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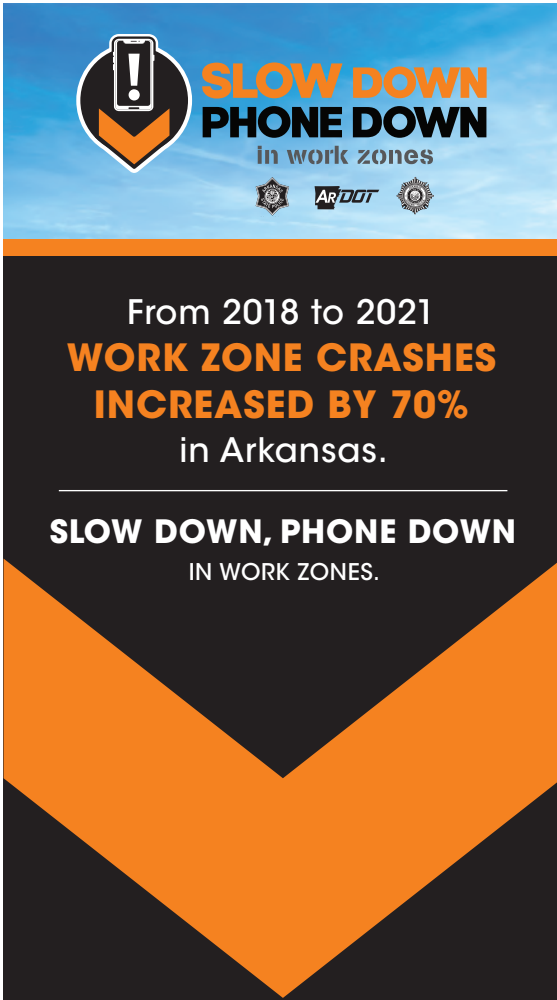
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FRONT COVER: Interstate 40 over Lake Dardanelle.
BACK COVER: Interstate 30 Widening near Haskell exit.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- JUNE 8 | THURSDAY**
 Equipment Operators Rodeo
 E&P Annex • Little Rock
- JUNE 21 | WEDNESDAY**
 Highway Commission Meeting
 Central Office • Little Rock
- JUNE 28 | WEDNESDAY**
 ARDOT Bid Letting
 Central Office • Little Rock
- JULY 4 | TUESDAY**
 Independence Day Observed
 Offices Closed
- AUGUST 2 | WEDNESDAY**
 Highway Commission Meeting
 Central Office • Little Rock



THORNTON NAMED CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION

BY DAVID NILLES

Kevin Thornton was recently named Chief of Administration for ARDOT.

Kevin's ARDOT career began in 1986 in the Roadway Design Division. In 1987, he transferred to field construction where he followed the engineering career path until he advanced to Staff Construction Engineer in 2006 and moved to Systems Administrator in 2007. He was promoted to Assistant Division Head of the Program Management Division in 2011 and, later that same year, advanced to Division Head. Kevin was promoted to Assistant Chief Engineer – Planning in 2014 and obtained his former position of Assistant Chief – Administration in 2020.

Thornton has a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas and is a Registered Professional Engineer. ♦

WOODS NAMED ASSISTANT CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION

BY DAVID NILLES

Crystal Woods has been named Assistant Chief of Administration for ARDOT.

Crystal's career at ARDOT began in 1990 in the Personnel Section of the Human Resources Division. In 1993, she began working as a General Clerk in the Training and Safety Section.

She transferred to Public Affairs in 1995 as the Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Administration and Public Affairs.

In 1996, she returned to the Training and Safety Section as a Training Specialist and was promoted to Section Head of Training and Safety in 2000. Later that year she assumed the role of Human Resources Officer. She was promoted to the position of Division Head of Human Resources in 2004.

Woods has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Human Resources from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. ♦



WILEY NAMED CHIEF ENGINEER – PRECONSTRUCTION

BY DAVID NILLES

Effective immediately, Jared Wiley has been named the Chief Engineer of Preconstruction.

Jared 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 followed the engineering career path in the Planning Branch until advancing to Consultant Coordinator in the Deputy Director and Chief Engineer's office in 2013. He was promoted to Assistant Division Head of the Transportation Planning and Policy Division in 2014, to Division Head of Program Management in 2015, and to his former position of Assistant Chief Engineer – Planning in 2020.

Wiley has a bachelor's degree in Engineering with an emphasis in Civil Engineering from Arkansas State University. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. ♦



ADAMS NAMED ASSISTANT CHIEF ENGINEER OF CONSTRUCTION

BY DAVID NILLES

Chad Adams has been named Assistant Chief Engineer of Construction.

Adams ARDOT career began in 1996 in the Fayetteville Resident Engineer Office as a Civil Engineer I. He followed the engineering career path in field construction until he was promoted to District 4 Maintenance Engineer in 2004. Chad became District Four Construction Engineer in 2007 and was promoted to his former position as District Four Engineer in 2013.

Chad has a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas and is a Registered Professional Engineer. ♦



VINES NAMED CHIEF ENGINEER – OPERATIONS

BY DAVID NILLES

Rex Vines has been named Chief Engineer of Operations effective immediately.

Rex's career with the Department began in 1993 when he was named a Civil Engineering Technician in the Wynne Resident Engineer Office. He followed the engineering career path in field construction until advancing to District Construction Engineer in 2004, to District Maintenance Engineer in 2008, and to District 1 Engineer in 2014. Vines was promoted to Assistant Chief Engineer – Operations in 2019 and to his former position of Deputy Director and Chief Engineer in 2021.

Vines has a bachelor's degree in Engineering with emphasis in Civil Engineering from Arkansas State University. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. ♦

JONES NAMED ASSISTANT CHIEF ENGINEER – PLANNING

BY DAVID NILLES

Jessie Jones has been named Assistant Chief Engineer for Planning effective immediately.

Jessie began work for the Department in January 2002 as a Civil Engineer in the Bridge Division. She followed the engineering career path in the Bridge Division and the Planning and Research Division until obtaining the position of Consultant Coordinator in 2008. Jessie became Assistant Division Head of Transportation Planning and Policy in February 2011, Division Head of Transportation Planning and Policy in October 2013 and obtained her former position of Division Head of Program Management in 2020.

Jessie has a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, and a master's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas. She is a Registered Professional Engineer. ♦



FRISBEE NAMED ASSISTANT CHIEF ENGINEER – MAINTENANCE

BY DAVID NILLES

Steve Frisbee has been named Assistant Chief Engineer for Maintenance.

Frisbee worked four summers as an Engineering Student Intern prior to being hired in January 1997 as a Civil Engineer I in the Texarkana Resident Engineer Office. He followed the engineering career path in field construction and was promoted to District One Construction Engineer in 2008. Steve became the District Three Engineer in 2013 and transferred to Little Rock as the Division Head of Transportation Planning and Policy in 2020. He obtained his former position of Assistant Chief Engineer – Operations in 2021.

Frisbee has a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas and is a Registered Professional Engineer. ♦



WYLIE NAMED ASSISTANT CHIEF ENGINEER – PROGRAM DELIVERY

BY DAVID NILLES

Keli Wylie has been named Assistant Chief Engineer of Program Delivery.

Wylie began her career with the Department as a Civil Engineer in the Roadway Design Division in March 2002, and continued on the engineering career path advancing to Assistant Division Head of Roadway Design in 2012. In December 2012, Wylie became the Connecting Arkansas Program Administrator and was promoted to her former position of Alternative Project Delivery Administrator in 2019.

Keli has a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Louisiana Tech University and is a Registered Professional Engineer. ♦



HUGHEY NAMED DISTRICT 4 ENGINEER

BY DAVID NILLES

Jason Hughey has been named District Engineer for District Four. Hughey began his career with the Department as an Intern before being hired as a Civil Engineer in the Planning and Research Division in May 2002. In November 2002, he transferred to Resident Engineer Office #23 in Pine Bluff. Following the engineering career path, he continued to advance until obtaining his former position as District Engineer in District Eight in 2019.

Hughey has a bachelor of science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. ♦

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Pickup reports can be submitted online.
Scan here!





Melisa Laelan (center) with members of the ARDOT Environmental Division and handcrafted items from the Marshall Islands.

MARSHALLESE CULTURAL TRAINING

BY DAVID NILLES

ARDOT Central Office hosted a training on April 12 to give employees an opportunity to learn more about the Marshall Islands and the migration of Marshallese people to northwest Arkansas. The program was presented by Melisa Laelan, CEO of Arkansas Coalition of Marshallese (ACOM). There are currently 20,000 Marshallese living in Arkansas, most of them near Springdale. Many are employed by Tyson Foods and have come to the state to take advantage of better educational opportunities for their children, employment stability, healthcare services and better housing. The Marshall Islands are a sprawling chain of volcanic islands and coral atolls in the central Pacific Ocean, between Hawaii and the Philippines. The ACOM office is located in Springdale and can be reached at arkansasmarshallese.org. ♦



REQUEST FOR PHOTOS: CAPTURING ARKANSAS' GREAT OUTDOORS ON CAMERA



BY DAVID NILLES

Because ARDOT has so many employees that enjoy photography, *Arkansas Highways* is excited to present our third photography contest so you can share your work with staff! In 2014 and 2016, we asked employees to send in a photo of their favorite place in Arkansas' outdoors. We had such good results, we are doing it again!

Our State is overflowing with beautiful outdoor scenery including mountains, lakes, rivers, wooded areas and much more. Everyone has a favorite place where they enjoy spending time outdoors and we want to see a photo of yours. Once again, we will be sharing a selection of those outdoor photos in the fall issue of *Arkansas Highways* magazine.

Grab your camera and get some shots the next time you hit the great outdoors. We are looking for great views of Arkansas including lakes, mountains, creeks... any outdoor place that captures your eye. No photos of people, please.

Photos should be submitted as **high-resolution, digital images saved as JPEG or TIFF format**. Low-resolution images, or ones taken with a mobile phone, are *strongly discouraged* as they will not print clearly. Hard copies of photos may also be submitted. Hard copies will be returned after the fall issue of the magazine has been printed. Limit two photos per person. With your photo, include the following information:

1. ARDOT Employee Name,
2. Employee District/Division,
3. What area of Arkansas the photo was taken.

Submit your photos here:

<https://form.jotform.com/231246597712056>

Mail hard copy submissions to:

ARDOT Public Information, Attn: Marrassa Miller
P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203





1. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT: (L. to R.) Brian Bynum, Crew Leader, presents Dustin Green, Electrical, Plumbing & Mechanical Repairer, with his 5-year Service Award.

2. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Charles Brown (L), Division Head/CIO, and Bryan Cozart (R), User Services Manager, present Mary Rodgers, Service Desk Specialist, with her 10-year Service Award.

3. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Charles Brown (L), Division Head/CIO, and Bryan Cozart (R), User Services Manager, present Charlie Frame, Service Desk Specialist, with her 10-year Service Award.

4. MAINTENANCE: (L. to R.) Thomas Stanley, Jr., Striping Helper, receives his 5-year Service Award from John Brown, Striping Superintendent.

5. MAINTENANCE: (L. to R.) Wayne England, Milling Crew Leader, presents Cody Reed, Pavement Profiler Operator, with his 10 year Service Award.

6. MATERIALS: (L. to R.) Lurn Brawley, Senior Materials Technician, receives her 5-year Service Award from Paul Tinsley, Division Head.

7. MATERIALS: (L. to R.) Henry Williams, Senior Materials Technician, receives his 20-year Service Award from Paul Tinsley, Division Head.

8. SYSTEM INFORMATION & RESEARCH: Mark Headley (L), Division Head and Michael Henry (R), Staff Traffic Information Systems Engineer, presented service awards. (L. to R. Middle) Elmarie Barnes, System Information Tech, received her 30-year Service Award. Tiffany Burke, Lead Data Collection Tech, received her 15-year service award. David Li, System Information Analyst, received his 20-year Service Award.

9. SYSTEM INFORMATION & RESEARCH: (L. to R.) William Hale, Data Collection Technician, receives his 15-year Service Award from Michael Henry, Staff Engineer.



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10. DISTRICT 1: Jim Moore (L), Shop Supervisor, and Cannon Callicott (R), District Engineer, present Adam Moore, Mechanic, with his 5-year Service Award.

11. DISTRICT 1: Curtis Burnett (L), Area Maintenance Supervisor, and Cannon Callicott (R), District Engineer, present Alex Castleberry, Area HQ Attendant, with his 5-year Service Award.

12. DISTRICT 1: Joey Barnett (L), Crew Leader, and Cannon Callicott (R), District Engineer, present David Doyle, Maintenance Aide II, with his 5-year Service Award.

13. DISTRICT 1: Joey Henson (L), Area Maintenance Supervisor, and Cannon Callicott (R), District Engineer, present David McMasters, Maintenance Aide II, with his 5-year Service Award.

14. DISTRICT 1: Brook Hively (L), Storeroom Supervisor, and Cannon Callicott (R), District Engineer, present Jeff Grafton, Lead Storeroom Assistant, with his 5-year Service Award.

15. DISTRICT 1: Therese Yarnold (L), Office Manager, and Cannon Callicott (R), District Engineer, present Jennifer Hale, District Bookkeeper, with her 5-year Service Award.

16. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Tommy Halbert, District Maintenance Superintendent, presents John Andrews, Electrical Plumber & Mechanical Representative, with his 5-year Service Award.

17. DISTRICT 1: Matt Emberton (L), District Maintenance Engineer, and Cannon Callicott (R), District Engineer, present John Loude, Area Maintenance Supervisor, with his 5-year Service Award.

18. DISTRICT 1: Curtis Burnett (L), Area Maintenance Supervisor, and Cannon Callicott (R), District Engineer, present Luther Wade, Maintenance Aide II, with his 5-year Service Award.



19. DISTRICT 1: Robert Johnson (L), Area Maintenance, and Cannon Callicott (R), District Engineer, present Maynard Smith, Maintenance Aide II, with his 5-year Service Award.

20. DISTRICT 1: Jonathan Sanders (L), Crew Leader, and Cannon Callicott (R), District Engineer, present Waverly Barnes, Maintenance Aide II, with his 10-year Service Award.

21. DISTRICT 1: Anthony Burnett (L), Maintenance Job Superintendent, and Cannon Callicott (R), District Engineer, presents Fayrene Lamastus, Maintenance Aide II, with her 15-year Service Award.

22. DISTRICT 1: Jeff Adams (L), District Construction Engineer, and Cannon Callicott (R), District Engineer, present Myron Futrell, District Bridge Inspector, with his 15-year Service Award.

23. DISTRICT 1: Anthony Burnett (L), Maintenance Job Superintendent, and Cannon Callicott (R), District Engineer, present Lilburn Morelock, Maintenance Specialist, with his 20-year Service Awards.

24. DISTRICT 2: (L. to R.) Rebecca White, Storeroom Supervisor, receives her 5-year Service Award from Sandy Pendergrass, Office Manager.

25. DISTRICT 2: (L. to R.) Janet Bogle, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Eugene Bryant, Maintenance Aide II, with his 15-year Service Award.

26. DISTRICT 4: Bruce Boggs, Electrical, Plumbing & Mechanical Repairer, received his 5-year Service Award.

27. DISTRICT 4: (L. to R.) Christopher Carr, Crew Leader, receives his 5-year Service Award from Jeremy Bowles, Area Maintenance Supervisor.



28. DISTRICT 4: Mike Stevens, Parts Runner, received his 10-year Service Award.

29. DISTRICT 5: (L. to R.) Jacob Murphy Jr., Maintenance Aide II, and William White, Maintenance Specialist, received their 5-year Service Awards.

30. DISTRICT 5: (L. to R.) Taggert Morgan, Crew Leader; Sammy Edwards, Shop Supervisor; Michael Copeland, Crew Leader; Mary Turner, Maintenance Aide II, received their 10-year Service Awards.

31. DISTRICT 5: (L. to R.) Johnny Jason, Area Headquarters Attendant, and Joshua Smith, Maintenance Specialist, received their 15-year Service Award.

32. DISTRICT 5: Ricky Milligan, Maintenance Specialist, Maintenance Crew received his 25-year Service Award.

33. DISTRICT 5: Thomas Allen Smith, Maintenance Aide II, received his 35-year Service Award.

34. DISTRICT 5: (L. to R.) Karrie Ausbrooks, Construction Inspector, received her 20-year Service Award. Samantha Knight, Resident Office Technician, received her 15-year Service Award. Lucas Turner, Senior Engineer, received his 10-year Service Award.

35. DISTRICT 6: (L. to R.) Steven Lewis, Assistant Resident Engineer, receives his 10-year Service Award from David Norris, Resident Engineer.

36. DISTRICT 6: Hunter Lake (L), District Maintenance Engineer, and Keith Gragson (R), Area Maintenance Supervisor, present Billy Richey, Crew Leader, with his 15-year Service Award.



37. DISTRICT 8: (L. to R.) Keith Freeman, Lead Station Attendant, and Cynthia Duvall, Station Attendant, receive their 5-year Service Awards from Kenny Caldwell, Shop Supervisor.

38. DISTRICT 8: (L. to R.) Chadd Shipp, Maintenance Aide II, receives his 5-year Service Award from Kenny Howard, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

39. DISTRICT 8: (L. to R.) Jason Hughey, District Engineer, presents Renee Wilson, District Clerk, with her 5-year Service Award.

40. DISTRICT 8: (L. to R.) Johnny Rice, Area Maintenance Supervisor, receives his 35-year Service Award from David Ross, District Maintenance Engineer.

41. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Brian Skaggs, Maintenance Aide II, receives his 5-year Service Award from Kenny Riley, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

42. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Cameron Cannon, Maintenance Aide II, receives his 5-year Service Award from Gary Hopkins, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

43. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Dennis Connors, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, presents Kenneth Barnett, Mechanic, with his 5-year Service Award.

44. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Jimmy Morris, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Lucas Tuttle, Maintenance Aide II, with his 5-year Service Award.

45. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Jim Branstetter, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Robert Kahle, Maintenance Specialist, with his 5-year Service Award.



46. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Brad Edgmon, Maintenance Specialist, receives his 10-year Service Award from Kenny Riley, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

47. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Brit Burnes, Resident Engineer, presents Valerie Melton, Construction Inspector, with her 10-year Service Award.

48. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Scott Willis, Area Maintenance Supervisor, receives his 20-year Service Award from Jeff Wheeler, District Maintenance Engineer.

49. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Steven Graham, Lead Bridge Repairer, receives his 20-year Service Award, from Darren Ramsey, District Bridge Superintendent.

50. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Kevin Walden, Maintenance Aide II, receives his 25-year Service Award from Kenny Riley, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

51. DISTRICT 10: (L. to R.) Timothy Bohannon, Maintenance Specialist, receives his 10-year Service Award from Corey Weatherford, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

52. DISTRICT 10: (L. to R.) Sylvia Stormes, Lead Bridge Repairer, receives her 15 year Service Award from Jeff Rawls, Bridge Job Superintendent.

ON THE JOB



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1. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Rodeo

Backhoe winners:
1st - Lucas Crosby
2nd - Michael Harris (not shown)
3rd - Bryan West

2. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Rodeo Lowboy

Truck winners:
3rd - Robert Gray
2nd - Jimmy Cullen
1st - Joey Barnett

3. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Rodeo Motor Patrol

winners:
3rd - Devyn Arens
2nd - Robert Gray
1st - Kyle Gaskin

4. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Rodeo Single Axle

Dump Truck winners:
3rd - Mandy Jones
2nd - Jonathan Sanders
1st - Kyle Jones

5. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Rodeo Tandem

Axle Dump Truck winners:
3rd - Brad Brow
2nd - Nicholas Willis
1st - TJ Pulley

6. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Rodeo Tractor /

Mower winners:
3rd - Justin Armstrong
2nd - Joey Hutto
1st - Rodney Armstrong

7. DISTRICT 1: Rodeo 2nd Place - Crew

winners:
Special Maintenance
(Back Row) Joey Barnett, Devyn Arens,
Dale Williams
(Front Row) Mandy Jones, Jason Willis,
Jeffery Warren

ON THE JOB



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8. DISTRICT 2: Admin, Area Maintenance Supervisors, Crew Leaders and Station Attendants participated in "Go Orange Day" for National Work Zone Awareness Week.

9. DISTRICT 4: Employees gathered to wish Gary DeWitt, Tunnel & District Facilities Crew Leader, a happy retirement.

10. DISTRICT 10: (L. to R.) Employees in Randolph County participated in "Go Orange Day" for National Work Zone Awareness Week.

11. DISTRICT 10: (L. to R.) Michael Tarry, Construction Project Coordinator, celebrated his retirement on March 30th with 34+ years of service. Michael is pictured with his son Josh Tarry (Top Left), Maintenance Specialist, his wife Lisa (Top Middle), daughter Micah (Top Right) and grandsons.

12. DISTRICT 10: Tim Myrick, District Bridge Inspector, celebrated his retirement. Tim retired with 37+ years of service. Tim is pictured with his son Todd Myrick (L), Maintenance Specialist, and his wife Kim (R).



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FAMILY FOCUS



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1. DISTRICT 10: Mason (grandson of Kelly Mann, Field Clerk) graduated from Kindergarten at Westside Elementary in May.



The reports listed are from the months of March & April ('23).

NEW EMPLOYEES:

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Bahesya Harris, Guard

CONSTRUCTION • Matthew McCabe, Construction Aide; William Walton, Construction Aide; Ke Shun Wells, Construction Aide

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Maria Avalos Favela, Janitor

HEAVY BRIDGE • Billy Kumpe, Bridge Repairer; Dillion Gage, Bridge Repairer; Derrick Gage, Bridge Repairer; Brandon Simmons, Bridge Repairer; Nathaniel Lamb, Bridge Repairer

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Christopher Pipkin, Geospatial Specialist

RIGHT OF WAY • Robert Olsen, Realty Appraiser; Sharon Nowlin, Abstractor; Arina Koogler, Realty Appraiser; Ricky Wilmoth, ROW Plans Designer

SURVEYS • Patrick McNamara, Surveys Aide

DISTRICT 1 • Aaron Traylor, Maintenance Aide I; Shortie Bradley, District Clerk

DISTRICT 2 • Dantrell White, Maintenance Aide I; LaQuan Powell, Maintenance Aide I; LeQuentin Allen, Maintenance Aide I; John Reed, Maintenance Aide I; Aundra Randolph, Maintenance Aide I; Justin Munn, Maintenance Aide I; Jordan Woolley, Maintenance Aide I; Cody Jackson, Maintenance Aide I; Anthony Boose, Maintenance Aide I; Michael Grimes, Maintenance Aide I; Tamon McGee, Maintenance Aide I; Brandon Fowler, Maintenance Aide I; Deshaun Turner, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 3 • Ronnie Dancer, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 4 • Landon Shelby, Maintenance Aide I; Brian Darlington, Rest Area Attendant; Bryson Nelms, Maintenance Aide I; Carlos Ward, Maintenance Aide I; Nolan Harrington, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 6 • Walter Withers, Maintenance Aide I; Victor Norman, Maintenance Aide I; Gordon Blackwell, Maintenance Aide II; Zachary Carter, Maintenance Aide I; Ryan Patterson, Maintenance Aide I; Waylon Withers, Maintenance Aide I; Timothy Harris, Maintenance Aide I; Wendell Withers, Maintenance Aide I; Traevione Perry, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 7 • Larry Turner, Maintenance Aide I; Chase Sharp, Maintenance Aide I; Timothy Roberts, Maintenance Aide I; Terwaune Wright, Maintenance Aide I; Samuel Allen, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 8 • Alliyah Kirkwood, Area HQ Attendant

DISTRICT 10 • David Smith, Maintenance Aide I; Molly Ivy, Maintenance Aide I; Jimmy Counce, Maintenance Aide I; Austin Mashburn, Maintenance Aide I; Bryson Doyle, Maintenance Aide I

PROMOTIONS:

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Louis Hatchett, Captain; Michael Smrt, Sergeant; Joseph Beggs, Sergeant; Brandon Bybee, Sergeant

COMMUNICATIONS • Hussain Alfaraj, Staff Maintenance Engineer

CONSTRUCTION • John Bledsoe,

Jr., Staff Construction Engineer

HUMAN RESOURCES • James Allen, Microfilm Archivist

MATERIALS • Robert Lundy, Geotechnical Aide

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Rebekah Baker, Program Management Technician

RIGHT OF WAY • Melody Maxey, Lead Relocation Coordinator; Rebekkah Hogan-Welsh, Relocation Coordinator; Kayla Muhammad, Office Assistant

ROADWAY DESIGN • Hannah Lybrand, Staff Design Engineer

DISTRICT 1 • John Harris Jr., Assistant Resident Engineer

DISTRICT 3 • Austin Mote, Construction Inspector

DISTRICT 4 • Michael Rigney, Crew Leader

DISTRICT 5 • Brandon Love, District Construction Engineer; Blake Harper, Construction Inspector; Justin Gillihan, Maintenance Specialist; Ryan Watson, Resident Engineer

DISTRICT 6 • Justin Jones, Area Maintenance Supervisor

DISTRICT 7 • Ricky Cummings, Area Maintenance Supervisor; Gary Barner, Maintenance Specialist; Angie Riddell, Rest Area Attendant; Thomas Kanipe, Bridge Repairer; Lee Holman, Maintenance Specialist; Donald Green, Area Maintenance Supervisor

DISTRICT 9 • Timothy Hoyt, Crew Leader; John McKenzie, Body Repairer & Painter

DISTRICT 10 • Jennifer Marrs, Maintenance Specialist; Adam Perry, Surveys Aide; Andrew White, Mechanic



SERVICE AWARDS:

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Chief Jeffrey Holmes, 30 yrs

BRIDGE • Tandra Herman, Staff Engineer, 15 yrs

COMMUNICATION • Charles Bolin, ITS Specialist, 5 yrs

CONSTRUCTION • Timothy Eaker, Construction Project Coordinator, 35 yrs; Samantha Knight, Resident Office Technician, 15 yrs; Anita Parker, Construction Materials Inspector, 10 yrs; Mark Ford, Advanced Construction Aide, 5 yrs; Jack Stradtman, Construction Aide, 5 yrs

ENVIRONMENTAL • John Fleming, Division Head, 35 yrs; Jason Eads, Lead Cultural Resources Specialist, 10 yrs; Leslie Linck, Advanced Cultural Resources Specialist, 5 yrs

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

Desmond Williams, Lead Storeroom Assistant, 10 yrs

HUMAN RESOURCES • Robert Simpson, Records Specialist, 5 yrs

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Manjusha Vadakke Veetil, IT Administrator, 5 yrs

MATERIALS • Lakisha Rice, Section Head, 15 yrs; Coty Campbell, Geotechnical Aide, 10 yrs

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Megan Cook, Federal Programs Coordinator, 5 yrs

RIGHT OF WAY • Betty Hunt, Closing Agent, 15 yrs

ROADWAY DESIGN • Gary English, Advanced Designer, 40 yrs

SYSTEM INFORMATION &

RESEARCH • Kimberly Romano, Advanced Engineer, 20 yrs

DISTRICT 1 • Derl Futrell, District

Bridge Inspector, 15 yrs; Mark Vance, Crew Leader, 5 yrs; Luther Wade, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs; David Doyle, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs; John Andrews, Electrical Plumb & Mech Rep, 5 yrs; Alexander Castleberry, Area Headquarters Attendant, 5 yrs

DISTRICT 2 • John Harvey, Maintenance Specialist, 20 yrs

DISTRICT 3 • Shane Rothenberger, Crew Leader, 10 yrs

DISTRICT 4 • Cheia Yang, Lead Bridge Repairer, 5 yrs

DISTRICT 5 • Thomas Smith, Maintenance Aide II, 35 yrs; Ricky Milligan, Maintenance Specialist, 25 yrs; Johnny Jason, Area Headquarters Attendant, 15 yrs; Sammy Edwards, Shop Supervisor, 10 yrs; Joe Rolins, Maintenance Specialist, 5 yrs; Jacob Murphy Jr., Maintenance Specialist, 5 yrs; William White, Maintenance Specialist, 5 yrs

DISTRICT 6 • James Burnette, Rest Area Attendant, 5 yrs;

DISTRICT 7 • Steve Fry, Welder, 5 yrs

DISTRICT 8 • Lloyd Davis, Maintenance Specialist, 10 yrs; Cynthia Duvall, Station Attendant; 5 yrs; Keith Freeman, Lead Station Attendant, 5 yrs; Chad Shipp, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs

DISTRICT 9 • Brian Willis, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 20 yrs; Cody Nelson, Crew Leader, 10 yrs; Lucas Tuttle, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs; Robert Kahle, Maintenance Specialist, 5 yrs

DISTRICT 10 • Betty Brown, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs

RETIREMENTS:

CONSTRUCTION • Michael Tarry,

Construction Project Coordinator, 34+ yrs

MAINTENANCE • Randy Prince, Sign Fabricator, 5+ yrs; Steven Schilling, Tractor Trailer Driver, 6+ yrs

RIGHT OF WAY • Linda Cope, Lead Abstractor, 16+ yrs; Betty Hunt, Closing Agent, 15 yrs; Randall Reynolds, Lead Beautification Coordinator, 34 yrs; Jeremy Tyler, ROW Plans Designer, 15+ yrs

DISTRICT 1 • Pamela Morelock, Maintenance Aide II, 15+ yrs

DISTRICT 2 • William Garrison, Tractor Trailer Driver, 18+ yrs

DISTRICT 3 • Reginald Easter, Tractor Trailer Driver, 27 yrs

DISTRICT 4 • Charles Brummett, Maintenance Specialist, 16+ yrs

DISTRICT 5 • Lisa Carlson, Maintenance Specialist, 21 yrs; Stanley Glover, District Construction Engineer, 39+ yrs

DISTRICT 6 • Steve Chastain, Body Repairer & Painter, 11 yrs

MEMORIALS:

DISTRICT 1 • Mary Harrell, 3/25/23, retired

DISTRICT 2 • Gregory Patrick, 3/27/23, retired

DISTRICT 5 • Lee Garrett, 3/31/23, retired

DISTRICT 6 • James Weston, 4/5/23, retired

DISTRICT 8 • Gary Hawkins, 3/24/23, retired

DISTRICT 10 • Leon Jacobs, 4/2/2023, active



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