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AHTD Develops Emergency Response

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department is the first state agency or commission to develop a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in Arkansas.

A total of 45 staff members recently completed an intensive, two-day course in order to become members of the Department's CERT program.

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(I. to r.) Monica Saffle, Janette Thompson (victim) and Terry McCallister practice first aid.



(I. to r.) Instructor Jim Burns, Colleen McClure and Jimmie Sneed examine fire extinguishers.

AHTD Photographer Places First In Contest

Results from the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) most recent annual "Photo Opportunity Competition" are in and AHTD Photographer John Jackson has been honored in several categories, including first place in the Close Up category.

The FHWA has held an annual photo competition for State highway agencies since 1994. The competition spotlights efforts being made by state roadside vegetation managers across the country. Their job is to plant native and non-native wildflowers, preserve our natural heritage, restore native plant communities and manage vegetation in an ecological way.

There were eight categories in the contest. A total of 120 photographs from ten different states were submitted. Jackson placed in three categories:

Close Up -1st Place

Native Flowers & Grasses -2nd Place

Protected Remnants - 3rd Place (tie)

Jackson's photographs featured shots of Pale Purple Coneflowers on Highway 412 and Prairie Blazing Star on Interstate 630.

First-place photographs will appear in "Greener Roadsides," the quarterly newsletter of the FHWA. Some non-winning photos have appeared in the 2007 Earth Day calendar produced by the FHWA.

(See Photography, page 3)



This photograph of Prairie Blazing Star took first place in the "Close Up" category.

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The program teaches employees basic skills to help themselves, their families, neighbors and co-workers in the aftermath of a disaster. Participants learn skills in emergency preparedness, disaster psychology, fire safety, search & rescue and first aid.

Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood and workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

"We learned a great deal during our two-day training," commented Denise Powell, Administrative Aide IV in the Public Affairs Office.

"It was an interesting and enjoyable course and will be very useful should the need arise to apply what we learned," Powell added.



(I. to r.) Tony Evans and Alicia Garrett turning off the gas.



(I. to r.) David Dawson, Wayne Whitley, Ben Thomas, and James Lee serve as accident victims for Karla Sims.



Employee: Terri Inman, Resident Office Technician in the Jonesboro Resident Engineer's Office, District 10

Length of Service: I began with the Department in 2001.

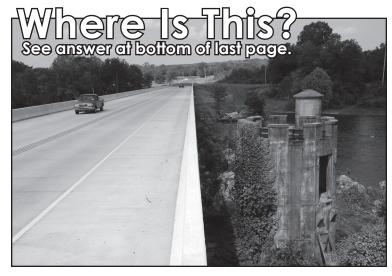
Job Duties: My job is all about numbers. I am responsible for making sure that all pay items are documented and paid correctly.

Favorite part of the job: One of my favorite things is finalizing a job and processing it out of our office. It's like the grand finale. My passions in life are helping people and solving problems. This job is about both. If I'm not able to help them, I'll at least make them feel good about it.

Background: After graduating from Westside High School in 1982, I took 11 years to get a degree in Business Administration at Arkansas State University (ASU). After working in the ASU Finance Office for 18 years, I took the position as the Resident Office Technician position in the Jonesboro RE office. Transitioning from education to construction was hard, but both jobs were all about numbers.

Family: I have two children, Jon David, 17, and Rachel, 14, who actually like each other! My husband of five years, David, spoils me everyday and tells me I'm special. I'm not sure what he means by that but I think it is good. Together we have five children and one grandchild. We recently remodeled a house in Jonesboro for our family and are blessed to have a yard we can work in. David builds houses and decks as a hobby so I try to help even if it is just being his cheerleader.

Hobbies: Nowadays, I love to read books my children are interested in, watch my teenagers play in the drum line at Nettleton and hang out at the house, usually going through boxes of memorabilia, asking myself "now why was I keeping this?" The other day, I found an unopened birthday card with money in it! I think I'll keep looking for treasures.



Highway Police Host Inspection Competition

THIS YEAR'S TOP INSPECTORS:

Hazardous Materials

PFC James Canard

Motor Coach

CPL James "Buckie" Thomas

Level One Inspection

CPL James "Buckie" Thomas

The Arkansas Highway Police (AHP) hosted the 4th Annual Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspection Competition on June 21st in Springdale.

Open to police officers from across the state, the competition focuses on promoting uniformity of inspection procedures used by

law enforcement agencies. The inspections held for the event were set up to provide roadside scenarios which allowed an insight into typical inspection environments.

In addition to sharp-

ening inspection skills, the event promoted camaraderie between inspectors across the state and strengthened the relationship between enforcement and the trucking industry.

The competition consisted of three inspection categories: Hazardous Materials, Motor Coach Inspection and Level One Inspection.

"The Motor Carrier Safety Regulations are numerous and complex," stated AHP Chief Ron Burks

"This competition provides an opportunity for our officers to showcase their skills, knowledge and abilities, all while encouraging and strengthening the safety relationship with the

industry they regulate,"
Burks added.

"The level of expertise the officers exhibit during the competition is a direct reflection of how serious they take their job and even more so, it highlights the true desire

they have to remove unsafe commercial vehicles and drivers from our state's highways."

For the second consecutive year, Buckie Thomas received the Grand Champion Award. Thomas will represent the AHP and the state of Arkansas during the 2007 North American Inspector's Championship to be held August 20-26 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.



(I. to r.) CPL James "Buckie" Thomas and AHP Chief Ron Burks.



CPL Randy Harrison inspecting wheels during the competition.

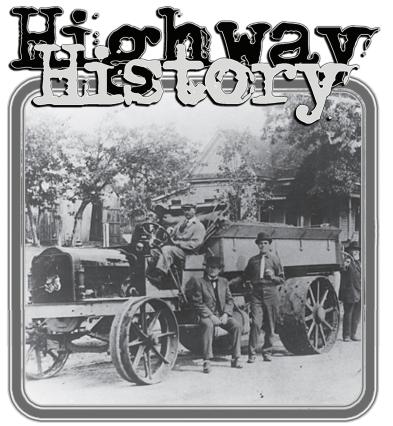
PHOTOGRAPHY (Continued)

"It's an honor to have my photographs recognized," stated Jackson. "The contest is an opportunity to see what other photographers across the country are doing."

A multi-disciplinary jury reviewed the entries and determined the winners.



Placing third in the "Protected Remnants" category was this photo of pale purple coneflowers.



One of the first motorized dump trucks in Camden in the 1920s.





Arkansas Highway Police: Brooklyn Elise Agnew, born December 5, is the first grandchild of CPL Roy M. Martin.



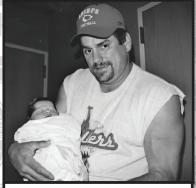
District 10: John R. Porter, District Permit Officer, shown with his wife Betty, retired from the Department with 38 years on June 27. He was Permit Officer for 31 ½ years.



District 3: Angie Arledge, daughter of LaVerne Arledge, District Storeroom Supervisor, completed her Nursing Degree from University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in May.



District 7: (I. to r.) Randy Gates, Area Maintenance Supervisor, receives his 30-year service award from Carl Bachelor, District Engineer.



District 6: Estel Taylor, Senior Body Repairer and Painter, holds his daughter, Faith Hannah, born May 23, weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces.



District 9: (I. to r.) Chris Seritt, Senior Inspector, receives his 20-year service award from Stacy Burge, Resident Engineer.



District 3: (I. to r.) District Engineer Don Donaldson congratulates Mike Flowers, Area Maintenance Supervisor, as he retires with 28+ years of service.



District 8: (l. to r.) B.J. McAlister, District Maintenance Supervisor, presents 5-year service awards to Terry Jones, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator; Kris Parish, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator; and Gerald Voss, Multi Axle Truck Driver. Also receiving an award, but not pictured, was Buck Snider, Sign Erector.



District 9: (I. to r.) Roy Norman, Senior Construction Materials Inspector, receives his 35-year service award from Stacy Burge, Resident Engineer.



District 3: (I. to r.) District Engineer Don Donaldson presents a 35-year service award to Larry Johnson, Bridge Crew Supervisor.



District 2: (I. to r.) Deborah Pruitt, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Melissa Starnes, Multi Axle Truck Driver, with her 5-year service award.



District 9: (I. to r.) Wayne Emmons, Construction Aide II, receives his 5-year service award from Stacy Burge, Resident Engineer.



District 8: Bill Pettus, Front End Loader Operator, and the Faulkner County Crew bought and signed an Arkansas flag for Bill's son, Ruan (I.), who displays it proudly with a fellow soldier.



District 8: Gary Long, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, retired May 16 with 28+ years of service.



District 3: Taking first place in the First Annual AHTD Golf Tournament for the Nevada County Cancer Society were (l. to r.) Jeff Otis, Crew Leader; Jim (Bob) Lamb, Bridge Repairer II; Sammy Kelesoma, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator; and Johnny Wake, Dozer Operator – Finish.



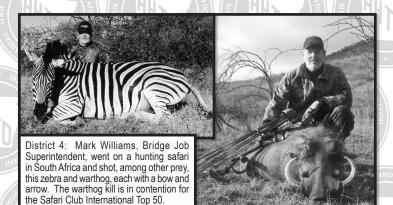
District 9: (I. to r.) Ralph Fulton, District Engineer, presents Steve Lawrence, District Maintenance Engineer, with his 20-year service award.



District 8: (l. to r.) Frank Russenberger, District Engineer, presents 30-year service awards to Bruce Bartlett, District Sign Crew Supervisor, and Tommy Littleton, District Construction Engineer.



District 4: Mark Simpson, Shop Supervisor, (I.) and Kenneth Tucker; Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, (r.) present Leroy Oliver, Senior Mechanic, a plaque for retirement after 13+ years of service.





Heavy Bridge: Maintenance Crew receives safety award. (l. to r.) Richard Frazier, Bridge Repairer II; Robert Tankersley, Bridge Repairer II; David Mayberry, Crew Supervisor; David Hicklin, Crew Leader; Sam McIntare, Bridge Repairer I; Charlie Lefevers, Bridge Repairer I; and Todd Drake, Bridge Repairer II.



Construction: (I. to r.) Emanuel Banks, State Construction Engineer, receives his 20-year service award from Allan Holmes, Assistant Chief Engineer-Operations.



District 8: (I. to r.) B.J. McAlister, District Maintenance Supervisor, presents service awards to Roy Treadwell, Crew Leader, 15 years; David Teeter, Bridge Repairer I, 10 years; and Andy May, Maintenance Aide II, 20 years. Also receiving an award, but not pictured, was Hurlan Muncy, District Guard, 10 years.



District 9: (I. to r.) Kit Core, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Jeff Miles, Maintenance Aide I, with his 10-year service award.



NEW EMPLOYEES

BRIDGE

James Pool, Jr., Civil Engineer

CONSTRUCTION

Paul Cochran, Construction Helper I, RE 94 Daniel Courtney, Civil Engineer, RE 21

MAINTENANCE

Joseph Hawkins, Civil Engineer Vincent Mitchell, Striper Helper

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

Jeremy Tyler, Reproduction Operator

DISTRICT 4

Meredith Eckle, General Laborer, Crawford

DISTRICT 6

Douglas Henry, General Laborer, Pulaski

DISTRICT 8

Joshua Hawks, General Laborer, Perry Larry Ragsdale, Station Attendant

DISTRICT 9

Darrell Canion, Single Axle Truck Driver, Madison

PROMOTIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL

Rebecca Robnett, Environmental Analyst III

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

William Roark, Senior Mechanic

FISCAL SERVICES

Emily Boggs, Administrative Aide III Wayne Whitley, Fiscal Services Coordinator

INTERNAL AUDIT

Shirley Trippet, Senior External Auditor

MAINTENANCE

Ray Gruver, Jr., Section Head – Facilities Mgmt. David Waters, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Karen Peters, Data Collection Supervisor

DISTRICT 1

San Holiday, Single Axle Truck Driver, Monroe

DISTRICT 2

Dennis Burton, Construction Helper II, RE 24 Terri Sheets, Single Axle Truck Driver, Arkansas Elric Utsey, Single Axle Truck Driver, Arkansas

DISTRICT 3

Mindy Simmons, Construction Helper II, RE 31

Chad Davis, Const. Field Engineer II, RE 41 Jerry Trotter, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish

DISTRICT 6

Jimmy Ables, Crane Operator - Finish Ronnie Bashaw, Area Hq. Attendant, Hot Spring Robert Kellar, Distributor/Roller Operator, Pulaski Tim Henretty, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 15 yrs. Kari Reid, Storeroom Assistant II Freddy Ward, Single Axle Truck Driver, Pulaski

DISTRICT 7

James Riley, Maintenance Aide I, Clay

DISTRICT 8

Douglas Jones, Senior Body Rep. and Painter

DISTRICT 9

Abel Arellano, Single Axle Truck Driver, Baxter Stacy Burge, Resident Engineer, RE 92 Jason Marshall, Inspector, RE 94 Rick Watson, Storeroom Assistant II Bobby Young, Motor Patrol Operator, Newton

DISTRICT 10

Kathy Chesser, Area Hq. Attendant, Craighead Linda Cummings, Multi-Axle Truck Dr., Poinsett Katherine Griffin, Maintenance Aide II, Poinsett Cory Shaw, Construction Helper II, RÉ 04

SERVICE AWARDS

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

David Harris, Corporal, 15 yrs. Lisa Mann, Permit Technician, 10 yrs. Joel Traywick, Corporal, 20 yrs.

BRIDGE

Rick Ellis, Senior Bridge Design Engineer, 15 yrs.

CONSTRUCTION

Emanuel Banks, State Construction Engr., 20 yrs. Thomas Fisher, Const. Field Engr. II, 5 yrs., RE 82 John Grounds, Asst. Res. Engr., 15 yrs., RE 62 Donald Henson, Jr., Asst. Res. Engr., 15 yrs., RE 14 Brenda McConnell, Rest Office Tech., 20 yrs., RE 41 **ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE** Phil Metcalf, Inspector, 20 yrs., RE 13 Laura Powell, Construction Aide I, 5 yrs., RE 42 Ed Randall, Senior Inspector, 30 yrs., RE 65 Phillip Rook, Jr., Const. Aide III, 5 yrs., RE 73 Christopher Seritt, Sr. Inspector, 20 yrs., RE 92 Mark Trickey, Asst. Res. Engr., 15 yrs., RE 61 William Wagner, Inspector, 20 yrs., RE 41 Brent Watkins, Resident Engineer, 35 yrs., RE 06 Raymond Rogers, Rest Area Attendant, 8 yrs.

FISCAL SERVICES

Kera Crowder, Retirement Officer, 20 yrs. Muriel Koehn, Administrative Aide I, 10 yrs. Kristy Lee, Office Administrative Asst III, 5 yrs.

MATERIALS

Rodney Mazander, Chemist III, 15 yrs.

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Jack Koba, Information System Tech II, 10 yrs. Ron McInturff, Data Collection Technician, 15 yrs. DISTRICT 6

ROADWAY DESIGN

Tammy Jernigan, Senior Design Engineer, 10 yrs. DISTRICT 7

Michael Kelly, Civil Engineer III, 5 yrs. Carl Lindstrom, Assistant Division Head, 35 yrs.

DISTRICT 1

Tommy Halbert, Crew Leader, 25 yrs. Jason Mitchell, Station Attendant II, 5 yrs. Kelly Reddick, III, Motor Patrol Operator, 5 yrs. Needra Sisson, District Office Manager, 10 vrs.

DISTRICT 2

Jimmy Doss, Storeroom Supervisor, 20 yrs. Victor Jordan, Maintenance Aide I, 5 yrs. Melissa Starnes, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 3

Robert Buck, Motor Patrol Operator, 5 yrs. Donald Embry, Hydraulic Excav. Op.-Fin., 50 yrs. Leonard West, 6/28/2007, Retired Larry Johnson, Bridge Job Supt., 35 yrs. Jeffrey Taylor, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 4

Tina Sinclair, Crew Leader, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 5

Karrie Ausbrooks, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs. Bruce Fick, Maintenance Aide I, 10 yrs. Gary Grady, Street Sweeper Operator, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 6

Robert Swaim, Maintenance Aide I, 5 yrs. Thomas Whitaker, Skill Trades Trainee, 5 yrs.

Jimmie Gates, Area Maint. Supervisor, 30 yrs. James Kilpatrick, Guard, 5 yrs. Hugh Leamons, Jr., Multi-Axle Truck Dr., 10 yrs Edward Morgan, Maintenance Aide 1, 10 yrs. Dennis Rogers, Storeroom Assistant I, 5 yrs. Timothy Wood, Construction Aide II, 20 yrs.

Terry Jones, Backh./Front End Loader Op., 5 yrs David Teeter, Bridge Repairer I, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 9

Leslie Griffey, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs. Steven Halsted, Crew Leader, 15 yrs. Sandy Massengale, Rest Area Attendant, 20 yrs Jeffrey Miles, Maintenance Aide I, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 10

Katherine Griffin, Distributor/Roller Op., 5 yrs. Barry Letson, Sign Erector 15 yrs. Jade Price, Backh./Front End Loader Op. 10 yrs.

RETIREMENTS

Thomas Walker, Patrol Officer 1CL, 19 yrs.

Darrell Hatchett, Relocation Coordinator, 30 yrs. Shirley Holmes, Senior Abstractor, 20 yrs.

DISTRICT 1

Alexander Safdari, Const. Field Engineer I, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 2

Alton Thomas, Jr., Motor Patrol Op.-Fin., 35 yrs.

DISTRICT 3

Donald Embry, Hydraulic Excav. Op.-Fin., 50 yrs.

DISTRICT 4

Gary West, Senior Inspector, 32 yrs.

William Nickels, Dozer Operator - Finish, 28 yrs.

George Lindsey, Senior Inspector, 37 yrs.

DISTRICT 8

Joe Sorrels, Construction Project Coord., 39 yrs.

DISTRICT 9

Bobbie Wise, Field Clerk II, 25 yrs.

DISTRICT 10

John Porter, District Permit Officer, 38 vrs.

MEMORIALS

MAINTENANCE

Josh Nail, 7/7/07, Active

DISTRICT 5

DISTRICT 7

Colin Bridges, 6/20/2007, Retired

DISTRICT 9

Leslie W. McDonald, 6/18/2007, Retired

MILITARY DUTY

As of 7/20/07, the AHTD had 14 employees serving active duty in a branch of the United States military. Dates denote the deployment date.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Travis Nelson, Safety Inspection Officer, 5/8/06

MAINTENANCE

Michael Brown, Sr. Traffic Investigator, 6/12/06

MATERIALS

Christopher Wald, Civil Engineer II, 01/02/07

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Kimberly Sanders, Transp. Planner, 11/29/06

DISTRICT 1

Ricky Benson, Construction Helper II, 7/19/06

DISTRICT 4

Brandon Bowen, Senior Mechanic, 10/12/06 Jeremy Bowles, Construction Helper II, 7/13/06 Nathan Reed, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 10/3/05

DISTRICT 6

Shirley Hammett, Area Hq. Attendant, 7/20/04

DISTRICT 9

Steven Halsted, Crew Leader, 7/3/06 Eric Jaeger, Maint. Aide I, 8/30/06

DISTRICT 10

Kyle Beasley, Sgl. Axle Truck Driver, 7/19/06 Robert Martin, General Laborer, 7/19/06 Dustin Miller, Bridge Repairer I, 7/19/06



on Janner Road near Malvern. neath the new Rockport Bridge The Ouachita River flows under-Answer to "Where Is This?"