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NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2022

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**FRONT COVER:** Hot Springs Bypass extension paving

**BACK COVER:** Construction of the Mayflower Overpass on U.S. Highway 89.

# FOOTBALL SEASON IS NEAR!



So is Spirit Day.

Throw on your team apparel and let's do some potluck lunch.

Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### AUGUST 10 | WEDNESDAY

ARDOT Bid Letting  
Central Office • Little Rock  
10 AM

### SEPTEMBER 5 | MONDAY

Labor Day - Offices Closed

### SEPTEMBER 8 | THURSDAY

Tip of the CAP  
Connecting Arkansas Program Celebration  
El Dorado

### SEPTEMBER 14 | WEDNESDAY

Arkansas State Highway Commission Meeting  
Central Office • Little Rock  
9:30 AM

### SEPTEMBER 21 | WEDNESDAY

ARDOT Bid Letting  
Central Office • Little Rock  
10 AM

# HEALTH INSURANCE OPEN ENROLLMENT

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It is the time of year to start planning for Open Enrollment. Open Enrollment for the 2023 health insurance plan year will be from October 1 – 31, 2022.

Employees are able to make the following changes during open enrollment:

- Enroll into the plan
- Add/drop spouse and/or dependents
- Change plan level
- Cancel coverage

Members who do not elect any changes during open enrollment will keep their current coverage for the 2023 plan year. Changes made during enrollment go into effect January 1, 2023.

Information on rates and plan changes will be made available via email as soon as they are published for the 2023 plan year. ♦

**All forms should be submitted to your District Office or directly back to the Group Insurance Office in the Central Office, Room 204.**

## SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS:

The supplemental benefits (Dental, Vision, Life, Aflac, etc.) enrollment will be from September 1 – October 31, 2022. Remember this is the only time of the year to make changes, cancel or add these benefits. Please make time to review your benefits and make any changes necessary before October 31, 2022.

For more information on supplemental benefits, please visit the Group Insurance page on SharePoint or call our office at 501-569-2417. ♦

## SECTION 125 CAFETERIA PLAN:

All employees must complete a Cafeteria Plan form each year. These forms are pre-printed and will be sent to you in late September. Forms are due back in the Group Insurance Office no later than October 31, 2022.

We will be sending out reminders and essential information through email as it comes closer to time. Please make sure to read all correspondence for important information. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 501-569-2420 or email [ronda.walthall@ardot.gov](mailto:ronda.walthall@ardot.gov). ♦

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# RETIREMENT BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

BY BRITNI PADILLA-DUMAS

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Jared Wiley, Assistant Chief Engineer – Planning

Assistant Chief Engineer – Planning Jared Wiley is the newest addition to the Arkansas State Highway Employees’ Retirement System Board (ASHERS). Wiley has a bachelor’s degree in Engineering with an emphasis in Civil Engineering from Arkansas State University. He is a Registered Professional Engineer.

Wiley began his career with the Department as an Engineering Student Intern prior to being hired in December 2005 as a Civil Engineer in the Planning and Research Division. He advanced to Civil Engineer I a year later, and advanced to Civil Engineer II in December 2007. Wiley was promoted to Civil Engineer III in March 2009, and was promoted to Program and Contracts Engineer II in the Programs and Contracts Division in April 2012. He advanced to Consultant Coordinator in the Deputy Director and Chief Engineer’s office in July 2013 and was then promoted to Assistant Division Head of the Transportation Planning and Policy Division in January 2014. He became Division Head of Program Management in May 2015 and rose to his current position of Assistant Chief in April 2020. His term will end on June 30, 2024.

Other board members include Chairman Rex Vines, Vice Chair Ronda Walthall, ARDOT Director Lorie Tudor, Executive Secretary Robyn Smith, Larry Dickerson, Department of Finance and Administration Director Larry Walther, Representative Dr. John Shelnett and State Treasurer Dennis Milligan. ♦



# ORIENTATION GIVES ENGINEERING INTERNS A CLOSER LOOK AT ARDOT

BY DAVID NILLES

College students interning with the Arkansas Department of Transportation during their summer break got a closer look at ARDOT and potential careers in transportation at the 2022 Engineering Intern Orientation.

Held at Central Office July 12-13, activities got underway with presentations by Assistant Chief Engineers Steve Frisbee, Mike Fugett and Jared Wiley who talked about the Operations, Design and Planning branches at the Department.

A panel discussion followed and was led by Senior Engineer John Lasley from Program Management, Advanced Transportation Planning Engineer Josilyn Mitchell from Transportation Planning & Policy, State Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer Andy Nanneman from Maintenance, Staff Engineer David Stinnett from District Two and Advanced Design Engineer Tim Yu from State Aid. Panel members shared what led them to a career at ARDOT, how

they've navigated their career paths and the roles they currently hold.

"The Department enjoys the chance to bring our summer interns together for a few days to give them a closer look at the work that ARDOT does across the state," ARDOT Director Lorie Tudor stated. "We share the many areas that a career in engineering offers, answer any questions interns may have and enjoy time together discussing how an engineering degree can lead to a rewarding career."

On day two of the event, interns visited the Divisions at Central Office and also toured the Materials Lab.

The majority of student interns hired by the Department for the summer are Civil Engineering majors. Many of them are anticipated to be hired on a full-time basis upon graduation.

The 2022 class of student interns spending the summer at ARDOT offices across the state includes:

**Parker Addison  
Mohamed Aly  
Adil Ayadi  
Cade Bennett  
Henry Bethel  
Andrew Boatman  
Jack Brent  
Aronana Brown  
Abbie Calvert  
Asaph Camillo  
Gunter Campbell  
Luke Carden  
Logan Catton  
Cody Cichocki**

**Colton Couch  
Gisela Cubero  
Robert Dixon  
Hesom Garner  
Kyle Greene  
Ryan Griffin  
Matthew Jessen  
Travis Johnson  
Lydia Jones  
Mark Jones  
Swabri Kagugube  
Hikmat KC  
Nim KC  
Luke Keen**

**Bodie King  
Caleb Marshall  
Matthew Maruri  
Mason McCoy  
Anahi Mendez  
Jacob Merritt  
Adrien Mitchell  
Daniel Park  
Chandler Reep  
Jeremiah Riggins  
Vincent Rubinelli  
Cooper Scaccia  
Kevin Sieb  
Caleb Smith**

**Joshua Stewart  
Hamza Taiwo  
Tyler Tollett  
Jasmyn Turner  
Madison Walker  
Eli Wallace  
Chance Warner  
Cameron Webb  
Eric Williams  
John Williams  
Ryan Williamson**

# SASHTO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

BY DAVID NILLES



AR DOT has announced the recipients of this year's \$500 scholarships from the Southern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO).

AR DOT Director Lorie Tudor drew the names of 30 Department employees out of a raffle drum on July 19 revealing whose dependent school-aged children will receive the scholarships for

the upcoming school year.

The scholarship program is designed to assist parents with the expense of sending their kids to college. Each

scholarship is valid for either in state or out-of-state educational institutions.

Scholarship money is provided to member states of SASHTO and represents remaining monies from the annual SASHTO Conference. The funds are divided among the 14 member states to carry out their scholarship programs.

"Continuing education is one of the most important decisions a person can make," Director Tudor shared. "AR DOT is thrilled to be able to help families advance the educational opportunities of so many students. We appreciate SASHTO for making this program available. We wish all of our AR DOT family students the very best in the coming school year."

There were 123 applicants for the program this year. Receiving scholarships were:

STUDENT	SCHOOL	PARENT	LOCATION
Halle Musick	Ozarka College	Joshua Musick	District 10
ShaMya Jordan	University of Central Arkansas	Victor Jordan	District 6
Logan Dodson	Hendrix College	Angela Dodson	Legal
Dani Hardaway	University of Central Arkansas	Kevin Hardaway	District 5
Hailey McIntare	Black River Technical College	Sam McIntare	Maintenance
Dalton Smith	University of Arkansas	Trinity Smith	Roadway Design
Valerie Peterman	Southern Arkansas University	William Peterman	District 7
Hannah Ganes	UofA - Fort Smith	Jeremy Ganes	District 4
Brooke Rainwater	Arkansas Tech University	Marcus Rainwater	District 4
Abbey Halter	Saint Louis University	Don Nichols	Environmental
Sydney Brown	Pulaski Technical College	Charles Brown	Information Technology
Lanae Headley	Saint Louis University	Mark Headley	System Info & Research
Carley Luke	Arkansas State University	Shannon Luke	District 10
Kiara Frazier	Southern Arkansas Univ.	Gail Frazier	District 7
Andrew Shields	University of Arkansas	Lane Shields	Environmental
Jacob Hutson	Arkansas State University	Jamie Hutson	District 5
Alexandra Keller	Valencia College	Jason Seaton	District 5
Sara Standard	Williams Baptist University	Terry Standard	Materials
Preston "Trey" Adams, III	University of Central Arkansas	Cynthia Pearson	Materials
Chloe Keys	University of Central Arkansas	William Keys	District 3
Emerald Wardlaw	University of Central Arkansas	Paris Thompson	District 1
Thomas Nichols	Louisiana Tech University	Don Nichols	Environmental
John Ryan Henson	University of Memphis	Donnie Henson	District 1
Ethan Saffle	Arkansas State University	Monica Saffle	Maintenance
Piper Nichols	Oklahoma State University	Don Nichols	Environmental
Laney Uranga	Arkansas Tech University	Craig Uranga	District 2
Juliana Moser	Loyola University	Jason Moser	District 5
Jadyne Caldwell	University of the Ozarks	Kenny Caldwell	District 8
Dez'Janelle Loude	Grambling State University	John Loude	District 1
Jenna Neely	UofA - Hope-Texarkana	Scott Neely	District 3

# ARDOT LENDS A HAND WITH TORNADO DEBRIS CLEANUP

BY DAVID NILLES



On December 10, 2021, northeast Arkansas got hit by multiple storms and tornadoes. The weather system traveled straight across District 10 taking out a nursing home in Manila and a Dollar General store in Leachville. As the system continued eastward, it set a record for distance on the ground by a tornado and severely impacted communities as far east as Mayfield, Kentucky.

In the aftermath, the city of Trumann was left with widespread damage and a great deal of debris. Officials quickly designated a location in town that would temporarily receive debris, which in some locations across the community measured six to eight feet deep.

As debris accumulated, the next challenge was to determine what to do with it once collected. Trumann Mayor Barbara Lewallen approached Governor Hutchinson and a removal plan was put into place that involved the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management, the Arkansas Forestry Commission, the Department of Corrections, the Arkansas Division of Environmental Quality and ARDOT.

"Districts One, Five and Ten have coordinated the hauling of debris to a landfill near Amagon in Jackson County," District Ten Engineer Brad Smithee shared. "To date, we have hauled over 500 truck loads out and are still going strong!"

"We began on June 24, skipped Juneteenth because the landfill was closed, but have hauled each day since then. Our staff has essentially assembled volunteers for the Friday work because

that is the best day for truck availability since these are days off during the four-day work schedule. Using today as an example, we have approximately 32 trucks making rounds plus additional staff on the ground providing direction. Some 35-plus great souls volunteered to work on this 100-degree day!"

Trucks start loading at 7:00 each morning and run until 5:00 in the afternoon. Without a doubt, each state agency involved has done their share to get the job done! ♦

## ARDOT EQUIPMENT OPERATORS ROADEO

BY BRITNI PADILLA-DUMAS

Thursday, June 23, brought 95-degree heat to the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Statewide Equipment Operators' Roadeo.

Competitors, families, District Engineers and ARDOT administrators gathered at the Equipment & Procurement Division in Little Rock to enjoy some friendly skills competition, a catered lunch by King Kat of Carlisle, Arkansas, and snow cones.

Each District competed in six categories including Tractor/Lowboy, Tandem Axle Dump Truck, Single Axle Dump Truck, Tractor Mower, Backhoe and Motor Patrol.

After a day of competition, District 5 took home the Team Champion trophy for this year.

"This is one of my favorite events to attend," Arkansas Highway Commissioner Marie Holder shared with the crowd. "All of you, with your meticulous skills, keep us and our roadways safe."

The ARDOT State Roadeo Champions will compete in the 2022 Southeast Regional Roadeo that will take place in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, September 27-29. ♦

# AR DOT EQUIPMENT OPERATORS ROADEO

## STATE FINALS RESULTS



### Team Champions: District 5

(L. to R.) Johnny Jason, Nick Rushing, Brian Johnson, Steve Sutton, Bruce Street (District Engineer), Jesse Davis, Michael Harrison, Josh Harness and Stephen Norris.



**LOWBOY TRUCK:**  
1st Place: Johnny Jason (D5)  
2nd Place: Jeff Upton (D9)  
3rd Place: Ernest Jones (D7)



**TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK:**  
1st Place: TJ Pulley (D1)  
2nd Place: Paul Burris (D8)  
3rd Place: Brad Edgmon (D9)



**SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK:**  
1st Place: Brian Johnson (D5)  
2nd Place: Brandon Webster (D2)  
3rd Place: Kyle Jones (D1)



**TRACTOR/MOWER:**  
1st Place: Steve Sutton (D5)  
2nd Place: Blake Angel (D6)  
3rd Place: Andy Dotson (D9)



**BACKHOE:**  
1st Place: Chad Foster (D9)  
2nd Place: Stephen Norris (D5)  
3rd Place: Michael Parker (D7)



**MOTOR PATROL:**  
1st Place: Nathan Daniels (D9)  
2nd Place: Nick Rushing (D5)  
3rd Place: Kyle Gaskin (D1)



**1. ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE:** Captain Jeff Smith (L), and Lieutenant Louis Hatchett (R) present PFC Brandon Bybee with his 5-year Service Award.

**2. ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE:** Captain Jeff Smith (L) and Lieutenant Louis Hatchett (R) present PFC Russell Fitzgerald with his 5-year Service Award.

**3. ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE:** (L. to R.) Hunter Griffith, Guard, presents James Johnson, Guard, with his 5-year Service Award.

**4. ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE:** Captain Jeff Smith (L), and Lieutenant Louis Hatchett (R) present PFC Jacob McCollum with his 5-year Service Award.

**5. ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE:** (L. to R.) Samantha Nelson, Permits Office Manager, presents Laurel Young, Permit Technician, with her 15-year Service Award.

**6. ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE:** (L. to R.) Lieutenant Brian Harwood presents Eric Mitchell, Motor Carrier Safety Specialist, with his 25-year Service Award.

**7. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:** Charles Brown (L), Division Head, and Eric Simpson (R), Infrastructure Services Manager, present Ben Brantley, IT Coordinator, with his 5-year Service Award.

**8. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:** Charles Brown (L), Division Head, and Bryan Cozart (R), User Services Manager, present Boyce Mosely, IT Coordinator, with his 5-year Service Award.

**9. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:** Charles Brown (L), Division Head, Eric Simpson (R), Infrastructure Services Manager, present Doug Mote, Analyst, with his 5-year Service Award.





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**10. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:** Charles Brown (L), Division Head, and Jessica Sisk (R), IT Application Services Manager, present Richard Harris, Analyst, with his 5-year Service Award.

**11. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:** Charles Brown (L), Division Head, and Eric Simpson (R), Infrastructure Services Manager, present Robert Peronia, Administrator, with his 5-year Service Award.

**12. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:** Charles Brown (L), Division Head, and Eric Simpson (R), IT Infrastructure Services Manager, present Ryan Hughes, Coordinator, with his 5-year Service Award.

**13. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:** Charles Brown (L), Division Head, and Eric Simpson (R), Infrastructure Services Manager, present Henry Frasher, Coordinator, with his 10-year Service Award.

**14. MAINTENANCE:** (L. to R.) Monica Saffle, TMC Manager, presents Brandy Kane, Communications Operator, with her 5-year Service Award.

**15. MATERIALS:** (L. to R.) Danielle Herron, Chemist, receives her 5-year Service Award from Lakisha Rice, Section Head. (Danielle has since moved to Environmental.)

**16. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT:** (L. to R.) Jessie Jones, Division Head, receives her 20-year Service Award from Jared Wiley, Assistant Chief Engineer of Planning.

**17. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT:** Jessie Jones (L), Division Engineer, and Corey Key (R), Section Head of Program Funding, present Kathy Nelson, Accountant, with her 5-year Service Award.

**18. SURVEYS:** (L. to R.) Tom Elkins, Assistant Division Head, presents Travis House, Staff Surveys Engineer, with his 10-year Service Award.


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**19. DISTRICT 4:** (L. to R.) Bashar Qedan, Resident Engineer, presents Melissa Graham, Field Clerk, with her 5-year Service Award.

**20. DISTRICT 4:** (L. to R.) Amy Morgan, Office Manager, receives her 10-year Service Award from Shane Reeves, District Maintenance Superintendent.

**21. DISTRICT 6:** Richard Moberly (L), District Maintenance Superintendent, and Dustin Davis (R), Crew Leader, present Anthony Griffin, Maintenance Aide II, with his 5-year Service Award.

**22. DISTRICT 6:** (L. to R.) John Jones, Maintenance Aide II, receives his 5-year Service Award from Richard Moberly, District Maintenance Superintendent.

**23. DISTRICT 6:** Richard Moberly (L), District Maintenance Superintendent, and Jeffrey Moore (R), Area Maintenance Supervisor, present Mitchell Bowman, Maintenance Specialist, with his 5-year Service Award.

**24. DISTRICT 6:** (L. to R.) Tony Evans, District Construction Engineer, presents Bryan Saunders, District Bridge Inspector, with his 10-year Service Award.

**25. DISTRICT 6:** (L. to R.) Richard Moberly, District Maintenance Superintendent, presents Jeffrey Moore, Area Maintenance Supervisor, with his 15-year Service Award.

**26. DISTRICT 6:** Hunter Lake (L), Resident Engineer, and Sam Davies (R), Assistant Resident Engineer, present Carrie Chudy, Resident Office Technician, with her 20-year Service Award.

**27. DISTRICT 7:** (L. to R.) Kenneth Doherty, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, presents Robert Swartz, Body Repairer and Painter, with his 10-year Service Award.



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**28. DISTRICT 7:** (L. to R.) Charlotte Quimby, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Randy Hopper, Maintenance Aide II, with his 10-year Service Award.

**29. DISTRICT 7:** (L. to R.) Joe Plyler, Staff Engineer, presents Phillip Rook, Construction Project Coordinator, with his 20-year Service Award.

**30. DISTRICT 7:** (L. to R.) Matt Brown, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Kevin Means, Area Maintenance Supervisor, with his 30-year Service Award.

**31. DISTRICT 9:** (L. to R.) Jim Hopkins, Sign Crew Supervisor, presents Heath Dillon, Maintenance Aide I, with his 5-year Service Award.

**32. DISTRICT 9:** (L. to R.) Jim Hopkins, Sign Crew Supervisor, presents Jim Altenhofen, Maintenance Specialist, with his 5-year Service Award.

**33. DISTRICT 9:** (L. to R.) Joey Ragland, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Jonathon Prout, Maintenance Aide II, with his 5-year Service Award.

**34. DISTRICT 9:** (L. to R.) Kenny Riley, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Anthony Huber, Maintenance Specialist, with his 10-year Service Award.

**35. DISTRICT 9:** (L. to R.) Jodi Bryant, Bookkeeper, receives her 15-year Service Award from Meredith Whittle, Office Manager.

**36. DISTRICT 9:** (L. to R.) Gary Hopkins, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Denton James, Area Headquarters Attendant, with his 25-year Service Award.



**37. DISTRICT 9:** (L. to R.) Denton James, Area Headquarters Attendant, presents Gary Hopkins, Area Maintenance Supervisor, with his 25-year Service Award.

**38. DISTRICT 9:** (L. to R.) David Bushey, Resident Engineer, receives his 30-year Service Award from Stacy Burge, Construction Engineer.

**39. DISTRICT 10:** (L. to R.) Anthony Williams, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Kevin Allison, Maintenance Specialist, with his 10-year Service Award.

**40. DISTRICT 10:** (L. to R.) Anthony Williams, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Heath Eubanks, Crew Leader, with his 20-year Service Award.

**41. DISTRICT 10:** (L. to R.) Greg Bailey, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Belinda Tippitt, Area Headquarters Attendant, with her 20-year Service Award.

## FAMILY FOCUS



**1. MATERIALS:** (L. to R.) Allie Hobby, daughter of Pepper Hobby, and Cale Cornett, son of Justin Cornett (both on the Arkansas High School Bassers fishing team), finished 5<sup>th</sup> out of 89 teams this year! The top 20 teams were invited to fish on Beaverfork Lake in Conway where they finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place.

**2. DISTRICT 5:** Oliver James McCoy arrived on May 4, 2022, at 7 lbs, 2 oz and 20 inches long. Oliver is the first grandchild of Scott McCoy, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

**3. DISTRICT 6:** Beckett Allen Priest was born on May 30, 2022, at 8lbs, 9oz and 22 inches long. He is the grandson of Billy Richey, Crew Leader.

# ON THE JOB



**1. ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE:** (L. to R.) PFC Paul Thorne, CPL Natasha Williams and SGT Mark Jackson were awarded the Arkansas Highway Police Commendation Award for going above and beyond the call of duty in their lifesaving efforts during a medical emergency at the Riverside Weigh Station in West Memphis on March 18, 2022.

**2. ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE:** The Permits Section celebrated Sam Nelson's retirement.

**3. ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE:** (L. to R.) Sam Nelson, Permits Section Office Manager, received a retirement plaque for her 28+ years of service from Chief Jeff Holmes.

**4. DISTRICT 1:** Cannon Callicott (L), District Engineer, and Matt Emberton (R), District Maintenance Engineer, present Tommy Halbert with an appreciation award to honor 40 years of service with ARDOT.

**5. DISTRICT 2:** Brandon Webster celebrates 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Single Axle Dump Truck category at this year's Rodeo with his daughter, Farrah.

**6. DISTRICT 5:** Seth Foreman, Assistant Bridge Inspector, uses a drone to inspect a bridge during a routine inspection.



## NEW EMPLOYEES:

### ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Christopher Painter, Guard

**FACILITIES MANAGEMENT** • Sheila Davis, Office Aide; Calvin Maxwell, Janitor

**HEAVY BRIDGE** • Dakota Jones, Bridge Repairer; Jerry Jones, Bridge Repairer

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Megan Weise, IT Service Desk Specialist

**LEGAL** • Kelsey Bateman, Staff Attorney

**MAIL & SUPPLY** • Kelsey Kumpe, Seasonal Employee

**MATERIALS** • Justin Cornett, Testing Equipment Specialist

**RIGHT OF WAY** • Kari Stanley, Office Assistant

### SYSTEM INFORMATION & RESEARCH

John Williams, Intern; Anahi Mendez, Intern; Ryan Griffin, Intern; Hau Ho, Intern; Robert Hambuchen III, Seasonal Employee

### TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY

Elizabeth Halbert, Seasonal Employee

**DISTRICT 1** • Corey Butler, Maintenance Aide I; Taylor Bearden, Engineer; Homer Cartwright, Maintenance Aide I; Clarence Adams, Maintenance Aide I

**DISTRICT 2** • Matthew Starks, Maintenance Aide I; Nicholas Thompson, Maintenance Aide I

**DISTRICT 3** • Roderick Cooper, Storeroom Assistant; Katie Lee, Maintenance Aide I; Chad Tucker, Construction Aide; Austin Savell, Construction Aide

**DISTRICT 4** • Shelby Beauregard, Construction Aide; Eric Ellison, Construction Aide; Johnathan Meadors, Maintenance Aide I; Robert Slater, Maintenance Aide I; Bobby Henry, Maintenance Aide I; Donovan Pace, Maintenance Aide I; Holland McClendon, Maintenance Aide I

**DISTRICT 5** • Zach Langston, Construction Aide

**DISTRICT 6** • Patricia Henn, Field Clerk; Bryce Winspear, Maintenance Aide I; Joshua Hilyard, Maintenance Aide I; Micah Berry, Maintenance Aide I; Johnathon Weaver, Maintenance Aide I

**DISTRICT 7** • Rex Pannell, Maintenance Aide I; James Parnell Jr., Maintenance Aide I; James Turner, Maintenance Aide I; Michael Heil, Maintenance Aide I

**DISTRICT 8** • Brandon Melson, Maintenance Aide I; Jacob McWilliam, Maintenance Aide I; Kevin Mitchael, Maintenance Aide I; Colby Hance, Maintenance Aide I; Payton Dawson, Maintenance Aide I; Albert Brock, Maintenance Aide II; Kevin Summey, Rest Area Attendant

**DISTRICT 9** • Christopher Steward, Maintenance Aide I; Jamison Smith, Maintenance Aide I

**DISTRICT 10** • Cristie Sullinger, Field Clerk; Travis Johnson Jr., Intern

## PROMOTIONS:

### ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Nancy Harmon, Captain; Jeffrey Smith, Captain; Michelle Miller, Office Assistant; Lela Cook, Permit Office Manager

**ENVIRONMENTAL** • Nikki Senn, Lead Architectural Historian

**FISCAL SERVICES** • Casey McJunkin, Assistant Enterprise System Administrator

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Joshua Witherspoon, IT Service Desk Specialist

**LEGAL** • Trella Sparks, Deputy Chief Counsel

**MAINTENANCE** • Kimberly Elrod, Sign Developer-Designer; Joshua Moreland, Tractor Trailer Driver; Gavin Jones, Tractor Trailer Driver; Adam Stephens, Tractor Trailer Driver; Trevor Blake, Tractor Trailer Driver

**MATERIALS** • Olivia Davies, Administrative Assistant

**RETIREMENT** • Alyssa Hartman, Retirement Specialist

**ROADWAY DESIGN** • Brett Hiley, Advanced Designer; Sydney Allgeier, Advanced Design Engineer; Deangelo Nelson, Advanced Design Engineer; Cody Davis, Advanced Design Engineer; Jacob Head, Advanced Traffic Design Engineer

**SURVEYS** • Terry Walker, Advanced Surveys Engineer

**DISTRICT 1** • Richard Harper, Crew Leader; Lucas Crosby, Mechanic

**DISTRICT 2** • Presley Cantrell, Maintenance Aide II; Landon Glover, Maintenance Aide II; Megan Karnes, Construction Inspector; Adam Jackson, Crew Leader; Terry King, Area Maintenance Supervisor

**DISTRICT 3** • Blake Faulkner, Maintenance Specialist; Carol Ridling, Maintenance Aide II

**DISTRICT 4** • Kevin Gray, Bridge Repairer; Camden Waldron, Bridge Repairer; Jeremy Jones, Maintenance Aide II; Christopher Barte, Maintenance Aide II; Thurman Watkins, Maintenance Specialist; Danny Williams Jr., Maintenance Specialist

**DISTRICT 5** • Joe Rolins, Maintenance Specialist; Lance Smith, Lead Bridge Repairer; Jeremy Friend, Lead Bridge Repairer; James Kelley Jr., Equipment Maintenance Supervisor; Dustin Heiskill, Maintenance Aide II

**DISTRICT 6** • Terry Johnson, Maintenance Aide II; Tulsa Collins, Advanced Construction Aide; William Bryles, Construction Inspector; Emory Williams Sr., Maintenance Specialist; Mark Gonia Jr., Construction Inspector; Lorenna Holladay, Maintenance Specialist

**DISTRICT 7** • Darrick Erby, Crew Leader; Brad Runyan, Advanced Construction Aide

**DISTRICT 8** • Cole Francis, Bridge Repairer; Stanford Collins, Tractor



Trailer Driver; Derek Payne, Maintenance Aide II; Davis Lloyd, Maintenance Specialist

**DISTRICT 9** • Mitchell Sullivan, Lead Station Attendant

**DISTRICT 10** • Erick Carpenter, Maintenance Aide II; Gaylon Roush, Maintenance Aide II; Tomorrow Love, Maintenance Aide II; Jeffery Baney, Maintenance Aide II; Chase Richardson, Maintenance Aide II; Cameron Stout, Advanced Const Field Engineer

## SERVICE AWARDS:

### ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Johnny Debord, Sergeant, 30 yrs

**DIRECTOR'S OFFICE** • Keli Wylie, Alternative Project Delivery Admin, 20 yrs

**ENVIRONMENTAL** • Sarah Devries, Advanced Natural Resources Specialist, 10 yrs

**EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT** • Rickey Grissom, Equipment Specialist, 35 yrs

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY** • Richard Harris, IT Analyst, 5 yrs

**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS** • James Patrick, Legislative Specialist, 10 yrs

**HEAVY BRIDGE** • Kenny Voss, Asst Bridge Inspector, 15 yrs

**MAINTENANCE** • Austin Dillman, Sign Crew Leader, 10 yrs

**MATERIALS** • Kenyada Sain, Senior Materials Technician, 20 yrs; Rodney Catlett, Laboratory Coordinator, 15 yrs

**PROGRAM MANAGEMENT** • Elvin Spears, Office Assistant, 5 yrs

**RIGHT OF WAY** • Errol Lemons, Reviewing Appraiser, 20 yrs

**SURVEYS** • Travis House, Staff Engineer, 10 yrs

### SYSTEM INFORMATION & RESEARCH

Maria Hanley, Analyst, 20 yrs

### TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY

William Vittitow, Geospatial

Specialist, 30 yrs; Brook Norris, Public Transportation Program Manager, 5 yrs

**DISTRICT 1** • John Parker, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs

**DISTRICT 2** • Kirk Howard, Lead Bridge Repairer, 25 yrs; Brandon James, Maintenance Specialist, 10 yrs

**DISTRICT 3** • Andrew Barnett, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs

**DISTRICT 4** • Russell Payne, Crew Leader, 25 yrs; Gary Dewitt, Crew Leader, 25 yrs; Serrita Pense, Crew Leader, 25 yrs; Esther Hamm, Area Headquarters Attendant, 25 yrs; Ralph Trusty, Maintenance Aide II, 15 yrs; Jeffery Golyer, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs

**DISTRICT 6** • Alan Kumpe, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 10 yrs

**DISTRICT 7** • James Reynolds, District Bridge Inspector, 25 yrs; Ricky Cummings, Maintenance Specialist, 20 yrs; Joseph Rogers, Area Headquarters Attendant, 15 yrs; Randy Hopper, Maintenance Aide II, 10 yrs; Steven Ashcraft, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs

**DISTRICT 9** • Stacy Burge, District Construction Engineer, 30 yrs; Gerald James, Area Headquarters Attendant, 25 yrs; Jimmy Holt, Maintenance Specialist, 15 yrs; Shad Watkins, Construction Inspector, 15 yrs; Devin Elliott, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs

**DISTRICT 10** • Carolyn Betterton, Resident Office Technician, 20 yrs; Caleb Phipps, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs

## RETIREMENTS:

**BRIDGE** • Dennis Vire, Staff Engineer, 37+ yrs

**LEGAL** • Maria Schenetzke, Deputy Chief Counsel, 37+ yrs

**DISTRICT 2** • Rocky Beatty, Maintenance Specialist, 9+ yrs

**DISTRICT 4** • Michael Ward, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 28+ yrs

**DISTRICT 7** • James Reynolds, District Bridge Inspector, 25+ yrs

**DISTRICT 9** • Ronald Murray, Maintenance Aide II, 11+ yrs

**DISTRICT 10** • Alan Brand, Area Headquarters Attendant, 28+ yrs

## MEMORIALS:

**DISTRICT 10** • Jo A. Carlile, 5/31/22, retired

**RIGHT OF WAY** • Mary Graham, 4/12/22, retired; Gary Anderson, 6/8/22, retired

**DISTRICT 7** • Billy Bethea, 6/12/22, retired

**CONSTRUCTION** • David Walker, 6/10/22, retired

**DISTRICT 4** • Leroy Oliver, 6/13/22, retired



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