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces, and measured 18 inches. Her grandfather is Junior Webb, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish.




District 3: (l. to r.) Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer, presented Stephen Pickering, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, with his 10-year service award.

PHOTO SUBMISSION FORM

Updated December 20, 2005

**Choose one of the following methods for submitting photos to your
Division or District News Reporter for publication in the CenterLine monthly employee newsletter.
Contact your Division or District to find your News Reporter.**

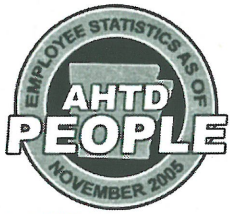
<p>1. Email the picture and description to your Division or District News Reporter.</p> <p>a) With this document open in Word, type the description in the blanks below. Please double-check spelling and titles.</p> <p>b) Click on FILE, SEND TO, and MAIL RECIPIENT (AS ATTACHMENT)...</p> <p>c) Then attach  your photo as well.</p> <p>d) Send the email to the Division or District News Reporter.</p>	<p>2. Mail the picture and description to your Division or District News Reporter.</p> <p>a) Type or write the description in the blanks. Please double-check your spelling and titles.</p> <p>b) Tape photo to the back of the form.</p> <p>c) Mail it to the Division or District News Reporter.</p>
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DEADLINES

- Photo Submission deadlines for the CenterLine are the first of each month.
- Graduation photos are submitted in Jan., Feb. & March. They will be published in the May CenterLine in a glossy insert.

Information	Examples	Type or write in this column
District/Division:	<i>Maintenance</i>	
Names and Job Titles listed <u>left to right</u>:	<i>Myrtle Castleberry, General Laborer; Chester Ricefield, Maintenance Division Head.</i>	
Event:	<i>Myrtle Castleberry, General Laborer, receives her 5-year service award from Chester Ricefield, Maintenance Division Head.</i>	
Other:	<i>General details about the photo (optional). The date, the place, a baby's age or weight, what city, what kind of fish, etc.</i>	

Division Head or District Engineer Approval Signature for paper submission.



NEW EMPLOYEES

BRIDGE

Philip Terry, Civil Engineer I

COMPUTER SERVICES

Jo Curtis, Computer Technician II
Bethany Swindell, Administrative Aide IV

CONSTRUCTION

Matthew Bearden, Construction Helper II

HUMAN RESOURCES

Mark Mason, General Laborer

MAINTENANCE

John Clark, Jr., Telecommunications Operator

MATERIALS

Tony Thurman, Jr., Materials Technician I

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Christopher Davis, GIS Analyst

RIGHT OF WAY

Keanti McKinney, Administrative Aide I

DISTRICT 1

Billie Banks, Single Axle Truck Driver
Lamar Cole, Single Axle Truck Driver
Alvin Franklin, Single Axle Truck Driver
Rueben Gilmer, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 2

Robert Morrison, IV, General Laborer
Max Watts, Mechanic

DISTRICT 3

Charles Jordan, Single Axle Truck Driver
Selu Kelesoma, General Laborer

DISTRICT 4

Tony Hopkins, Mechanic
William Nixon, Mechanic

DISTRICT 5

Michael Alcorn, General Laborer
Michael Box, Single Axle Truck Driver
Russell McBride, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 6

Eston Ford, Single Axle Truck Driver
Alton Pack, General Laborer
Floyd Palmer, Single Axle Truck Driver
Adrin Ward, General Laborer

DISTRICT 7

Robert Johnson, General Laborer
Johnny Juniel, General Laborer
Robin Richard, General Laborer

DISTRICT 8

Juan Herrera, Single Axle Truck Driver
Steve Huffman, General Laborer

DISTRICT 10

Gregory Jackson, General Laborer
Paul Smith, General Laborer

PROMOTIONS

RIGHT OF WAY

Donald Bearden, Realty Appraiser III
Errol Lemons, Realty Appraiser III
Steven Means, Realty Appraiser III
Elise Squires, Realty Appraiser I

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

Varyne Beckett, Administrative Aide I

SURVEYS

Cathy Atchley, Surveys Aide I
Bobby Beavers, Surveys Aide I
Robert Blankenship, Surveys Technician II
Lynn Christie, Surveys Aide I
Earthy Coleman, Surveys Aide II
Charles Greenway, Surveys Technician II
Jordan Hoffman, Surveys Aide I
Mitchell Roberts, Surveys Aide III
Brian Robinson, Surveys Aide III
Ellen Williams, Surveys Aide II

MAINTENANCE

Brian Berthiaume, Advanced Cadd Technician
Boyd Dickey, Traffic Investigator
Robert Tankersley II, Bridge Repairer II

DISTRICT 1

James Madison, Single Axle Truck Driver
Brian McEylea, Construction Aide III

DISTRICT 2

Latrina Fenison, Maintenance Aide I
Melissa Lea, Multi-Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 3

Jackie Allen, Welder
William Buck, Paver Operator
Eugene Greenwood, Jr., Motor Patrol Operator
Heather Simmons, Distributor/Roller Operator

DISTRICT 4

Stephen Becker, Backh./Front End Loader Opr.
Laura Freeman, Area Headquarters Attendant
Dustin Higgins, Distributor/Roller Operator
Steve Hunt, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator
Chris Ingram, Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Leatrice Knight, Inspector
Orvil Meyer, Single Axle Truck Driver
Jerad Owens, Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.
Stacy Shields, Maintenance Aide II
Billy Thomas, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 5

Nathan Edwards, Inspector
Ricky Herring, Motor Patrol Operator
John Rodgers, Area Headquarters Attendant

DISTRICT 6

Curtis Aud, Crew Leader
Emanuel Banks, District Engineer
Robert Nelson, Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.
Ed Randall, Senior Inspector

DISTRICT 7

Donny Berg, Construction Aide I
John Callender, Construction Aide I
Ralph Hodge, Construction Aide I
Jeffrey Stroud, Spreader Operator
Billy Thrower, Multi-Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 9

Nathan Daniels, Distributor/Roller Operator
Angela Harris, Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.

DISTRICT 10

Donald Evance, Construction Helper II
Timothy Garrison, Motor Patrol Operator
Paul Riggs, Multi-Axle Truck Driver
David Wicker, Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.

SERVICE AWARDS

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Harold Huey, Sergeant, 35 yrs.
Woodrow Jones, Corporal, 20 yrs.
Anthony Sain, Corporal, 20 yrs.
Evelyn Sims, Sergeant, 15 yrs.

CONSTRUCTION

Tim Baber, Resident Engineer, 25 yrs.
Stephen Callicott, Asst. Resident Engr., 10 yrs.
Jeff Eckhart, Senior Inspector, 20 yrs.
Holly Fowler, Field Clerk II, 5 yrs.
Richard Yocum, Construction Aide II, 5 yrs.

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

Charles Brewer, Senior Mechanic, 10 yrs.
Chuck Drees, Jr., Station Attendant, 15 yrs.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Natasha Halbert, Office Admn Asst III, 5 yrs.
Dana McClellan, External EEO Coord., 10 yrs.

MAINTENANCE

David Boutwell, Statewide Bridge Insp., 20 yrs.

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Cecile Knight, Administrative Officer I, 5 yrs.

RIGHT OF WAY

Gregory Davis, Realty Appraiser III, 15 yrs.
Dale Hodges, Plans Designer II, 10 yrs.
Marybelle Jackson, Realty Appraiser II, 5 yrs.
Glenda Wright, Abstractor, 5 yrs.

SURVEYS

Kenneth Scott, Surveys Technician II, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 1

James Slocum, Asphalt Tank Truck Dr., 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 2

Donald Eamest, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 10 yrs.
Christopher Johnson, Sign Erector, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 3

Gregory Allen, Motor Patrol Opr.-Fin., 10 yrs.
David Austin, Backh./Fr. End Load. Opr., 5 yrs.
Robyn Freeman, Area Headq. Att., 10 yrs.
Jimmy Rosenbaum, Maint. Aide I, 10 yrs.
Sidney Zimmer, Distributor Operator, 20 yrs.

DISTRICT 5

Gladis Calamese, Area Headq. Att., 20 yrs.
Daryl Pitts, Maintenance Aide II, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 6

Larry Hazeslip, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs.
Derrick Marshall, Multi-Axle Truck Dr., 10 yrs.
Charles Spencer, Roller Operator, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 7

Clifford Cox, Motor Patrol Opr.-Finish, 25 yrs.
Douglas Scharbor, Rest Area Attendant, 20 yrs.

DISTRICT 8

Paul Charton, Backh./Fr. End Load. Opr., 5 yrs.
Jack Cossey, Area Maintenance Supv., 30 yrs.
Charles Farrow, Sign Erector, 5 yrs.
Randy Tankersley, Hydraulic Excav. Opr., 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 9

Darvin Barrett, Maintenance Aide II, 20 yrs.
George Risley, Area Maint. Supv., 15 yrs.

DISTRICT 10

Jerry Truitt, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 15 yrs.
Anthony Williams, Maintenance Aide II, 15 yrs.

RETIREMENTS

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Jerry Ward, Data Collection Tech., 19+ yrs.

DISTRICT 4

Eton Bearden, Area Maint. Supv., 28+ yrs.

DISTRICT 5

Kermit Gay, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 32+ yrs.

DISTRICT 6

Tracy Zuber, Sr. Body Rep. & Painter, 28+ yrs.

DISTRICT 7

Evandrew Washington, Inspector, 27+ yrs.

DISTRICT 8

Clinton Littlejohn, Elec. Pl. & Mech. Rep., 21+ yrs.

MEMORIALS

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Lawrence W. Gee, died 11/25/2005, Retired

PLANNING & RESEARCH

William H. Moore, died 11/26/2005, Retired

DISTRICT 3

Earshel Singleton, died 11/22/2005, Retired

DISTRICT 5

Clara W. Jones, died 11/28/2005, Retired

DISTRICT 6

Vernon M. Blake, died 11/28/2005, Retired

DISTRICT 9

Keith J. Jones, died 11/23/2005, Retired

MILITARY DUTY

As of 12/14/05, the AHTD has 5 employees serving active duty in the military. *Dates denote the deployment date.*

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., 7/28/04
Alfred Langhorn, Maint. Aide II, 10/13/04

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Mary P. "Prissy" Hickerson, Chairman
Jonathan Barnett, Vice Chairman
Carl S. Rosenbaum, Member
R. Madison Murphy, Member
John Ed Regenold, Member

Don Flowers, AHTD Director



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