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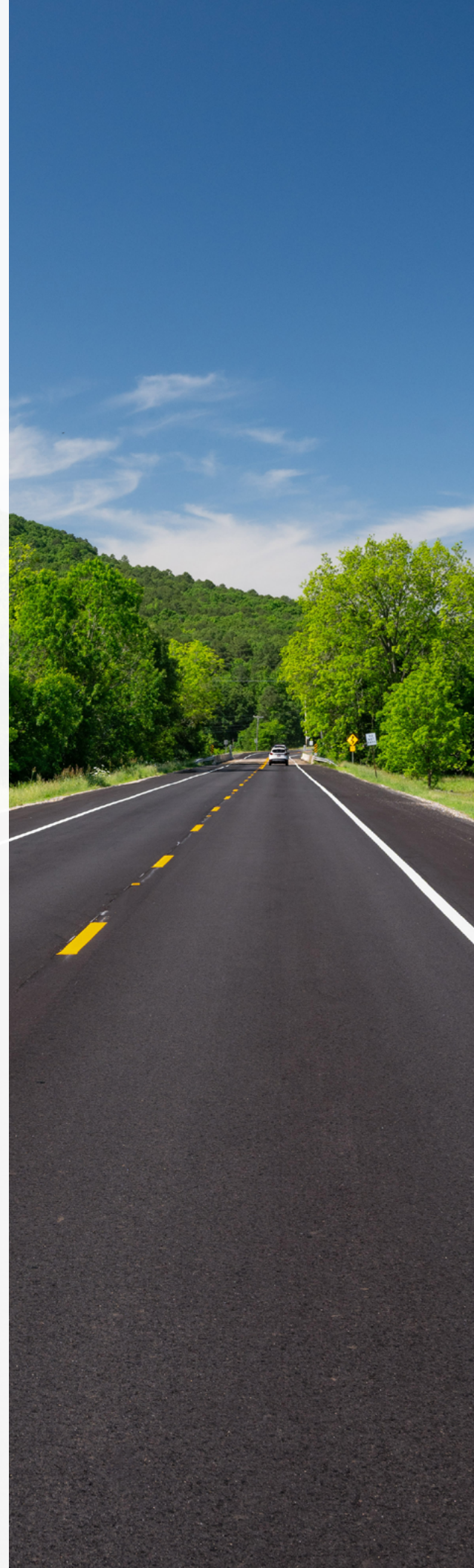
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**MAY 12
TUESDAY**
Lunch & Learn
Mental Health
Awareness with
Dr. Elisabeth Sherwin
Central Office
Little Rock
Time TBD

**MAY 13
WEDNESDAY**
Lunch & Learn
Roadway Design
Central Office
Little Rock
12:15 PM

**MAY 20
TUESDAY**
ARDOT Bid Letting

**MAY 25
MONDAY**
Holiday
ARDOT Offices Closed

**MAY 28
THURSDAY**
Lunch & Learn
Mental Health
Awareness with Lucet
Health Employee
Assistance Program
Central Office
Little Rock
Time TBD

**JUNE 10
WEDNESDAY**
Lunch & Learn
Materials - What We
Do That You Never
Knew
Central Office
Little Rock
12:15 PM

**JUNE 17
WEDNESDAY**
Arkansas Highway
Commission Meeting
Central Office
Little Rock
10 AM

**JUNE 24
WEDNESDAY**
ARDOT Bid Letting

**JUNE 26
FRIDAY**
ARDOT SASHTO
Scholarship
Application Deadline
4 PM

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ASK ARDOT

NEED HELP?

The Ask ARDOT Inquiry System is used to manage and respond to public inquiries. If you need assistance using the system—including creating a staff account, submitting or responding to an inquiry, or requesting additional training—please follow the steps below.

To get started:

- Select the topic you need help with.
- Briefly describe your question or issue.
- Click Submit.

A member of the Communications team will respond as soon as possible.

[Click here to use the help form.](#)



WHAT THE PUBLIC IS SAYING

"Very quick turnaround on my request about ARDOT districts. Much appreciated, keep up the great work."

D. Pardy

"Thank you very much for such a quick response and repair. It is very appreciated, thank you."

K. Taylor

"I appreciate the quick response to my inquiry and the follow-up. Thank you."

A. Adkins



BUCK NAMED STOREROOM SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 7

Stephanie Buck was named Storeroom Supervisor for District 7, effective March 21, 2026.

Buck began her career at ARDOT as an Office Administrative Assistant I in June 2005 and advanced to Fuel Clerk in February 2009, Personnel Clerk in August 2013, and Storeroom Assistant in September 2019. She was promoted to Lead Storeroom Assistant in August 2021. ◆

CARTER NAMED SHOP SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 1

Dennis Carter was named Shop Supervisor for District 1, effective March 21, 2026.

Carter began his career at ARDOT as a Skilled Trades Trainee in February 2010 and advanced to Mechanic in February 2011. He was promoted to Senior Mechanic in September 2024. ◆





COX NAMED AREA MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 4, POLK COUNTY

Jim Cox was named Area Maintenance Supervisor for District 4, Polk County, effective March 7, 2026.

Cox began his career at ARDOT as a Maintenance Aide I in April 2018. He followed the maintenance career path and was promoted to Assistant Maintenance Supervisor in June 2025. ◆

FLEMING NAMED AREA MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 6, PULASKI COUNTY

Larry Fleming was named Area Maintenance Supervisor for District 6, Pulaski County, effective March 21, 2026.

Fleming began his career at ARDOT as a Maintenance Aide I in December 2016. He followed the maintenance career path and was promoted to Lonoke County Area Maintenance Supervisor in February 2025. ◆





FRY NAMED OFFICE MANAGER, DISTRICT 7

Angela Fry was named Office Manager for District 7, effective March 7, 2026.

Fry began her career at ARDOT as a Storeroom Supervisor for District 7 in February 2024. She brings with her more than 15 years of administrative experience. ◆

JEFFUS NAMED SHOP SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 7

Brady Jeffus was named Shop Supervisor for District 7, effective March 7, 2026.

Jeffus began his career at ARDOT as a Skilled Trades Trainee in September 2020 and advanced to Mechanic in April 2021. He was promoted to Advanced Mechanic in March 2025. ◆





LIPTON NAMED STAFF ENGINEER, TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS

Hunter Lipton was named Staff Engineer for the Transportation Systems Management & Operations (TSMO) Division, effective February 21, 2026.

Lipton began his career at ARDOT as an intern before being hired as an Engineer in the Planning & Research Division in June 2020. He followed the engineering career path and was promoted to Senior Engineer in November 2024.

Lipton has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. ◆

LUSK NAMED EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT OFFICER, EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

Chris Lusk was named Equipment & Procurement Officer for the Equipment & Procurement Division, effective February 7, 2026.

Lusk began his career at ARDOT as a Bookkeeper in the Equipment & Procurement Division in March 2015. He was promoted to Office Manager in February 2020 and Fleet Management System Administrator in November 2024.

Lusk has a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. ◆





RICHARDS NAMED DISTRICT MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT, DISTRICT 8

Tabie Richards was named District Maintenance Superintendent for District 8, effective February 21, 2026.

Richards began his career at ARDOT as a District Permit Officer for District 8 in August 2018 and was promoted to Advanced Permit Officer in February 2024. He brings with him more than a decade of management and leadership expertise in the retail and healthcare sectors.

Richards has a bachelor's degree in economics and finance and business marketing and management from Arkansas Tech University. ♦

WENDLAND NAMED CONSTRUCTION PAYMENTS & AUDIT SECTION HEAD, CONSTRUCTION

Spencer Wendland was named Section Head for Construction Payments & Audit of the Construction Division effective March 21, 2026.

Wendland began his career at ARDOT as a seasonal employee before becoming an Office Administrative Assistant I in August 2005. He advanced to Estimates Technician in March 2006, and Advanced Estimates Analyst in August 2009. He was promoted to Assistant Section Head in February 2025. ♦



IMPORTANT POLICY UPDATES

Administration has recently published employee policy updates regarding exempt employees' time off, remote work, and Artificial Intelligence (AI) use. These policies are outlined in the Department's Personnel Manual.



Exempt Employees Time Off

Summary: Exempt employees who physically work more than 80 hours in a pay period may be granted exempt time off if the additional work was authorized by the employee's supervisor and was necessary to meet a legitimate business need.



Remote Work

Summary: This policy establishes consistent parameters surrounding remote work practices throughout the Department.



AI Use

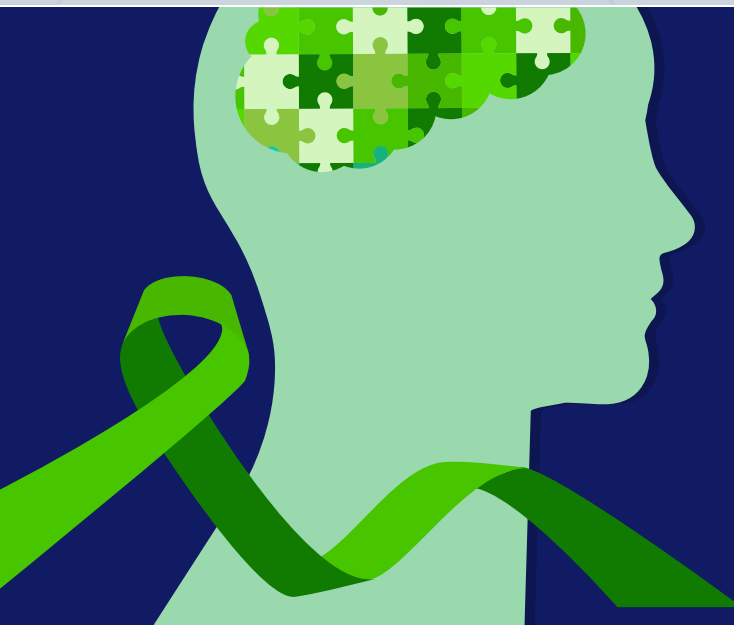
Summary: This policy establishes guidelines for the responsible and secure use of AI tools to enhance operations while protecting data, privacy, and public trust.



REMINDER

Review and sign the AI Policy & Conflict of Interest Disclosure forms by **Friday, May 29.***

*The forms were emailed from PeopleDoc by Ultimate Software (no-reply@notif.hrsd.ultipro.com). This is a trusted source, and it is safe to open these messages.



MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

We'll be sharing information on Poppulo throughout the month of May about mental health benefits and resources available to employees.

ARDOT CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING OF NORTHEAST ARKANSAS SATELLITE OFFICE

BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL



On Friday, April 3, ARDOT celebrated the grand opening of its Northeast Arkansas Satellite Office in Jonesboro with an event open to the public. Located at 600 S. Main Street in Jonesboro, the new office will provide opportunities for ARDOT to better serve the transportation needs of Northeast Arkansas and strengthen our connection with the community.

“By establishing a stronger regional presence in Northeast Arkansas, we can work more efficiently with local partners and better recruit and retain local talent,” Director Jared Wiley said. “This office will help ARDOT advance its mission to deliver a quality transportation network in every region of the state.”

Speakers at the event included ARDOT Director Jared Wiley, Arkansas Highway Commissioner Jerry L. Halsey, Jr., Dr. Todd Shields, Chancellor of Arkansas State University, Jonesboro Mayor Harold Copenhaver, Craighead County Judge Marvin Day, and U.S. Representative Rick Crawford.

“Everybody has to get to Jonesboro through a highway,” Jonesboro Mayor Harold Copenhaver said. “That is the importance of this partnership and this opening today to what it means to not only the Jonesboro community, but Northeast Arkansas as a whole.”

On Thursday afternoon, April 2, ARDOT hosted an open house for Arkansas State University (A-State) students at the new office ahead of the grand opening. Students were able to meet professional engineers and learn about career opportunities in transportation, engineering, planning, and public service.

The idea for the new office was inspired by the success of ARDOT’s first satellite office in Northwest Arkansas, which opened in Bentonville in 2022. The Northwest Arkansas Satellite Office was created to better position ARDOT to attract engineering students from the University of Arkansas, giving students the opportunity throughout the year to get to know ARDOT and experience first-hand the culture of the Department. It also provided an option for engineering graduates or ARDOT staff who wanted to live and work in the Northwest Arkansas region.

“Because our Northwest Office has been so successful, we wanted to have that same opportunity in Northeast Arkansas,” Mike Fugett, ARDOT Assistant Chief Engineer for Design, said. “We wanted to reach the engineering graduates from Arkansas State University and the surrounding areas.”

ARDOT purchased the 8,100-square-foot facility in downtown Jonesboro in November 2025. The office is about 1.5 miles from the A-State campus. ◆

ARDOT TRAINS EMPLOYEES ON WAYS TO RECOGNIZE HUMAN TRAFFICKING

BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL



ARDOT has launched a comprehensive training program aimed at equipping all 4,000-plus employees with the knowledge to recognize indicators of human trafficking and understand proper reporting procedures by June 1, 2026.

“The training covers what human trafficking is, who is the most vulnerable to being trafficked, how to recognize possible warning signs, and how to safely report suspected trafficking,” Christen Trogden, ARDOT Workforce Development Specialist and Chair of ARDOT’s Human Trafficking Awareness Committee, said. “After all employees are trained, we will roll out an online version of the training, and all new employees will be assigned the course as part of their compliance training.”

Using the Train-the-Trainer method, Human Resources Specialists and Health and Safety Officers attended a training event hosted by ARDOT’s Workforce

Development section. The event provided them with the skills needed to conduct employee anti-trafficking training within ARDOT’s districts.

ARDOT’s highway system is comprised of more than 16,300 miles. In addition, ARDOT has a presence in all 75 counties. With this reach, training ARDOT’s workforce strengthens the Department’s ability to support statewide human trafficking prevention efforts.

“As you learn more about human trafficking, it becomes clear how often it occurs in plain sight,” Trogden said. “Warning signs are everywhere. It’s important that employees slow down, remain observant with intention and safety, and report concerns to the Arkansas Human Trafficking Council.”

As of April 13, 88 percent of ARDOT’s workforce had received the human trafficking training. ◆

ARDOT CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE HITS SECOND YEAR

BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL



ARDOT hosted its first-ever Construction Conference in September 2025 to bring together construction leadership to discuss policies and best practices, share knowledge, practice team building with counterparts from around the state, and answer questions pertaining to construction. Going forward, the conference will be held annually in early spring, just before construction season kicks off.

“The initial meeting was scheduled for April 2025 but had to be postponed until September due to flooding at the host facility,” Chad Adams, ARDOT Assistant Chief Engineer for Construction, said. “Since it’s only been a little over six months since the meeting, and to get us

back on a Spring rotation, we had an abbreviated version in 2026.”

Resident Engineers, Construction staff, and District staff gathered Tuesday, April 14, and Wednesday, April 15, at DeGray Lake Resort for the conference. More than 90 attendees participated in the conference, discussing topics such as Consultant Construction Engineering and inspection contracts, a Civil Rights update, an update on the implementation of AASHTOWare Project construction management software, the Interstate 49 bridge project in Crawford County (Job 040901), Local Public Agency projects, Artificial Intelligence, and the Engineering Intern program. ◆

Women ⁱⁿ STEM CONFERENCE



BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL

The fifth annual Women in STEM Conference was held Friday, April 10 at the Benton Event Center. The conference is hosted by ARDOT and the Arkansas On-the-Job Training and Support Services (OJT/SS) Program and encourages high school students to learn about and pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

Leonard Smith, ARDOT Lead External Civil Rights Coordinator, and KTHV-11's Jurnee Taylor, Emmy-nominated reporter and anchor, served as emcees for the conference. ARDOT Director Jared Wiley, introduced by Crystal Woods, Assistant Chief of Administration, gave opening remarks. The conference featured a panel discussion, breakout sessions, STEM competitions, and exhibitor booths.

The panel discussion was moderated by Keli Wylie, ARDOT Assistant Chief Engineer for Program Delivery. Panelists included Cindy Williams, Time Striping; Dr. Stacy Williams, University of Arkansas Research Associate Professor, Civil Engineering and Director of the Center for Training Transportation Professionals (CTTP); Staci Staggs, CISCO; Raven Simelton, TEKsystems; and Duke Alexander, Independent. Dr. Constance Meadors, Director of the Arkansas Space Grant Consortium, served as the keynote speaker.

Morning and afternoon breakout sessions were led by Bridget Aaron, Regions Bank; Jennifer Beaty-West, Arkansas State Crime Lab; and Tyecia Bailey, West Rock Coffee. Breakout sessions were moderated by DeAngelo Nelson, ARDOT Advanced Engineer; Travis Bentley, ARDOT Advanced Construction Field Engineer; and Steven Lewis, ARDOT Staff Construction Engineer. Patrick Thomas, ARDOT Local Technology Assistant Program Manager, gave closing remarks.

Between breaks, attendees visited industry exhibitors to learn more about educational and career opportunities in STEM fields. This year's industry exhibitors included: APAC, ArcBest, Arkansas State Crime Lab, Arkansas Tech

University, BGE, Inc., CEI, Cisco, Garver, Halff, Heartland Business Systems, HNTB, Keep Arkansas Beautiful, McClelland Consulting Engineers, Michael Baker, Pafford, Pitsco, Terracon/Harbor, TEKsystems, Time Striping, University of Arkansas – Little Rock, Westrock Coffee, and Women of Asphalt.

The conference also included three student competitions: a car building competition, a bridge building competition, and a public service announcement (PSA) competition. The entries were scored by a panel of judges and prizes were awarded to the top scoring teams.

The winning students and schools were:

Bridge Building Competition: Camarae Porter, Anna Watts, and Sydney Williams with Lakeside High School.

Car Building Competition: Kana Bauer, Natile Hannah, Melanie Jaurez, and Emma McDonald with Robinson High School.

PSA Competition: Alyssia Isom, Lamarcus Morris, Rayle Reed, and Jordan Williams with Pine Bluff High School. ♦



Students visiting vendors at the Women in STEM Conference.

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SCHOLARSHIP

PROGRAM

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MOVING US FORWARD

AR DOT
ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION

YOUR STUDENT CAN APPLY FOR ONE OF 30

\$500 SCHOLARSHIPS

HOW TO APPLY:

Applications are available on ARDOT's
Human Resources intranet page
or by email request to
jazmine.kumpe@ardot.gov

DEADLINE:

June 26, 2026, 4:00 p.m.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO APPLY FOR THE 8TH ANNUAL SASHTO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

FOR MORE INFO: Contact Jazmine Kumpe in Human Resources at 501-263-7621

Applications are being accepted now through 4:00 p.m., June 26, 2026, for the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) Southern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) scholarship program for higher education expenses. SASHTO encompasses 15 departments of transportation including Puerto Rico.

SASHTO provides scholarship funds annually to its member states. Over the past eight years, the program has awarded a total of \$111,500 in scholarship funds to ARDOT employees and their families.

Thirty scholarships of \$500 each will be awarded to qualified applicants. The application process is easy – there is one brief form to complete, and no essay is required.

Scholarships will be automatically awarded to applicants who are dependents of a former employee who lost their life while on active duty with ARDOT or during active military service. All other winners will be chosen through a random drawing by July 31, 2026.

“The SASHTO Scholarship is a great way for member DOTs to give back to employees and their families,” ARDOT Director Jared Wiley said. “This investment in our people is also an investment in the future of our communities.”

To qualify, applicants must:

- Be a dependent child of:
 - an active, full-time ARDOT employee who has a minimum of two current, consecutive years of ARDOT/State service as of January 1, 2026;
 - a retired employee who had a minimum of two consecutive years of service upon retirement;
 - or a former, full-time ARDOT employee who lost their life while on active duty with ARDOT or during active military service; and
- Be age 17 through 23 on the first day of classes for the fall term; and
- Be accepted to and/or registered as a full-time student for the upcoming fall school term at an accredited college, university, vocational school, or technical school.

The ARDOT SASHTO scholarship application form, along with more detailed information concerning eligibility requirements and administration rules, is available on the [Human Resources Division's Intranet page](#). ♦

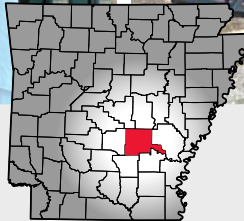
TRANSIT Appreciation & Celebration TRANSPORTATION EXPO



(L. to R.) Johnna Thomas, Public Transit Program Management Officer; Amber Flack, Public Transportation Program Manager; Cassandra Shaw, City of Pine Bluff Transit Director; Matthew Penix, Public Transit Asset Specialist



City of Pine Bluff Transit Trolley Bus



BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL

The City of Pine Bluff hosted a Transit Appreciation Celebration and Transportation Expo on Monday, March 16 to highlight transit industry employees and show appreciation for their service and contributions to the community. ARDOT, Pine Bluff Transit, Driven Transportation, Jenkins Memorial Center, and Jefferson Comprehensive Care System participated in the expo.

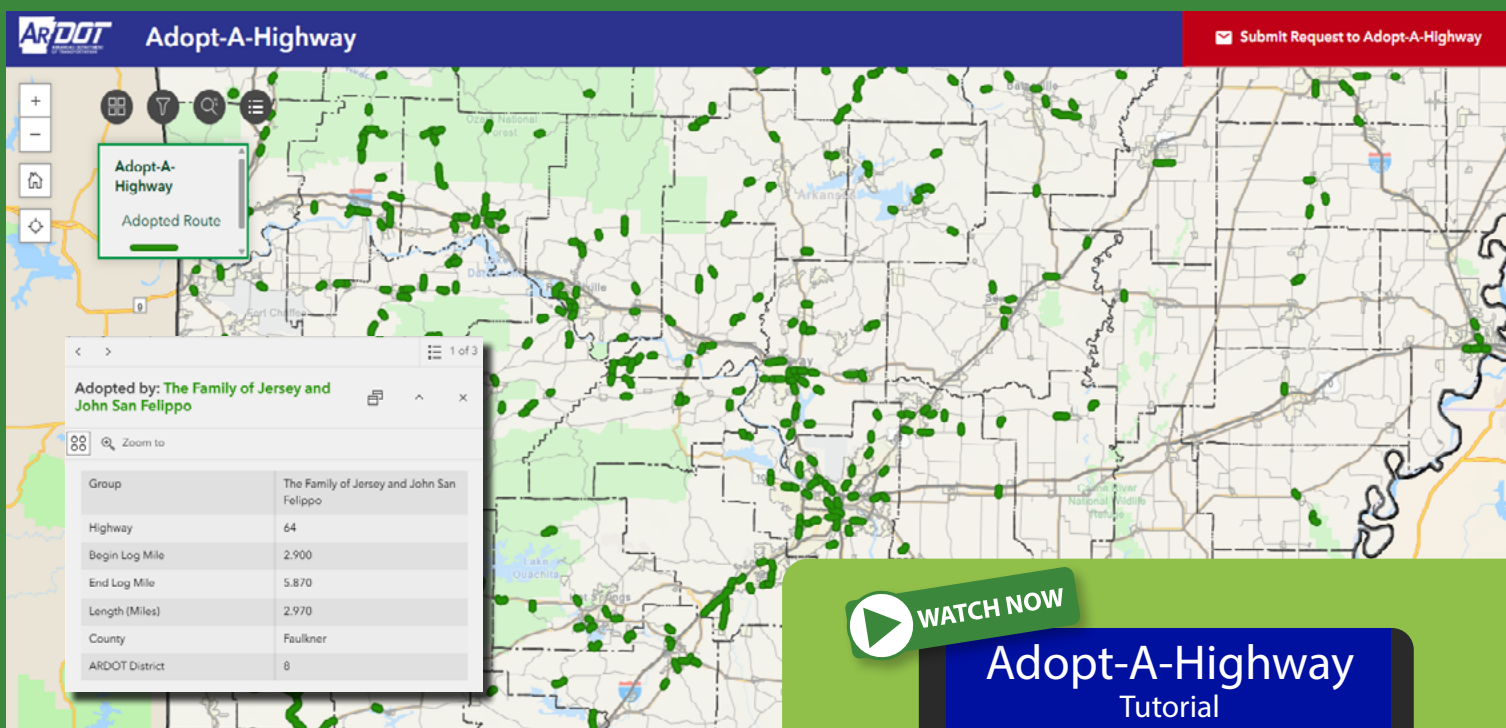
Pine Bluff Transit is the oldest transit system in Arkansas. The city has had transit service since 1870, when it was operated by the private sector. In 1974, the transit service became city owned and operated and now consists of

eight fixed routes and an American with Disabilities Act paratransit service. It supports the transportation needs of local institutions like the University of Pine Bluff and Southeast Arkansas College, helping students and staff reach their destinations safely and efficiently.

ARDOT is the designated state recipient of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds and is responsible for the programming and administration of federal and state transit programs. As one of 10 rural transit agencies in Arkansas, Pine Bluff Transit receives funding from the FTA through ARDOT. ♦

NEW WEBSITE MAKES IT EASIER TO GET INVOLVED WITH ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM

BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL



In March, ARDOT launched a new interactive website for the Adopt-A-Highway Program designed to make it easier to get involved in keeping Arkansas roadways and rights of way clean and beautiful.

“This new website reflects our commitment to making it as simple as possible for Arkansans to engage with the Adopt-A-Highway Program,” ARDOT Director Jared Wiley said. “The easier we make it for people to find opportunities and sign up, the more volunteers we can put along our highways.”

Using an interactive map, the site allows you to view current Adopt-A-Highway volunteer locations throughout the state, identify opportunities to participate, and

submit requests to adopt a segment of highway. Check out the short video above to learn how to sign up.

“Cleaner roadways enhance the natural beauty of our state,” Wiley said. “Every Arkansan who wants to contribute has a place in this effort.”

You can find the new website [here](#). ♦

EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP

BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL



Garland County crew members picked up litter on Highway 70 near Hot Springs.

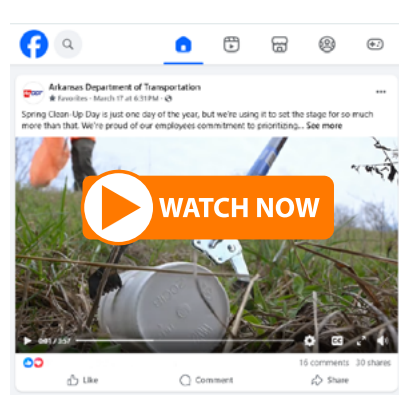
On March 17, all ARDOT maintenance crews and some volunteer office staff spent the workday picking up litter along Arkansas highways during ARDOT's Spring Clean-Up Day initiative. The initiative coincided with ARDOT's first annual Spring Clean-Up Week, March 14-20, and Keep America Beautiful's Greatest American Cleanup, one of the nation's largest community improvement programs. As a certified affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, Inc., Keep Arkansas Beautiful (KAB) facilitates the Greatest American Cleanup in Arkansas.

Although maintenance crews perform litter removal as part of their regular responsibilities, the special initiative was implemented to call attention to Arkansas' litter problem by focusing staff efforts on the same day in all 75 Arkansas counties. Last year, crews collected 6,500 bags of litter during the Spring Clean-Up Day initiative and more than 10,000 bags of litter that week. This year, crews collected more than 14,000 bags of litter on Spring Clean-Up Day and 21,400 bags during the week.

Throughout Spring Clean-Up Week, ARDOT placed special emphasis on litter awareness and education.

From real-time updates of crews out cleaning to posts highlighting ARDOT's partnership with KAB, ARDOT showcased activities and information from the Spring Clean-Up Week each day on its social media accounts.

KAB plays a key role in engaging the public through educational campaigns and community events. It promotes litter prevention, encourages personal responsibility and helps organize large-scale cleanup efforts like the Great American Cleanup in the spring and the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Cleanup in the fall. ♦



EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP



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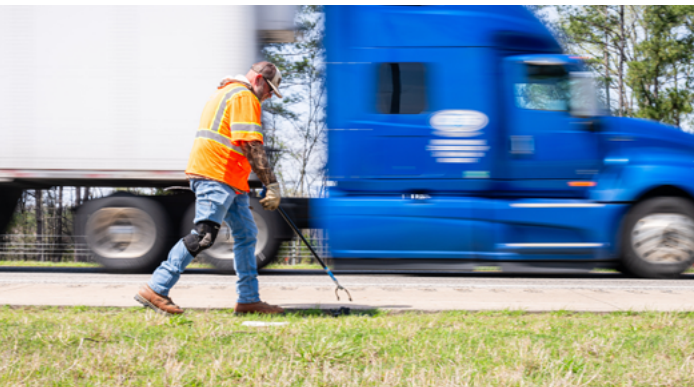


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DISTRICT 10

ARDOT COMMEMORATES 2026 WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK

BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL

ARDOT kicked off Arkansas' Work Zone Awareness Week (WZAW) on April 17 with an event at ARDOT's Fallen Worker Memorial in Little Rock. WZAW, a national awareness campaign to encourage safe driving in highway work zones, is commemorated by State Departments of Transportation across the country each spring at the start of construction season.

Dedicated in October 2025, ARDOT's Fallen Worker Memorial honors the 92 ARDOT employees who lost their lives while on the job. In addition to providing a place for quiet reflection that honors the memory of those employees, it also serves as a permanent reminder for all drivers to slow down and avoid distractions while driving.

"It seemed like a natural place to kick off Arkansas' Work Zone Awareness Week, a week that calls attention to the safety of the men and women who spend their days working in highway construction and maintenance zones," ARDOT Director Jared Wiley said.

Arkansas Lieutenant Governor Leslie Rutledge read Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders' proclamation in honor of WZAW and provided brief remarks. The event also featured remarks from Director Wiley; Arkansas Highway Police Sergeant Shufford Day; and Sandra Skaggs, speaking on behalf of her husband, ARDOT employee Terry Skaggs. Terry was severely injured in a work zone crash that nearly took his life.

Sandra spoke about the day that forever altered the path of her family's life. Sergeant Day spoke from law enforcement's perspective on the cost of committing an offense in a work zone.

Director Wiley unveiled a new documentary produced by ARDOT called "[The Making of a Memorial](#)" about the Fallen Worker Memorial and the individuals it honors. The documentary follows the construction of the memorial, but it also includes interviews with the loved ones of fallen workers. To view the documentary, visit [ARDOT.gov](#).



Director Wiley closed out the event with the presentation of ARDOT's first-ever Safety Partner of the Year award – a special recognition given to an individual or entity that has helped advance work zone safety in Arkansas. This year's Safety Partner of the Year award was given to Park Estes, Executive Director of the Arkansas Asphalt Pavement Association (AAPA).

Following ARDOT's kick-off event on Friday, April 17, National WZAW took place Monday, April 20, through Friday, April 24. Each day of WZAW is assigned a specific theme. This year's schedule included: "Work Zone Safety Training Day" on Monday, the national kick-off event with Connecticut Department of Transportation on Tuesday, "Go Orange Day" on Wednesday, "Social Media Storm Day" on Thursday, and a moment of silence observed nationally on Friday to remember the men and women whose lives were lost in a work zone incident.

In addition, ARDOT hosted an internal Work Zone Awareness Coloring Contest for children and grandchildren of employees. Children ages 12 and under could draw a scene of their choosing as long as it carried the theme "Work Zone Safety at ARDOT." Submissions were shared on social media and can be viewed [here](#).

In its 27th year, this year's WZAW theme was "Safe Actions Save Lives." ♦



JUNE 27TH BENEFITING
CONSTRUCTION ANGELS

MARTIN MARIETTA HATTON QUARRY

 323 Polk Road 15, Cove, AR 71937

REGISTRATION: 6:30-7:00AM • RACE STARTS: 7:30 am



In support of National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW), Riggs CAT invites ARDOT employees to lace up and take part in the Rock N' Run Quarry 5K on Saturday, June 27, 2026.

Open to all experience levels—from first-time walkers to seasoned runners—this event supports Construction Angels of Arkansas and brings participants together for a meaningful cause.

The course winds along the perimeter of the Martin Marietta Hatton Quarry, offering a unique setting

while promoting family values, safety awareness, and ongoing education and support.

Proceeds from the event will directly benefit Arkansas families of construction workers who have lost their lives on the job or in work zones.

For more information or to register, click the button below. ♦



GO ORANGE DAY

To show support for Work Zone Awareness Week, ARDOT staff wore orange on Wednesday, April 22.



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1. ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE – (L. to R.) Kenneth Vigbedor, Security Guard, receives his 5-year Service Award from Hunter Griffith, Security Supervisor.

2. BRIDGE OPERATIONS – (L. to R.) Tori Elliott, Senior Bridge Operations Engineer, receives her 5-year Service Award from Kevin Weston, Bridge Operations Assistant Division Head.

3. MAINTENANCE – (L. to R.) Mina Awadalla, State Facilities Management Engineer, presents Blake Zuber, Facilities Management Project Coordinator, with his 10-year Service Award.

4. MAINTENANCE – (L. to R.) Mina Awadalla, State Facilities Management Engineer, presents Phillip Watkins, Facilities Management Superintendent, with his 20-year Service Award.

5. STATE AID – (L. to R.) Shawn Garner, Engineer, receives his 5-year Service Award from Bryan Freeling, Division Head.

6. TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS – (L. to R.) Brandon Bunting, Traffic Management Center (TMC) Operator, receives his 5-year Service Award from Monica Saffle, TMC Manager.

7. TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS – (L. to R.) Monica Saffle, Traffic Management Center (TMC) Manager, presents Nikki Brown, TMC Operator, with her 10-year Service Award.

8. TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS – (L. to R.) Joe Hawkins, Transportation Systems Management & Operations (TSMO) Division Head, presents Tim Madison, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Specialist, with his 35-year Service Award, with Bobby Allison, ITS Operations Supervisor.

9. TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS – (L. to R.) Shawn McIntire, Data Collection Tech, receives his 10-year Service Award from Bobby Allison, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Operations Supervisor.



10. TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS – (L. to R.) Ben Sears, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Specialist, receives his 5-year Service Award from Bobby Allison, ITS Operations Supervisor.

11. DISTRICT 4 – (L. to R.) Steve Carter, Advanced Bridge Inspector, receives his 15-year Service Award from Bob McEntyre, Senior Bridge Inspector.

12. DISTRICT 4 – (L. to R.) Micah Wilson, Bridge Inspector, receives his 5-year Service Award from Eric West, Senior Bridge Inspector.

13. DISTRICT 7 – (L. to R.) Adam Hall, Crew Leader, presents Sylvester Jackson, Maintenance Specialist, with his 5-year Service Award with Michael Parker, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor. Back row: John Mathis, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

14. DISTRICT 7 – (L. to R.) Phunsha Brock, General Laborer, receives his 5-year Service Award from Donald Crawford, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

15. DISTRICT 8 – (L. to R.) Darrell Carter, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Kenneth McConnell, Maintenance Aide II, with his 5-year Service Award.

16. DISTRICT 8 – (L. to R.) Trey Martinez, Area Maintenance Supervisor, receives his 20-year Service Award from Joe Knight, District Maintenance Engineer.

17. DISTRICT 9 – (L. to R.) Dennis Connors, Equipment Supervisor, presents John Watts, Advanced Mechanic, with his 15-year Service Award.

18. DISTRICT 9 – (L. to R.) Austin Williamson, Maintenance Specialist, Carroll County, receives his 5-year Service Award from Jimmy Morris, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

ON THE JOB



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1. TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS –

Transportation Systems Management & Operations (TSMO) staff gathered with Craig Freke, Senior Traffic Operations Specialist, as he received his 2025 Safety Award. Pictured L. to R.: Brad Hall, Traffic Operations Supervisor; Daniel Read, Traffic Operations Specialist; Steven Jones, Traffic Operations Specialist; Patrick McNamara, Traffic Operations Specialist; Cody Allen, Traffic Operations Specialist; Joshua Thomas, Assistant Traffic Operations Supervisor; Freke, and Lance Thrower, Traffic Operations Specialist.



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2. DISTRICT 1 – Benjamin Vaughn, Advanced Construction Field Engineer, RE 13, received his Professional Engineer license on March 1, 2026. He is a 2021 graduate of the University of Arkansas and began working full time with ARDOT in February 2022.



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3. DISTRICT 4 – Ken Wilson, Resident Engineer, RE 41, retired March 31 with 33 years of service.



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4. DISTRICT 7 – Jeremy Evans, Special Maintenance Supervisor, rescued a pigeon while working at the roto mill stockpile, where District 7 stores piles of millings removed from the road. The bird, since named Millie, was looking for a perch while Evans and crew were operating heavy machinery in the area.

FAMILY FOCUS



1. PLANNING & RESEARCH –

Noah Craig Louviere was born on March 13, 2026, weighing 8 pounds, 9 ounces and measuring 20 inches. He is the son of Seth Louviere, Maintenance Advanced Asset and Pavement Engineer, and Rachel Louviere. He is also the grandson of Cathy Louviere, Planning & Research Office Assistant.

2. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT –

Callie René Curtis was born on March 14, 2026 at 1:44 p.m., weighing 8 pounds, 10 ounces and measuring 20.5 inches. Callie is the granddaughter of Greg Nation, Railroad Coordination Section Head.

3. DISTRICT 6 – Clara Grace Cagle was born on February 18, 2026, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces and measuring 19 inches. Clara is the daughter of Patrick Cagle, Construction Materials Inspector, RE 61.

4. DISTRICT 9 – Sunny Jo Anderson was born on March 11, 2026 at 12:45 p.m., weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces and measuring 18.5 inches. She is the daughter of Eric Anderson, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor, Benton County - Garfield.

The reports listed are from February 24, 2026 to April 14, 2026 unless otherwise noted. The information in this section came from UKG and Human Resources.

NEW EMPLOYEES:

CHIEF ENGINEER FOR PRECONSTRUCTION OFFICE

Janice Young, Executive Assistant

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Peggy Roachell, Office Aide

BRIDGE OPERATIONS

Justin Burrow, Heavy Bridge Repairer; Clay Ingram, Heavy Bridge Repairer

LEGAL

Sharyee Joshua, Legal Aide

MAINTENANCE

Victoria Overton, Maintenance Services Stock Specialist; Jack Riley, Statewide Maintenance Aide I

RIGHT OF WAY

Lamar Eslinger, Relocation Coordinator; Brandi Lingo, Utility Billing Coordinator

ROADWAY DESIGN

Meg Cullum, Senior Engineering Intern

TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS

Jesse Hamilton, TMC Operator; Charles Pages, ITS Specialist; Bart Roper, Data Collection Technician

DISTRICT 1

Tyler Dye, Maintenance Aide I; Bradley Eckert, Maintenance Aide I; Blaise Finley, Maintenance Aide I; Landon Holland, Maintenance Aide I; John Loude, Maintenance Specialist; Aiden Thomas, Maintenance Aide I; Gary Wheeler, Maintenance Aide I; Stephanie Wheeler, Maintenance Aide I; Matthew Wilson, Maintenance Aide I; Charlie Wright, Rest Area Attendant

DISTRICT 2

Michael Anderson, Maintenance Aide I; Brenden Ballard, Skilled Trades Trainee; Trey Bates, Maintenance Aide I; Brandon Carter, Maintenance Aide I; Fino Griffin, Maintenance Aide I; Quen Hines, Maintenance Aide I; Rodney Mays, Maintenance Aide I; Donald Motlok, Maintenance Aide I; Aiden Owens, Maintenance Aide I; Joseph Rogers, Maintenance Aide I; Tommy Warren, Station Attendant; Darion Williams, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 3

Wade Wescott, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 4

Jordan Gramlich, Seasonal Employee; Jacob Guess, Maintenance Aide I; Tommy Meadors, Maintenance Aide I; James Patillo, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 5

Drake Brannon, Maintenance Aide I; Kaden Bray, Maintenance Aide I; Wyatt Buchanan, Maintenance Aide I; Greg Clark, Maintenance Aide I; Dalton Creekmore, Maintenance Aide I; James Reed, Maintenance Aide I; Casey Tate, Maintenance Aide I; Shanda Willmuth, District Clerk

DISTRICT 6

Blake Austin, Bridge Repairer; John Cameron, Bridge Repairer; Damarcus Crawford, Welder; Dallas Harris, Maintenance Aide I; Edgar Holmes, Maintenance Aide I; Amber Mackey, Storeroom Assistant; Miguel Marroquin, Maintenance Aide I; Gabe Richard, Station Attendant; Alex Rogers, Maintenance Aide I; Rustin Thornberry, Maintenance Aide I; John Watson, Maintenance Aide I; William Williams, Tractor Trailer Driver; Tim Wooten, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 7

Cannon Booker, Rest Area Attendant; Stephen Cottrell, Maintenance Aide I; Colby Daniell, Maintenance Aide I; Daniel Davis, Maintenance Aide II; James Jones, Maintenance Aide I; Kerry Kelly, Maintenance Aide I; Gary Lester, District Caretaker; Eathen Montgomery, Maintenance Aide I; Chris Parr, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 8

Keondre Harris, Maintenance Aide I; Danny Keech, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 9

Aaron Kalevik, District Caretaker; Kurt Sledd, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 10

Kenny Cox, Maintenance Aide II; Brad Oliver, Maintenance Aide I; Daniel Roe, Mechanic; Steven Runyan, Maintenance Aide I; Aaron Trammell, Maintenance Aide I

PROMOTIONS:

BRIDGE OPERATIONS

Nathan Lamb, Crew Leader

CONSTRUCTION

Bryan Allen, Inspector; Anthony Cossey, Senior Construction Materials Inspector; Tevin Gullikson, Advanced Construction Aide; Paula Hadaway, Advanced Field Clerk; Janet Harmon, Advanced Field Clerk; Justyn Harper, Construction Project Coordinator; Lynetta Ivey-Reid, Advanced Field Clerk; David Lewis, Construction Project Coordinator; Joe Mills, Construction Project Coordinator; Stephen Nickell, Resident Engineer; Shaun Steele, District Permit Officer; Joanna Stewart, Advanced Construction Systems Technician; Spencer Wendland, Section Head - Construction Payments and Audit

**EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT**

Terry Gill, Fleet Manager

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Joel Davis, IT Fiber Technician

MAINTENANCE

Jubal Davidson, Tractor Trailer Driver; Donald Earl, Tractor Trailer Driver; Benson Hunt, Tractor Trailer Driver; JJ Linn, Tractor Trailer Driver; Leslie Powell, Statewide Maintenance Specialist; Josh Woods, Statewide Maintenance Specialist

MATERIALS

Joseph Darbe, Senior Materials Technician; Pepper Hobby, Advanced Materials Stockroom Coordinator

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Lauren Baker, Advanced Research Assistant

**TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS
MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS**

Cole Eddings, Data Collection Technician

DISTRICT 1

Dennis Carter, Shop Supervisor; James Inman, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor; Vee Moody, Lead Station Attendant; Jessica Moore, Lead Storeroom Assistant

DISTRICT 2

Aaron LaCroix, Maintenance Aide II; Jacob Lay, Maintenance Aide II; Steve Scogins, Maintenance Aide II; BJ Shnaekel, Maintenance Aide II

DISTRICT 3

Jesse Barton, Maintenance Aide II; Chance Tollett, Maintenance Aide II

DISTRICT 4

Ian Bullock, Maintenance Aide II; Jim Cox, Area Maintenance Supervisor; Kyle Glidewell, Maintenance Aide II; Seth Lane, Maintenance Aide II; Cody Nena, Assistant Maintenance

Supervisor; Shane Shepherd, Maintenance Aide II; Zach Shepherd, Maintenance Aide II; Michael Ward, Maintenance Aide II

DISTRICT 5

Jacob Goings, Maintenance Aide II; Cristian Sanchez Perez, Maintenance Aide II; Colton Swint, Maintenance Aide II

DISTRICT 6

Gregory Anderson, Maintenance Aide II; Caleb Bryant, Sr., Crew Leader; Stephanie Murphy, Maintenance Aide II; Sam Steele, Bridge Repairer

DISTRICT 7

Milanda Baugus, Maintenance Specialist; Stephanie Buck, Storeroom Supervisor; John Burch, Maintenance Specialist; Kenneth Calcote, Advanced Welder; Anthony Couch, Tractor Trailer Driver; Truston Dickman, Senior Mechanic; Angela Fry, Office Manager; Cecil Graham, Senior Mechanic; Thomas Jeffus, Shop Supervisor; Donald Pennington, Advanced Mechanic; Robert Swartz, Advanced Body Repairer and Painter; Boyd Woody, Advanced Mechanic; Kenneth Workman, Senior Mechanic; Tyler Yarbrow, Advanced Mechanic

DISTRICT 8

Misty Hartman, Maintenance Aide II; Chris Wright, Maintenance Specialist

DISTRICT 9

Michael Collins, Maintenance Aide II; Chanda Ramsey, Crew Leader; Evan Walden, Maintenance Aide II

DISTRICT 10

Charles Rodgers, Maintenance Aide II

SERVICE AWARDS**CHIEF ENGINEER FOR OPERATIONS
OFFICE**

Chad Adams, Assistant Chief Engineer for Construction, 30+ years

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Chrissy Williams, Office Manager, 20+ years; Montana Yoder, Permit Technician, 5+ years

BRIDGE OPERATIONS

Victoria Elliott, Senior Bridge Operations Engineer, 5+ years

CONSTRUCTION

Payton Andrews, Advanced Construction Aide, 5+ years; Brian Bratcher, Construction Project Coordinator, 35+ years; Josue Castellanos Barba, Advanced Systems Engineer, 5+ years; Dalton Champagne, Resident Engineer, 10+ years; Angie Davis, Advanced Resident Office Technician, 10+ years; Justyn Harper, Construction Project Coordinator, 10+ years; Angela King, Advanced Field Clerk, 5+ years; Joe Mills, Construction Project Coordinator, 25+ years; Hailey Nesbitt, Advanced Construction Aide, 5+ years; Sherrye Osban, Resident Office Technician, 15+ years; Chance Pace, Advanced Construction Aide, 5+ years; Brooksanne Parker, Advanced Construction Aide, 5+ years; Hayden Phillips, Inspector, 5+ years; Powell, Construction Aide, 20+ years; Jason Rogers, Construction Materials Inspector, 5+ years; Cara Smith, Resident Office Technician, 30+ years; James Swain, Inspector, 5+ years; Andy Tackett, Staff Construction Engineer, 15+ years

ENVIRONMENTAL

Clint Hutcheson, Lead Natural Resources Specialist, 30+ years

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Ryan Hughes, IT Server Administrator, 10+ years; Ronald Mitchell, IT Infrastructure Administrator, 40+ years; Ryan Robinson, IT Application Support Analyst, 5+ years; Joshua Witherspoon, IT Security Analyst, 5+ years

MATERIALS

Bobbie Jordan, Senior Geotechnical Engineer, 25+ years

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Jake Mashburn, Senior Planning Data Specialist, 5+ years

RIGHT OF WAY

Melody Maxey, Lead Relocation Coordinator, 5+ years; Kevin White, Division Head, 30+ years

SURVEYS

Robert Blankenship, Surveys Crew Supervisor, 25+ years; Richard Flagg, Surveys Aide, 15+ years; Mike Lyon, Photogrammetry Technician, 30+ years

**TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS
MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS**

Brandon Bunting, Senior TMC Operator, 5+ years; Tara Dixon, System Information Analyst, 15+ years

DISTRICT 1

John Phillips, Landscape Technician, 15+ years

DISTRICT 2

Dimitri Anderson, Crew Leader, 10+ years; Glenda Arnold, Area Headquarters Attendant, 5+ years; Sonya Lindsey, Maintenance Aide II, 25+ years; Damien Tippie, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ years; Travis Watkins, Maintenance Aide II, 25+ years; Richard Womack, Mechanic, 5+ years

DISTRICT 3

Phillip Brady, Bridge Maintenance Superintendent, 10+ years; Dawson Calhoun, Bridge Inspector, 5+ years; Reginald Eaton, Advanced Welder, 5+ years; Delbert Henry, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ years; Heath Jones, Maintenance Aide II, 10+ years; David Morton, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 35+ years

DISTRICT 4

Kevin Jones, Crew Leader, 5+ years; Austin Newsom, Maintenance Specialist, 5+ years; Jerry Trotter, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 20+ years; Thomas Tucker, Crew Leader, 10+ years

DISTRICT 5

Billy Ashley, Lead Bridge Repairer, 5+ years; Walton Fulks, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor, 20+ years; Tahkodah Harmon, Mechanic, 5+ years; Bob Long, Maintenance Aide II, 10+ years

DISTRICT 6

Jonathan Meek, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor, 5+ years

DISTRICT 7

Anthony Herndon, Maintenance Specialist, 30+ years

DISTRICT 8

Travis Sisco, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 25+ years; Jacob Whitmire, Maintenance Specialist, 15+ years; James Williams, Maintenance Aide II, 10+ years; Tommy Woody, Crew Leader, 15+ years

DISTRICT 9

Dusty Bryant, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor, 20+ years; Brandon Morgan, Advanced Bridge Inspector, 15+ years; Wacey Watts, Advanced Mechanic, 15+ years; Austin Williamson, Maintenance Specialist, 5+ years

DISTRICT 10

Leo Elliott, Crew Leader, 10+ years; Robert Losh, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor, 30+ years; Joseph Velasquez, Maintenance Specialist, 5+ years

RETIREMENTS:**ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE**

Afton Fletcher, Patrol Officer First Class, 6+ years; David Harris, Lieutenant, 33+ years

CONSTRUCTION

George Wilson, Resident Engineer, 33+ years

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

David Fulmer, Mechanic, 27+ years

MATERIALS

Mark Greenwood, Laboratory Coordinator, 38+ years

RIGHT OF WAY

James Ward, Senior Right of Way Project Manager, 13+ years

DISTRICT 1

Russell Hathcock, Maintenance Aide II, 9+ years; John Vandesteeg, Maintenance Aide II, 10+ years

DISTRICT 2

John Nelson, Maintenance Specialist, 12+ years

DISTRICT 3

Adrian Alvarez, Maintenance Specialist, 19+ years; Dennis Burke, Advanced Body Repairer and Painter, 14+ years

DISTRICT 4

David Lawson, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor, 29+ years; Serrita Pense, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor, 28+ years

DISTRICT 5

Johnny Jason, Advanced Area
Headquarters Attendant, 17+ years

DISTRICT 7

Rhonia Krisell, Office Manager,
29+ years

DISTRICT 8

Gordon Parham, Area Maintenance
Supervisor, 33+ years

DISTRICT 9

Heath Dillon, Maintenance Aide II,
8+ years; Timothy Hedrick,
Maintenance Specialist, 5+ years;
Doyle Williams, Lead Bridge Repairer,
9+ years

DISTRICT 10

Charles Schroeder, Maintenance
Aide II, 18+ years

MEMORIALS:
PLANNING & RESEARCH

Cameron Webb, 02/20/2026, Active;*
Debbie McVay, 03/20/2026, Retired

SURVEYS

Timothy Shaw, 04/12/2026, Retired

**SYSTEMS INFORMATION &
RESEARCH**

James Key, 3/26/2026, Retired

DISTRICT 2

Evan Gray, 02/17/2026, Active;*
Paul Cater, 3/22/2026, Retired;
Ed Thompson, 04/01/2026, Retired

DISTRICT 3

Linda Page, 03/26/2026, Retired

DISTRICT 4

Anita Jordan, 3/22/2026, Retired

DISTRICT 6

Joseph Rigsby, 3/15/2026, Retired

DISTRICT 7

Percy Walker, 3/10/2026, Retired

DISTRICT 8

Willard Williams, 03/26/2026, Retired

DISTRICT 9

William Phillips, 3/11/2026, Retired;
Marcia Roberts, 3/19/2026, Retired

DISTRICT 10

Paul Ervin, 3/3/2026, Retired

**Previously listed in the ARDOT People section of the March 2026 Centerline Newsletter.*



EVAN GRAY, III

DECEMBER 19, 1973 – FEBRUARY 17, 2026

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With profound reverence and heartfelt sorrow, Mr. J. Morrill Gray and the devoted staff of Paradise Funeral Home humbly announce the homegoing of our beloved Mr. Evan Gray, III.

Though the shadow of death has passed over, we stand firm in the eternal promise that death does not have the final word. For the Word declares, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (1 Corinthians 15:55). Mr. Gray has not been lost to us but has been received into the everlasting arms of our Lord, where there is no more pain, no more sorrow, and no more tears.

While our hearts grieve his physical departure, our spirits rejoice in the blessed assurance that he now rests in the presence of the Almighty. Love endures beyond the veil of mortality, and Mr. Gray's spirit lives on—radiant and free—having exchanged his earthly tent for a heavenly dwelling.

Mr. Evan Gray, III was born December 19, 1973 who was a beloved son of Evan Gray, Jr., and the late Chrstine Washington, in Little Rock, Arkansas. He peacefully transitioned from his earthly temple to his heavenly body on February 17, 2026.

Mr. Evan Gray, III accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age.

Mr. Evan attended school in Houston School District and later received his diploma in the Star City School District. He enjoyed playing football, watching his favorite NFL team the Las Vegas Raiders on Sundays, DJing and being around family. Evan was a respectful young man and would go out of his way to help others.

Mr. Evan Gray, III worked for Cemex in Stafford, Texas for over 20 years before moving back to Arkansas, where he later became a volunteer firefighter and started working at ARDOT Department of Transportation in Star City, Arkansas.

Mr. Evan Gray, III, was married to Christina Pleasant in Holy Matrimony on July 8, 2023.

Mr. Evan Gray, III leaves to cherish his precious memories his wife Christina Pleasant Gray of two years, four boys, Evan Gray IV, Tyreik Gray, Aaron Gray and a bonus son Ja’Korey Thomas, all of Houston, Texas. Two bonus daughters Legacie Thomas and Jonte Collins of Houston, Texas, Mr. Evan has two loving devoted parents: Evan Gray, Jr., and his bonus mom Irene Gray of Grady, Arkansas, and a loving mother in love Sonja Pleasant of Kentwood, LA. He leaves behind five brothers Tyrone Gray of Katy, Texas, Bobby Washington (Shanikqua), Jarvis Gray of Houston, Texas, Otis Sanders of Katy, Texas, Demetrius Gray of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, two bonus brothers Earl Robinson (Lawonda) of Katy, Texas, Marcus Haynes of Grady, Arkansas. Two sisters Crystal Lewis (Larry) of Houston, Texas, Shonda Gray of Winston, Salem, NC, three bonus sisters Alicia Haynes Teresa Ajao (Olutunde Ajao) Of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Sherry Bolden of Winston Salem, NC. This includes his fond memories of five grandchildren, a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



CAMERON D. WEBB, JR.

JULY 6, 2003 – FEBRUARY 20, 2026

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In loving memory of Cameron D. Webb Jr. (Little Rock, Arkansas), who departed this world on February 20, 2026 at the age of 22. Cameron leaves behind a legacy remembered by family and friends.

As we bid Cameron farewell, let us not mourn the absence of his physical form, but rather celebrate the essence of his spirit that lingers in the spaces between moments. For Cameron is not truly gone, but merely transformed, his energy intertwined with the fabric of the universe itself, forever dancing among the stars.