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**SEPTEMBER 4
THURSDAY**
Springdale Bypass
Phase Two/XNA
Connector Road
Ribbon Cutting
Springdale
9 AM

**SEPTEMBER 7
MONDAY**
Labor Day
Offices Closed

**SEPTEMBER 16
WEDNESDAY**
Arkansas Highway
Commission Meeting
Virtual Biennium Meeting
10 AM

**SEPTEMBER 22
TUESDAY**
Lunch & Learn
Benefits & Insurance
Central Office Auditorium
Little Rock
12:15 PM

**SEPTEMBER 23
WEDNESDAY**
ARDOT Bid Letting

**SEPTEMBER 29-
OCTOBER 1
TUESDAY-THURSDAY**
Maintenance and
Equipment Conference
DeGray Lake State Park Resort

**OCTOBER 6
TUESDAY**
Lunch & Learn
ADA Compliance
Central Office Auditorium
Little Rock
12:15 PM

**OCTOBER 6-8
TUESDAY-THURSDAY**
Southeastern Regional
Rodeo Finals
Hampton, Virginia

**OCTOBER 14
WEDNESDAY**
Arkansas Highway
Commission Meeting
Central Office
Little Rock
10 AM

**OCTOBER 21
TUESDAY**
ARDOT Blood Drive
Central Office Auditorium
Little Rock
9:30 AM

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BRZESKI NAMED SHOP SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 3

Steven Brzeski was named Shop Supervisor for District 3, effective May 16, 2026.

Brzeski began his career with ARDOT as a Mechanic in November 2017. He was promoted to Senior Mechanic in August 2024. ♦

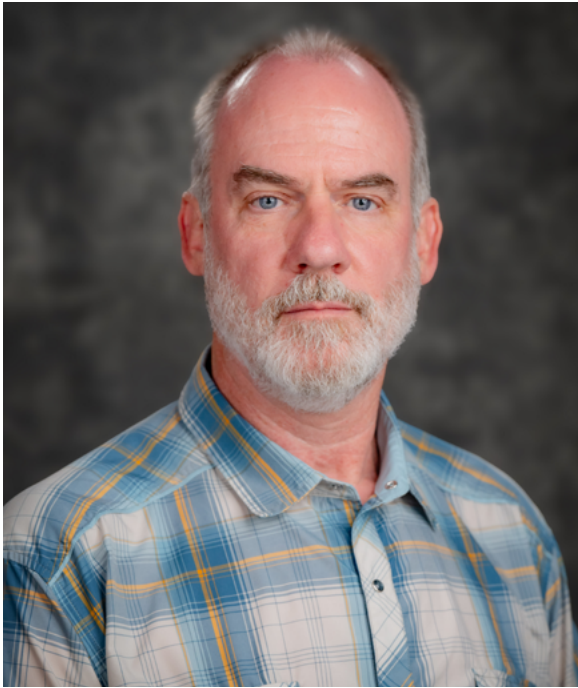
COULTER NAMED CONTENT AND MEDIA SECTION HEAD, COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Ellen Coulter was named Section Head of Content and Media for the Communications Division, effective July 25, 2026.

Coulter began her career with ARDOT in October 2021 as the Media Communications Manager. Prior to joining the Department, she served as the Director of Communications for the Downtown Little Rock Partnership and the Deputy Director of Communications for St. Louis County Government in St. Louis, Missouri. Coulter has also served as Editor and Producer for multiple media outlets.

Coulter has a master's degree in public administration from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. She also has a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Arkansas. ♦





ELKINS NAMED DIVISION HEAD, SURVEYS

Thomas Elkins was named Division Head of the Surveys Division, effective July 25, 2026.

Elkins began his career with ARDOT as a Civil Engineering Technician in the Surveys Division in July 1992 and became Surveys Technician I in September 1993. He advanced to Land Surveyor II in June 2011 and Assistant Division Head of Surveys in January 2015.

Elkins has a bachelor's degree in surveying from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. He is a Licensed Professional Land Surveyor. ♦

HALL NAMED DIVISION HEAD, PLANNING & RESEARCH

David Hall was named Division Head for the Planning & Research Division, effective July 25, 2026.

Hall began his career with ARDOT as a Civil Engineer in the Roadway Design Division in January 2002. He advanced to Staff Surveys Engineer in March 2013 and Division Head of Surveys in December 2014.

Hall has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Arkansas. He is a Registered Professional Engineer and a Licensed Professional Land Surveyor. ♦





HENSON NAMED DISTRICT MAINTENANCE ENGINEER, DISTRICT 1

Donnie Henson was named District Maintenance Engineer in District 1, effective May 30, 2026.

Henson began his career with ARDOT as a Civil Engineer I at the Resident Engineer Office in West Memphis in June 1992. He followed the engineering career path and was promoted to Resident Engineer in District 1 in January 2022.

Henson has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Christian Brothers University. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. ♦

ISBELL NAMED AREA MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 6, LONOKE COUNTY

Jonathan Isbell was named Area Maintenance Supervisor for District 6, Lonoke County, effective May 2, 2026.

Isbell began his career with ARDOT as a Maintenance Aide I in May 2016. He followed the maintenance career path and was promoted to Assistant Maintenance Supervisor on the Pulaski County Crew in December 2025. ♦





MCMATH CORONEL NAMED KEEP ARKANSAS BEAUTIFUL SECTION HEAD, COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

During this year's Fiscal Session, the Arkansas State Legislature passed a bill to transfer the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission from the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism to ARDOT. As a result, McKenzie McMath Coronel assumed the role of Section Head for the Office of Keep Arkansas Beautiful within the Communications Division, effective July 1, 2026.

In this role, McMath Coronel will continue to manage initiatives that support beautification, conservation, environmental education, and community partnerships across Arkansas.

McMath Coronel has a master's degree in strategic communications from Arkansas State University and a bachelor's degree in cultural anthropology from the University of Arkansas. ♦

MAYERNICH NAMED APPRAISALS SECTION HEAD, RIGHT OF WAY DIVISION

Jeffrey Mayernich was named Section Head of Appraisals for the Right of Way Division, effective August 3, 2026.

Mayernich has served as Regional Chief Appraiser for the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) since October 2019. In addition to his experience with TDOT, he has two decades of appraisal service ownership and expertise.

Mayernich has a bachelor's degree in communications from Western Illinois University. He is a Certified General Real Estate Appraiser in Tennessee. ♦





RAGLAND NAMED DISTRICT MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT, DISTRICT 9

Joseph Ragland was named District Maintenance Superintendent in District 9, effective June 27, 2026.

Ragland began his career with ARDOT as a Single Axle Truck Driver in September 2002. He followed the engineering career path and was promoted to Area Maintenance Supervisor, District 9, Searcy County in November 2021.

Ragland has a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from the University of Arkansas Grantham. ♦

SISK NAMED EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT OFFICER, EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT DIVISION

Jessica Sisk was named Equipment & Procurement Officer for the Equipment & Procurement Division, effective July 25, 2026.

Sisk began her career at ARDOT in October 2018 as an Application Developer in the Information Technology (IT) Division. She was promoted to IT Application Services Manager in April 2019.

Sisk has a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. ♦





WESTON NAMED ASSISTANT DIVISION HEAD, EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT DIVISION

David Weston was named Assistant Division Head of the Equipment & Procurement Division, effective July 25, 2026.

Weston began his career with ARDOT in August 2006 as a Traffic Designer in the Maintenance Division. He was promoted to Sign Shop Supervisor a few months later and Senior Traffic Investigator in January 2011. Weston held various titles before being promoted to Senior Sign Developer/Designer in June 2021, Section Head of Traffic Services in January 2022, and Assistant State Maintenance Engineer in July 2023.

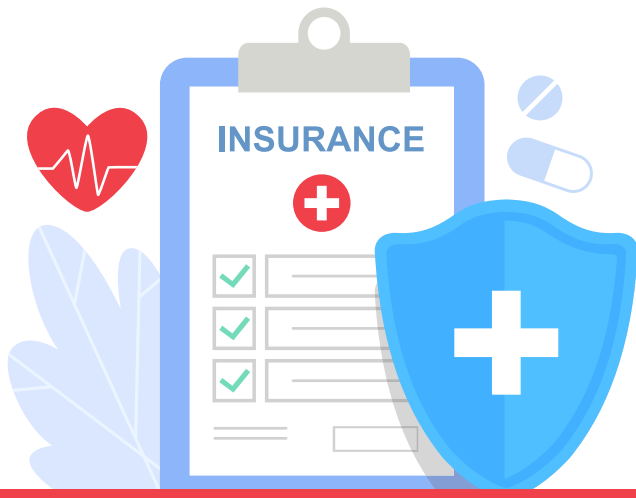
Weston has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Arkansas. ♦

WHITBEY NAMED AREA MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 8, CONWAY COUNTY

Chris Whitbey was named Area Maintenance Supervisor for District 8, Conway County, effective May 30, 2026.

Whitbey began his career at ARDOT as a Single Axle Truck Driver in District 8 in December 2004. He followed the maintenance career path and was promoted to Assistant Maintenance Supervisor on the District Sealing Crew in June 2025. ♦





INSURANCE OPEN ENROLLMENT

It's that time of year again.

Open enrollment for insurance will run from

OCTOBER 1 – OCTOBER 31, 2026

During this period, you can:

- Enroll in a health insurance plan
- Add or drop coverage for a spouse and/or dependents (please provide necessary documentation, such as birth certificates, marriage licenses, or spouse affidavits for any new dependents)
- Change your plan level
- Cancel your coverage

If you do not make any changes during this period, your current coverage will automatically carry over into the 2027 plan year. Any modifications made will take effect on January 1, 2027.

Check your email for details on rates and plan changes.

SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS:

Enrollment for supplemental benefits (including Dental, Vision, Life, Aflac, etc.) also will be open from October 1 to October 31, 2026.

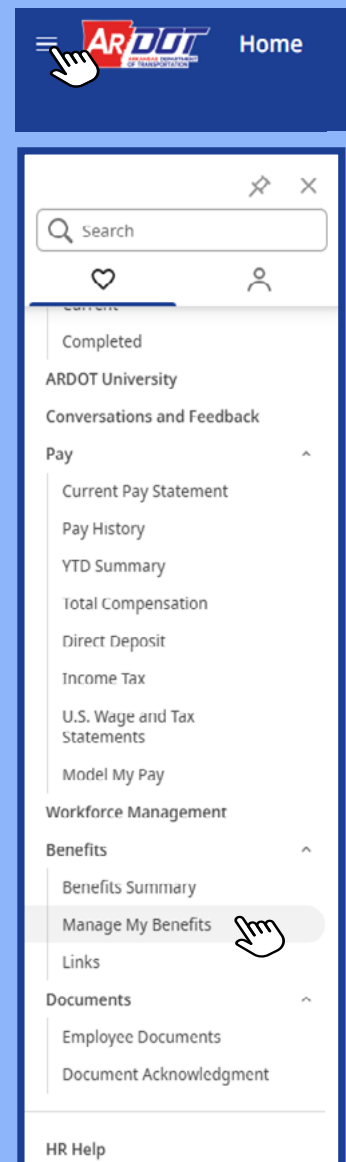
This is the only time of year when you can add, change, or cancel these benefits.

Please review your benefits in UKG and make any necessary changes before October 31, 2026. For more information on supplemental benefits, please go through the open enrollment process in UKG (Benefits/Manage My Benefits), call us at 501-569-2417, or [click here for a guide on UKG open enrollment](#).

FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS:

If you wish to participate in a Flexible Spending Account for 2027, you must **enroll by October 31, 2026**, through UKG (Benefits/Manage My Benefits). Failure to make an election by this deadline will result in no Flexible Spending Account for 2027. ♦

UKG Benefits Manage My Benefits



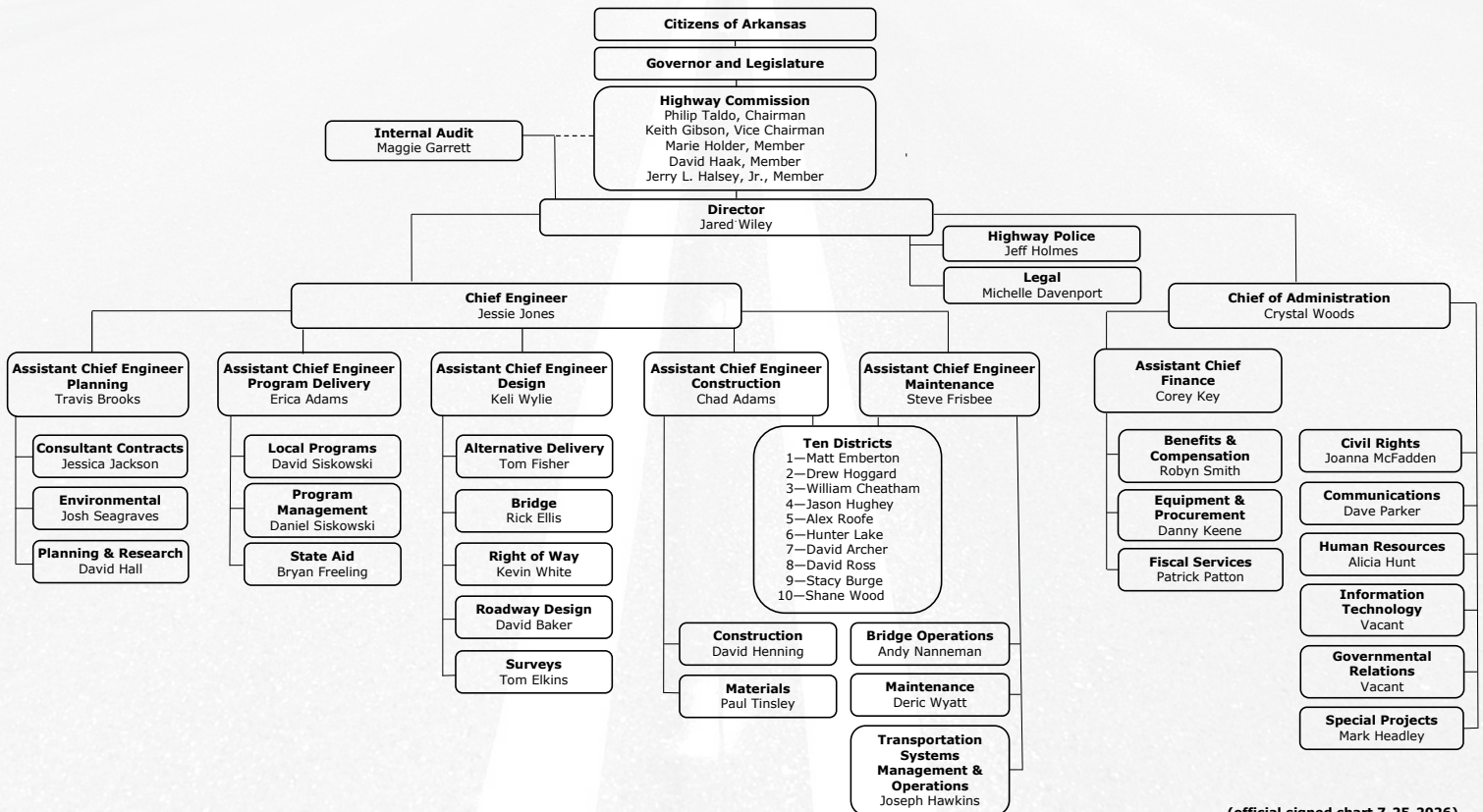


ORGANIZATIONAL CHART UPDATE

The updated ARDOT organizational chart became effective July 25, 2026, and is now available on the [ARDOT website](#).

Photos and biographies of the Department's Administration are also available on the [Administration webpage](#).

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION CHART



(official signed chart 7-25-2026)

VIDEO TELLS THE HISTORY OF ARDOT

BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL



Broadway Bridge dedication in the 1920s

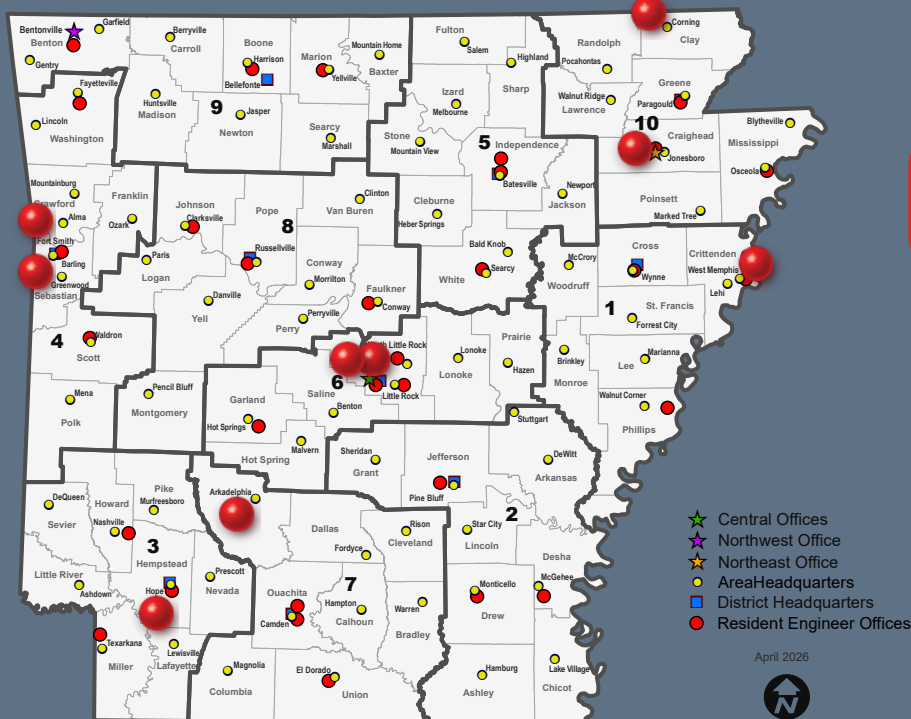
As part of the onboarding experience for new employees, the Department has created a new “History of ARDOT” [video](#). The video takes viewers through the early days of the Department and explains how ARDOT is organized. It highlights key milestones in ARDOT’s history, including how ARDOT’s organizational structure changed with the Mack-Blackwell Amendment to the Arkansas Constitution, the Arkansas Highway Police’s history and role within the Department, the role of the Arkansas

Highway Commission, ARDOT’s various name changes, and how the Department is funded.

The video connects ARDOT’s history to its consistent mission of delivering a modern transportation system to enhance safety and quality of life in Arkansas. As an onboarding tool, it will help new employees better understand how their work contributes to that mission. It can also be used to help citizens better understand who ARDOT is.



FACILITIES UPDATE



Buildings that have either been acquired or are currently being remodeled or constructed include the following:

- New Resident Engineer office under construction in Crittenden County in West Memphis
- New Maintenance Headquarters in Sebastian County in Greenwood
- New Northeast Arkansas office in Jonesboro
- Building purchase in Arkadelphia that will be renovated into a Resident Engineer office for District 7
- Recently completed remodel of Arkansas Highway Police District 3 Hope Weigh Stations
- Remodeling Arkansas Highway Police District 4 Alma Weigh Stations
- Closure of Corning Welcome Center and remodeling for use as a new Clay County Area Maintenance Headquarters
- Design for a new District 6 Headquarters is near completion, as plans for phased construction are being developed
- Currently remodeling the 5th and 6th floors in the Central Office Tower

BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL

ARDOT owns over **600** buildings statewide, many of which were built in the 1950s and 1960s. Although they have "good bones," many of the buildings are aging and in need of updates. Earlier this year, District Engineers and the Facilities Management team began a statewide assessment of all ARDOT facilities. This assessment will help determine which facilities need renovations and updates.

The team will develop a cost estimate for proposed renovations and updates, suggest options for consideration, and prioritize facility needs. Some options have already been suggested, including:

- New flooring, interior finishes, windows, and restroom renovations for some of the Area Maintenance Headquarters and Resident Engineers' offices
- Expanded office/crew space using current shop bays
- Using metal buildings to build new or larger shops/bays to replace those taken up by office expansions
- Creating a statewide carpentry crew for some of the remodel work

For more information, view Director Wiley's 2026 Facilities Update [video](#) posted on April 15. ♦

SASHTO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL

ARDOT Director Jared Wiley announced the 2026 recipients of ARDOT's Southern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) scholarships in a [video](#) released on August 4.

Each year, ARDOT awards scholarship funds to qualified dependents of ARDOT employees and retirees to help with secondary education expenses. Dependents of employees who lost their lives serving the public are granted an automatic scholarship award. The remaining recipients are chosen by a random drawing.

ARDOT is a member of SASHTO, a regional group of 16 transportation departments. SASHTO provides funds from its annual conference for use in member states' scholarship programs.

This year, ARDOT had 82 applicants and awarded 30 scholarships of \$500 each for the fall semester of 2026. One scholarship was automatically awarded to Zoe Watts, daughter of ARDOT fallen worker Kirk Watts, a Maintenance Aide on the Searcy County crew. The other 29 recipients are listed below. ♦

Student	School	Parent	Location
Parker Bennett	University of Arkansas	Kenny Bennett	District 3
Lily Campbell	University of Central Arkansas	Jason Campbell	District 9
Malia Campbell	University of Arkansas at Little Rock	Twandria Campbell	Program Management
Toby Campbell	University of Central Arkansas	Jason Campbell	District 9
Bryan Chun	University of Arkansas	Sanghyun Chun	Planning & Research
Brycen Cox	University of Arkansas at Fort Smith	Trent Cox	District 4
Grace Dailey	University of Arkansas	Chris Dailey	Construction
Victoria Davis	University of Central Arkansas	Chad Davis	District 4
Clara Forrester	University at Albany	Terry Forrester	District 1
Evan Garrett	University of Arkansas at Little Rock	Melissa Garrett	Human Resources
McKenzie Garrison	College of the Ozarks	Darlene Garrison	Human Resources
Jaden Gramlich	Arkansas Tech University	Nicky Gramlich	District 4
Matthew Hightower	Black River Technical College	Justin Hightower	District 5
Sophie Love	Arkansas Tech University	Brandon Love	District 5
Makiah Martin	Philander Smith University	Stephanie Martin	Civil Rights
Jackson Mason	Arkansas State University	Mark Mason	District 6
Julia Mayben	University of Arkansas	Ted Mayben	District 8
Maddie Melhorn	Arkansas Tech University	Chris Melhorn	Surveys
Luke Rainwater	Arkansas Tech University	Marcus Rainwater	District 4
Shelby Ratcliff	University of Arkansas at Hope-Texarkana	Aaron Ratcliff	District 3
Hunter Rook	Henderson State University	Phillip "Lloyd" Rook	District 7
Elisha Rushing	Harding University	Nick Rushing	District 5
Sophie Seaton	Arkansas State University at Newport	Jason Seaton	District 5
Destiny Sutterfield	University of Arkansas at Little Rock	Jeff Upton	District 9
Carson Thornsberry	University of Central Arkansas	Darryn Thornsberry	District 4
Kendall Tooke	National Park College	Todd Tooke	District 2
Jasmine Waits	South Arkansas College	Andrew Waits	Surveys
Levi Ward	University of Arkansas at Fort Smith	Mike Ward	District 4
Brock Williams	University of Arkansas	Jason Williams	District 4

SPIRIT DAY

OCTOBER 29 • MVP COMPETITION • CALLING ALL FANS



WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM'S JERSEY & BRING YOUR BEST TAILGATE RECIPE

SUBMIT 3 GROUP PHOTOS OF YOUR MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS BY NOVEMBER 5

**SCAN TO
ENTER MVP
COMPETITION**





Employee **CAR SHOW**



OCTOBER 29 • STATEWIDE • 10 AM - 2 PM

**SCAN TO
REGISTER
VEHICLE**



WILL BE HELD ON SPIRIT DAY

NEW PEOPLE'S CHOICE COMPETITION

DEADLINE TO REGISTER - OCTOBER 22

2026 SUMMER INTERNS

BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL



Each summer, ARDOT hosts an intern orientation at the Central Office campus in Little Rock. This year's orientation was July 21 and 22.

ARDOT welcomed 102 interns, including 61 new interns and 41 returning interns from 16 in-state colleges and universities, 11 out-of-state colleges and universities, and one high school graduate headed to college.

First-year intern Kendrick Hawkins, a student at Arkansas State University, interned in District 1 at Resident Engineer (RE) Office 14. He said the best part of the orientation was meeting and interacting with other interns.

"It's just seeing the other interns in my same position," he said. "You know, we're from different areas, but we're all here for the same reason, interning, trying to gain experience, trying to set ourselves up for the future."

Students learned about what the Department does, its history, job benefits and compensation, and received general career advice. They participated in tours of facilities and an interactive Q & A session, attended a networking dinner and breakfast, and took a group photo. Staff presentations included "[A Day in the Life of an Engineer](#)," "[Public Service](#)," and "[History of ARDOT](#)" videos.

Second-year intern Lexa Jobe, a student at the University of Arkansas, interned in District 4 at RE Office 43.

"My favorite part was going through the Materials Lab – I didn't realize it would be so big and encompass so much," Jobe said. "They walked us through everything and had things set out – like tools they use, and some of the samples and cores. It is a huge lab."

This year's orientation also included a new element – human trafficking awareness training. As a key initiative for 2026, ARDOT has implemented a comprehensive training program to equip all 4,000-plus employees with the knowledge to recognize indicators of human trafficking and understand proper reporting procedures.

Each year, intern orientation gives students the opportunity to meet leaders from across the Department and get a closer look at the many career paths available at ARDOT through hands-on demonstrations and tours of departments and divisions. The program is designed to encourage students to make the most of their time as interns and encourage them to consider a career at ARDOT after graduation. ♦



ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE OFFICERS COMPETE IN INSPECTORS COMPETITION

BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL

On June 25, Arkansas Highway Police (AHP) officers competed in the 2026 Arkansas Inspectors In-Service Training Competition in Rogers. The competition is held each year as part of the Arkansas Trucking Association's (ATA) Arkansas Trucking Championship event. ATA provides the facility and the equipment, as well as judges for the interview portion of the event. In turn, AHP provides judges and other volunteers to help staff ATA's competition the following day.

In its 21st year, the competition gives AHP officers the chance to sharpen skills they use every day on the job and the opportunity to learn from industry professionals. This year, 10 AHP officers participated in the event, which included three inspections: a Level One Inspection, Motorcoach Inspection, and a Hazardous Materials Inspection. Competitors were also scored on an interview and a written test.

An overall winner, or Grand Champion, is selected each year. The Grand Champion is the person with the highest final score from the total of all the competition categories and competes in the North American Inspectors Championship (NAIC), the national competition.

"They get joy out of coming up here and competing," AHP Major Jeff Smith said. "And to get to go to the national competition."

Patrolman First Class (PFC) Zach Hall from AHP District 1 was selected as this year's Grand Champion and represented AHP in the 2026 NAIC in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in August.

First place winners were selected in each inspection event. PFC Cutler Taylor, a member of AHP's High Enforcement Area Team (HEAT), placed first in Level One Inspection; PFC Brian Yeager, from AHP District 2, placed first in Motorcoach; and PFC Natasha Condrey, from AHP District 2, placed first in Hazardous Materials.

"This is actually my third time to compete – it isn't nearly as nerve-wracking this time around, but it still always gets your nerves up a little bit," PFC Yeager said.

One of AHP's primary responsibilities is inspecting large trucks and commercial vehicles. This annual training competition provides officers with a different way to hone their skills, something they take seriously as protectors of Arkansas' infrastructure. ♦



PFC Zach Hall, Grand Champion
with AHP Chief Jeff Holmes



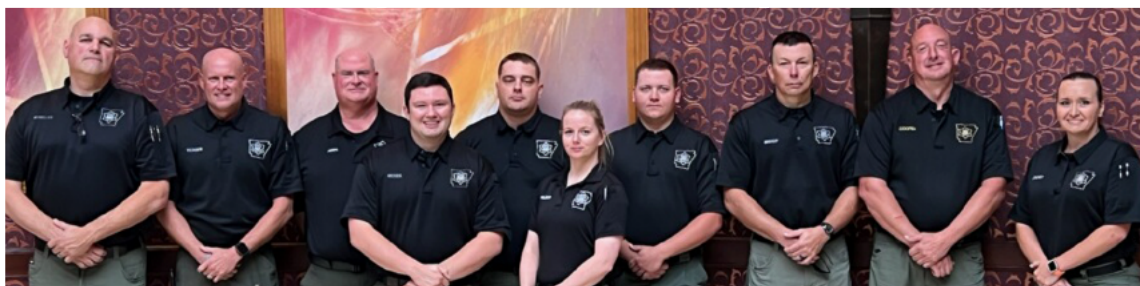
PFC Cutler Taylor, First Place,
Level One Inspection



PFC Brian Yeager, First Place,
Motorcoach Inspection



PFC Natasha Condrey, First Place,
Hazardous Materials Inspection



(L. to R.): CPL Marc Winkler, PFC Brian Yeager, CPL Stephen Jones, PFC Dillion McGee, PFC Zach Hall, PFC Taylor Wilson, PFC Cutler Taylor, PFC Tom Bishop, SGT Jay Cooper, PFC Natasha Condrey

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOWCASE



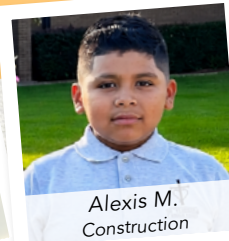
BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL



Maliyah B.
Information Technology



James C.
Communications



Alexis M.
Construction



Camila E.
District 10

To celebrate the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year, Human Resources organized a Back-to-School Showcase in August, highlighting ARDOT's students and families.

ARDOT employees submitted photos of their preschool, kindergarten, elementary, middle school, high school, or college students, along with information about their schools, to create personalized Back-to-School Showcase graphics featuring their student(s). The photos will also be featured in a special Poppulo feature and on the Visual Communication Systems screens. Participating employees also received a copy of their personalized graphic.

ARDOT wishes all of our students and families a wonderful 2026-2027 school year!

Keep an eye out for a Poppulo email featuring the Back-to-School Showcase.



NEW EXTERIOR LIGHTING SYSTEM AT CENTRAL OFFICE

BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL



New exterior architectural lighting has been installed at the ARDOT Central Office and will be used to illuminate the main tower building during nighttime hours for improved visibility. In addition, the color of the lights can be changed to create color displays. As a default, the lights display as white.

“By putting the LED colors in, we’re able to do different colors, such as for Work Zone Awareness Week when we can color it in orange and other different events such

as holidays,” Steve Frisbee, Assistant Chief Engineer for Maintenance, said.

The color of the lights will be changed to create displays in honor of federally observed holidays and government, transportation, public safety, public service, and other agency-related initiatives. The lighting has already been used in a red, white, and blue display to celebrate Independence Day and in solid blue to support Human Trafficking awareness. ♦



WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS 30 JULY

On Thursday, July 30, ARDOT employees wore blue in recognition of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, an international observance that encourages governments around the world to work together to prevent human trafficking, support survivors, and hold offenders accountable. ARDOT's participation supports the Department's commitment to combat human trafficking through year-round awareness and education. ♦

COMMUNICATIONS



HUMAN RESOURCES



INTERNAL AUDIT



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WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS 30 JULY



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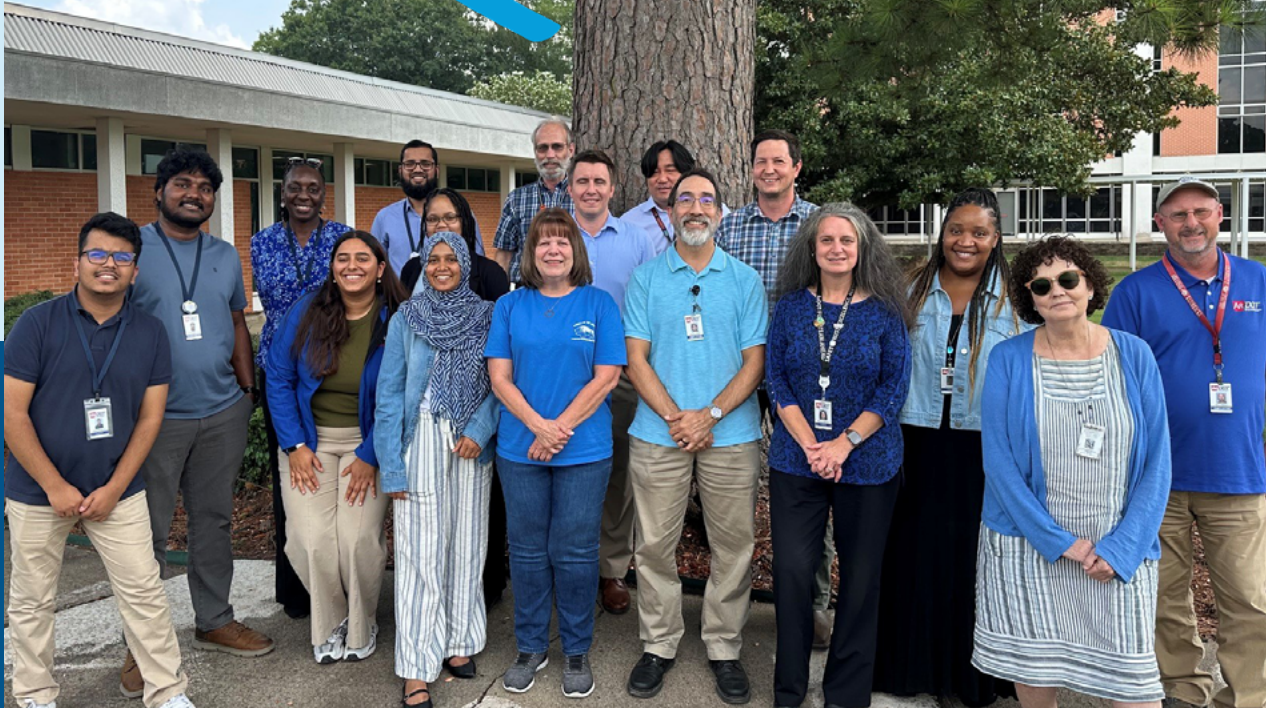
NEA SATELLITE
OFFICE



NWA SATELLITE OFFICE



WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS 30 JULY



PLANNING & RESEARCH



PROGRAM MANAGEMENT



**WORLD DAY AGAINST
TRAFFICKING
IN PERSONS
30 JULY**



RIGHT OF WAY



ROADWAY DESIGN





WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS 30 JULY



DISTRICT 1



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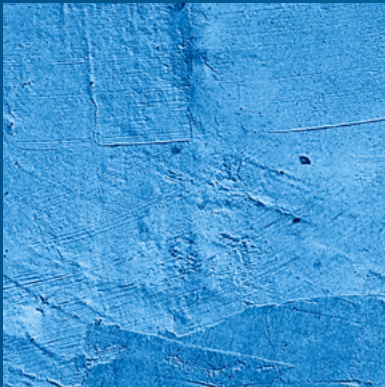
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WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS 30 JULY

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DISTRICT 3





WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS 30 JULY



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DISTRICT 4



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WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS 30 JULY



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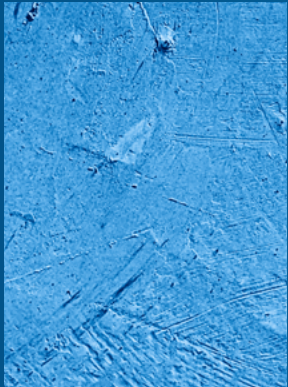


DISTRICT 7



WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS 30 JULY

DISTRICT 8



DISTRICT 8

DISTRICT 9



DISTRICT 10



1. EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT – (L. to R.) Mike Edmison, Body Repairer & Painter, receives his 5-year Service Award from Danny Keene, Division Head.

2. EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT – (L. to R.) Trey McCarty, Senior Mechanic, receives his 5-year Service Award from Danny Keene, Division Head.

3. EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT – (L. to R.) Tim Provence, Equipment Specialist, receives his 5-year Service Award from Danny Keene, Division Head.

4. MAINTENANCE – (L. to R.) Keith Ross, System Information Supervisor, with Cressandra Mahone, System Information Pavement Technician, as she receives her 15-year Service Award from Director Jared Wiley.

5. PLANNING & RESEARCH – (L. to R.) Travis Brooks, Assistant Chief Engineer for Planning, presents Ryan DeVasher, Advanced

Transportation Planning Engineer, with his 5-year Service Award, with John Lasley, Assistant Division Head.

6. PLANNING & RESEARCH – (L. to R.) Travis Brooks, Assistant Chief Engineer for Planning, presents Jake Mashburn, Senior Planning Data Specialist, with his 5-year Service Award, with John Lasley, Assistant Division Head.

7. PLANNING & RESEARCH – (L. to R.) Travis Brooks, Assistant Chief Engineer for Planning, presents John Lasley, Assistant Division Head, with his 10-year Service Award.

8. STATE AID – (L. to R.) Benjamin Faeth, Advanced Design Engineer, receives his 10-year Service Award from Bryan Freeling, Division Head.

9. STATE AID – (L. to R.) Justin B. Mitchell, Senior Design Engineer, receives his 5-year Service Award from Bryan Freeling, Division Head.



10. DISTRICT 1 – (L. to R.) Austin Crain, Advanced Bridge Inspector, receives his 5-year Service Award from Drew Melton, Senior Bridge Inspector.

11. DISTRICT 1 – (L. to R.) Matt Emberton, District Engineer, presents Kyle Gaskin, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor, with his 10-year Service Award.

12. DISTRICT 1 – (L. to R.) Matt Emberton, District Engineer, presents Helen Kennon, Security Guard, with her 20-year Service Award with Therese Yarnold, Office Manager.

13. DISTRICT 2 – (L. to R.) Steve Frisbee, Assistant Chief Engineer for Maintenance, presents Drew Hoggard, District Engineer, with his 20-year Service Award, with Rex Vines, Chief Engineer for Operations.

14. DISTRICT 3 – (L. to R.) Vince Brzeski, Sign Crew Supervisor, presents Noah Privett, Maintenance Aide II, with his 5-year Service Award.

15. DISTRICT 3 – (L. to R.) Chopper Moore, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor, receives his 15-year Service Award from Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer.

16. DISTRICT 3 – (L. to R.) Heath Jones, Maintenance Aide II, receives his 10-year Service Award from Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer.

17. DISTRICT 3 – (L. to R.) Brandon Otis, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor, receives his 10-year Service Award from Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer.

18. DISTRICT 3 – (L. to R.) Kenneth McClure, Maintenance Specialist, receives his 5-year Service Award from Carl Jensen, Area Maintenance Supervisor.



19. DISTRICT 5 – (L. to R.) Alex Roofe, District Engineer, presents Brad Fuls, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor, with his 20-year Service Award.

20. DISTRICT 5 – (L. to R.) Alex Roofe, District Engineer, presents Daniel McCord, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor, with his 15-year Service Award.

21. DISTRICT 5 – (L. to R.) Alex Roofe, District Engineer, presents Travis Middleton, Shop Supervisor, with his 10-year Service Award.

22. DISTRICT 5 – (L. to R.) Alex Roofe, District Engineer, presents Richard Moore, Advanced Construction Aide, RE 52, with his 5-year Service Award.

23. DISTRICT 5 – (L. to R.) Alex Roofe, District Engineer, presents Tonya Thomson, Area Headquarters Attendant, with her 5-year Service Award.

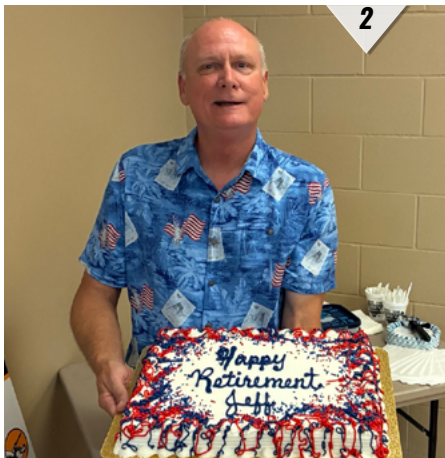
24. DISTRICT 5 – (L. to R.) Alex Roofe, District Engineer, presents Zachary Adams, Advanced Bridge Inspector, with his 5-year Service Award.

25. DISTRICT 5 – (L. to R.) Alex Roofe, District Engineer, presents Colton Collins, Construction Aide, with is 5-year Service Award.

ON THE JOB



1. MATERIALS – Pepper Hobby, Advanced Materials Stockroom Coordinator; Bobbie Jordan, Senior Geotechnical Engineer; Tammy Jernigan, Quality Assurance Engineer; and Dwayne Cale, Assistant Division Head, are looking festive in July.



2. DISTRICT 4 – District 4 employees gathered to wish Jeff Jones, Senior Bridge Inspector, a happy retirement on July 30, 2026.



3. DISTRICT 7 – Dylan Bryant, Advanced Mechanic, training Sherri Key, Lead Storeroom Assistant, to use the forklift.

4. DISTRICT 7 – Mark Ferns, Maintenance Aide II, found a creative way to deal with the heat – he fashioned a cover out of duct tape and an umbrella.



MISCELLANEOUS



1. MATERIALS – Matt Green, Senior Geotechnical Engineer, caught a 25 pound striped bass on Lake Ouachita on July 26.

FAMILY FOCUS



1. EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT – Naomi Riverlynn McCarty was born on June 6, 2026, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces and measuring 19 inches. Naomi is the daughter of Trey McCarty, Equipment & Procurement Senior Mechanic, and the granddaughter of Christie Williams, District 2 Maintenance Specialist.

2. PLANNING & RESEARCH – Krishala Kairos Bharati was born on May 19, 2026, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces. He is the son of Sudhir Bharati, Engineer.

The reports listed are from June 12 to August 12, 2026 unless otherwise noted. The information in this section came from UKG and Human Resources.

NEW EMPLOYEES:

CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Lavana Cunny, Executive Assistant

BRIDGE

Shawn Chen, Engineer

CIVIL RIGHTS

Corey Johnson, Lead Internal Civil Rights Coordinator

COMMUNICATIONS

Caden Key, Media and Communications Intern; April Kiser, Affiliate and Community Education Coordinator; McKenzie McMath Coronel, Section Head - Keep Arkansas Beautiful Program; Natalie Porier, Customer Service Representative - TMC; Robyn Taylor, Keep Arkansas Beautiful Program Coordinator

CONSTRUCTION

Nick Bonner, Engineer; Drew Calhoun, Construction Aide; Avery Clark, Construction Aide; Leslie Cole, Construction Office Specialist; Daniel Cooksey, Construction Aide; Josh Dowler, Construction Aide; Carter Shelton, Construction Aide; Kevin Sullivan, Engineer

ENVIRONMENTAL

Cody Besett, Historian; Arik Scapellato, Archeologist

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

Rebecca Mills, Purchasing Clerk; Alyssa Overton, Fleet Management Analyst

FISCAL SERVICES

Gokulchand Mallampati, Accounting Business Analyst

HUMAN RESOURCES

Chastity Scifres, Senior HR Specialist

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Truate Bearden, IT Security Analyst; Cooper Eubanks, Information Technology Intern; Darius Kennedy, IT Support Specialist; Ryan Kim, Information Technology Intern

INTERNAL AUDIT

Srujana Sirimala, IT Auditor

LEGAL

Katie Meister, Attorney I; Tristam Thompson, Legal Aide

MAINTENANCE

Tamarcus Benjamin, Statewide Maintenance Aide I; Cale Cornett, Statewide Maintenance Aide I; Carey James, Janitor; Elijah Jones, Nighttime Janitorial Supervisor; Marko Makar, Skilled Trades Trainee; Bryce Snider, Advanced Engineering Intern; Lane Sullivan, Statewide Maintenance Aide I; William Tucker, Skilled Trades Trainee

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Cory Ruff, Engineer

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Abdallah Alrawashdeh, Engineer; Jocelyn Navarrete, Program Management Accountant

RIGHT OF WAY

Aaron Graulau, Utilities Coordinator; Krista Hunnicutt, Utilities Coordinator; Jeffrey Mayernich, Section Head - Appraisals

TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS

Ayo Johnson, TMC Dispatcher; Anthony McLain, TMC Dispatcher; Mike Wilkins, TMC Operator

DISTRICT 1

Angel Cash, Maintenance Aide I; Kaden Dixon, Maintenance Aide I; Mia Durham, Maintenance Aide I; Russell Fitts, Maintenance Aide I;

Quincy Gatewood, Maintenance Aide I; Gavin Griggs, Maintenance Aide I; Keshard Harris, Maintenance Aide I; Chris Henry, Maintenance Aide I; Kiyon Hillard, Maintenance Aide I; Terrance Lamb, Maintenance Aide II; Phillip Odom, Maintenance Aide I; Randall Parker, Maintenance Aide I; Kim Taylor-Hunt, Rest Area Attendant

DISTRICT 2

Matthew Braswell, Maintenance Aide I; Jake Conner, Maintenance Aide I; JD Daniels, Maintenance Aide I; Brent James, Mechanic; Benjamin Shepherd, Maintenance Aide I; Landen Shirey, Maintenance Aide I; Hunter Smith, Maintenance Aide I; Izell Tyler, Maintenance Aide I; Zakyler Walker, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 3

Steven Bass, Mechanic; Andrew Black, Maintenance Aide I; Crayson Drews, Maintenance Aide I; Tyler Harrison, Maintenance Aide I; Jimmy House, Maintenance Aide I; Michael McKinnon, Maintenance Aide I; Paul Melton, Maintenance Aide I; Ryan Roberts, Maintenance Aide I; Allen Rose, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 4

Dustin Carter, Maintenance Aide I; Domenic Helms, Maintenance Aide I; Emily Tylor, Area Headquarters Attendant

DISTRICT 5

Jeremy Ashby, Maintenance Aide I; Cody Brewer, Maintenance Aide I; Hunter Clark, Maintenance Aide I; Shannon Ellis, Maintenance Aide I; Caleb Holliman, Maintenance Aide I; James Owens, Maintenance Aide I; Alex Spiker, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 6

Charles Birmingham, Mechanic;
Marty Breshears, Maintenance Aide I;
Nicholas Castillo, Station Attendant;
Aidan Daniel, Storeroom Assistant;
Dallas Hamilton, Maintenance Aide I;
Cody Hoffman, Maintenance Aide I;
Colby Leatherwood, Maintenance
Aide I; Ryan Parish, Maintenance
Aide II; Roland Rodriguez, Rest
Area Attendant; Holden Roper,
Maintenance Aide I; Nicholas
Winters, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 7

Zech Bush, Maintenance Aide I;
Jason Doggett, Maintenance Aide I;
Tae Foreman, Maintenance Aide I;
Hunter Gatlin, Maintenance Aide I;
Josh Greason, Maintenance Aide I;
Tyree Kendrick, Maintenance Aide I;
Zach McGhee, Rest Area Attendant;
Dusty Morgan, Maintenance Aide I;
Micah Singleton, Maintenance Aide I;
Aaron Stephens, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 8

Kyle Boyd, Maintenance Aide I;
Thomas Cowell, Maintenance Aide I;
Zachary Dipman, Maintenance Aide I;
AJ Gaines, Maintenance Aide I; Rocky
Gann, Maintenance Aide I; Cody
Harmon, Maintenance Aide I; Wash
Simon, Maintenance Aide I; Steven
Standridge, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 9

Malijah Campbell, Maintenance
Aide I; Toby Campbell, Seasonal
Employee; Wyatt Cross, Maintenance
Aide I; Dustin Garner, Maintenance
Aide I; Allen Hames, District
Caretaker; Jesse Hicks, Maintenance
Aide I; Isaac Marler, Maintenance
Aide I; Daniel Pokorny, Maintenance
Aide I; Jim Raley, Maintenance Aide I;
Donald Sims, Maintenance Aide I;
Kale Thomason, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 10

Gavin Clairday, Maintenance Aide I;
Lee Eason, Tractor Trailer Driver;
Justin Robinson, Maintenance Aide I

PROMOTIONS:

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Al Brown, Sergeant; Cordell Horton,
Senior Permit Technician; Jessica
Sears, Advanced Permit Technician;
Jeffrey Smith, Major; Michael Smrt,
Captain

BRIDGE OPERATIONS

Cash Harrison, Lead Heavy Bridge
Repairer

COMMUNICATIONS

Holly Butler, Assistant Section
Head - Communications; Ellen Coulter,
Section Head - Content and Media;
Hannah Wright, Assistant Section
Head - Presentations

CONSTRUCTION

Hayden Anderson, Senior Inspector;
Bryan Bennett, Advanced
Construction Aide; Michael Boyett,
Inspector; Patrick Cagle, Senior
Construction Materials Inspector;
Joseph Ferguson, Construction
Project Coordinator; Keith Hatfield,
Construction Project Coordinator;
Dustin James, Inspector; Dakota
Lawson, Inspector; Chance Pace,
Construction Materials Inspector;
Ryan Reeves, Advanced Construction
Aide; Aaron Richard, Advanced
Construction Field Engineer; Joshua
Smith, Advanced Construction Aide;
Krista Smith, Advanced Field Clerk;
Ira Steed, Inspector; Jeff Taylor,
Senior Inspector; Benjamin Vaughn,
Assistant Resident Engineer; Keith
White, Senior Inspector; Timmy
Wilson, Senior Inspector

ENVIRONMENTAL

Charles Bonet, Architectural Historian

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

Mason Majors, Lead Storeroom
Assistant

HUMAN RESOURCES

Travis Nelson, Senior Health and
Safety Officer

INTERNAL AUDIT

Stephanie Wyatt, Staff Auditor

LOCAL PROGRAMS

Ashley Smith, Staff Engineer Local
Project Administration

MAINTENANCE

Hunter Cash, Central Office
Caretaker II; Kenyon Threadgill,
Statewide Maintenance Specialist

MATERIALS

Harrison Foreman, Advanced
Geotechnical Aide; Bradley McCollum,
Senior Geotechnical Aide

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Hadiza Issaka Diamballa, Planning
Technician; John Trissell, Planning
Technician

RIGHT OF WAY

Mandy Baker, Advanced Title
Clerk; Raynard Heaggans, Lead
Beautification Coordinator; Skye
Jamell, Utility Billing Coordinator;
Hunter Lacy, Property Manager;
Melanie Treat, Lead Beautification
Coordinator

STATE AID

Beth Covay, Advanced Design
Engineer; Shawn Garner, Advanced
Design Engineer; Caleb Marshall,
Advanced Design Engineer

SURVEYS

Chris Porier, Photogrammetry
Technician

DISTRICT 1

Tyler Dye, Bridge Repairer; Theo Melton, Maintenance Aide II; John Wolverton, Maintenance Aide II; Charlie Wright, Landscape Technician

DISTRICT 2

James Jacobs, Maintenance Aide II; Michael Rhodes, Maintenance Aide II; Mark Yenor, Maintenance Aide II

DISTRICT 3

Dawson Calhoun, Advanced Bridge Inspector; Braylon Liggin, Maintenance Aide II; Jordan Porter, Maintenance Specialist; Lynn Rather, Maintenance Specialist

DISTRICT 4

Jeffrey Sims, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor; Robbie Wey, Welder

DISTRICT 5

Drake Brannon, Maintenance Aide II; Tyler Carl, Maintenance Specialist; Joseph Means, Maintenance Aide II; Daniel Smith, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor

DISTRICT 6

Steven Calhoun, Maintenance Specialist; Brayden Coble, Lead Bridge Repairer; Dylan Haynes, Maintenance Aide II; Jacob Littleton, Tractor Trailer Driver; Nathan Schultz, Crew Leader; Anthony Smith, Maintenance Specialist; Hoyt Tomlinson, Maintenance Aide II; Britten Umholtz, Maintenance Specialist; Johnathon Weaver, Maintenance Specialist; John Whitehead, Maintenance Specialist

DISTRICT 7

Jermaine Chambers, Maintenance Specialist; Daniel Davis, Maintenance Specialist; Michael Hughes, Maintenance Aide II; Paul Lindsey, Maintenance Specialist; Eric Lovette, Lead Station Attendant; Aidan Stocks, Maintenance Specialist

DISTRICT 8

Carl Andrews, Senior Mechanic; Jacob Biffle, Mechanic; Jody Boyd, Maintenance Aide II; Lee Bratton, Maintenance Aide II; Joey Chavez, Rest Area Attendant II; Clayton Duncan, Maintenance Aide II; Easton Edmisten, Maintenance Aide II; Vincent Morton, Senior Mechanic; Michael Standridge, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor; Kenny Townsend, Maintenance Aide II; Steven Wright, Maintenance Aide II; Andrew Young, Senior Mechanic

DISTRICT 9

Curtis Barnett, Maintenance Aide II; Jason Campbell, Area Maintenance Supervisor; Jacob Moody, Maintenance Aide II; Joey Ragland, District Maintenance Superintendent

DISTRICT 10

Andrew Blair, Maintenance Aide II; Zachary Gilbee, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor; Scott Greenwood, Maintenance Aide II; Kiandre Jackson, Maintenance Aide II; Luke Murphy, Maintenance Aide II; Danny Olive, Maintenance Aide II; Jeffrey Swanner, Maintenance Aide II; Evan Vassar, Maintenance Aide II; Jason Vulner, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor

SERVICE AWARDS

BENEFITS & COMPENSATION

Cabrina Drake, Payroll Specialist, 15+ years

BRIDGE OPERATIONS

David Greenwood, Staff Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer, 10+ years

CONSTRUCTION

Michael Boyett, Inspector, 5+ years; Brandy Brown, Advanced Construction Aide, 10+ years; Kyle Chandler, Engineering Technician,

5+ years; Colton Collins, Construction Aide, 5+ years; Tim Cotton, Senior Inspector, 15+ years; Shelby Cox, Field Clerk, 5+ years; Felice Dennis, Advanced Resident Office Technician, 10+ years; Cody Holland, Construction Project Coordinator, 30+ years; Abrie Jewell, Advanced Field Clerk, 5+ years; Brad Langston, Construction Project Coordinator, 25+ years; Lesli Lumpkin, Advanced Subcontract Administrator, 30+ years; Richard Moore, Advanced Construction Aide, 5+ years; Amos O'Connor, Senior Inspector, 25+ years; Paris Thompson, Advanced Construction Aide, 10+ years; Terry Tice, Construction Project Coordinator, 15+ years; Aaron Vanderzwalme, Senior Inspector, 25+ years; Toby Ward, Construction Project Coordinator, 35+ years; Jason Williams, Assistant Resident Engineer, 25+ years; Daniel Witherell, Advanced Construction Field Engineer, 5+ years; Samantha Wizer, Advanced Field Clerk, 5+ years

CONSULTANT CONTRACTS

Camille Moyer, Consultant Specialist, 25+ years

ENVIRONMENTAL

Linda Demasi, Section Head - GIS/Data Management, 25+ years; Susan Staffeld, Lead Environmental Impact Analyst, 15+ years

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

Daniel Keene, Division Head, 40+ years; Trey McCarty, Senior Mechanic, 5+ years; Blake Robinson, Advanced Mechanic, 5+ years; Bob Sheldon, Mechanic Assistant, 20+ years

FISCAL SERVICES

Randy Kelley, Accounting Specialist, 5+ years; Hans Sterl, Accounting Specialist, 5+ years

HUMAN RESOURCES

Jayson Thompson, Assistant Section Head - Health and Safety, 20+ years

LOCAL PROGRAMS

Danny Chidester, Public Transportation Safety and Security Officer, 30+ years

MAINTENANCE

Johnathon Mormon, Staff Maintenance Engineer, 25+ years

MATERIALS

Stan Bates, Advanced Geotechnical Aide, 20+ years

RIGHT OF WAY

Adam Martin, Lead ROW Plans Designer, 10+ years

STATE AID

Benjamin Faeth, Advanced Design Engineer, 10+ years; Justin Mitchell, Senior Design Engineer, 5+ years

SURVEYS

Bartley McMillen, Photogrammetry Technician, 5+ years; Zachary Powell, Surveys Crew Supervisor, 15+ years; Ilie Stefan, Advanced Surveys Technician, 25+ years; Kaili Teeter, Photogrammetry Technician, 5+ years

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Mark Headley, Special Projects Coordinator, 35+ years

TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS

David Sitton, Data Collection Technician, 40+ years

DISTRICT 1

Curtis Burnett, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 25+ years; Allen Davis, Maintenance Specialist, 20+ years; Terry Forrester, Maintenance Aide II, 15+ years; Kyle Gaskin, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor, 10+ years; Jack Lewis, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ years

DISTRICT 2

John Brown, Crew Leader, 5+ years; James Ferguson, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor, 20+ years; Shurun Jenkins, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 20+ years; Cole Keese, Crew Leader, 5+ years; Chase Wells, Maintenance Specialist, 5+ years; Shaun White, Senior Mechanic, 10+ years

DISTRICT 3

Collin Chambless, Tractor Trailer Driver, 5+ years; Gary Faulkner, Special Maintenance Superintendent, 25+ years; Kenneth Gollinger, Crew Leader, 45+ years; Adam Jones, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ years; Brandon Otis, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor, 10+ years

DISTRICT 4

Rodney Graham, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 20+ years; Shane Reeves, District Maintenance Superintendent, 35+ years; Caleb Schork, Maintenance Specialist, 5+ years; Matthew Talbot, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ years; Camden Waldron, Bridge Inspector, 5+ years

DISTRICT 5

Dustin Heiskill, Maintenance Specialist, 5+ years; Scott McCoy, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 20+ years; Travis Middleton, Shop Supervisor, 10+ years; Tonya Thomson, Area Headquarters Attendant, 5+ years

DISTRICT 6

Dustin Davis, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 30+ years; Dustin Frankson, Crew Leader, 20+ years; Brandon Isom, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ years; Terry Skaggs, Maintenance Aide II, 10+ years

DISTRICT 7

Curtis Bearden, Maintenance Specialist, 15+ years; Jonathan

Fullenwider, Maintenance Aide II, 10+ years; Cecil Graham, Senior Mechanic, 5+ years; Dona Mosley, Advanced Area Headquarters Attendant, 10+ years

DISTRICT 8

Timothy Defoor, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ years; Brian Jackson, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor, 30+ years; Allen James, Maintenance Specialist, 15+ years; Eric Kennedy, Advanced Bridge Inspector, 10+ years; Joseph Nutt, Advanced Area Headquarters Attendant, 10+ years; David Pruitt, Tractor Trailer Driver, 25+ years; Heath Watson, Tractor Trailer Driver, 20+ years

DISTRICT 9

Kelly Bullock, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor, 10+ years; Bryan Marshall, Lead Bridge Repairer, 5+ years; Collin McCullough, Maintenance Specialist, 10+ years

DISTRICT 10

Jeffery Baney, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ years; Shannon Luke, District Construction Engineer, 35+ years; Dalton Tate, Maintenance Aide II, 10+ years

RETIREMENTS:

CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Jewell Rapier, Executive Assistant, 6+ years; Kevin Thornton, Chief of Administration, 40+ years

CHIEF ENGINEER OFFICE

Michael Fugett, Assistant Chief Engineer for Design, 40+ years; Rex Vines, Chief Engineer for Operations, 33+ years

CONSTRUCTION

Timothy Eaker, Construction Project Coordinator, 38+ years

**EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT**

Debbie Provence, Lead Storeroom Assistant, 3+ years

FISCAL SERVICES

Julian Moore, Accounting Assistant, 16+ years

MATERIALS

Donnie Thornton, Geotechnical Drill Crew Supervisor, 32+ years

DISTRICT 3

Cody Henry, Rest Area Attendant, 16+ years; Whitney McCarley, Area Headquarters Attendant, 29+ years

DISTRICT 4

Jeffrey Jones, Senior Bridge Inspector, 38+ years

DISTRICT 5

Gary Seymore, Mechanic, 7+ years

DISTRICT 7

Billy Dickinson, Rest Area Attendant, 15+ years

DISTRICT 8

Luke Cowsert, Maintenance Aide II, 15+ years; Kenneth McConnell, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ years

DISTRICT 9

Bobby Keeton, District Maintenance Superintendent, 31+ years

DISTRICT 10

Kathy Chesser, Advanced Area Headquarters Attendant, 29+ years; David Danaho, Maintenance Specialist, 15+ years

MEMORIALS:**ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE**

Floyd Cates, 6/28/2026, Retired;
James Johnson, 7/18/2026, Retired

CONSTRUCTION

Janice Burnette, 8/3/2026, Retired;
James Smith, 6/29/2026, Retired

INTERNAL AUDIT

Philip Device, 7/2/2026, Retired

RIGHT OF WAY

James Gaither, 6/27/2026, Retired;
William Garner, 7/27/2026, Retired

SURVEYS

Leon Holland, 8/1/2026, Retired

DISTRICT 5

Bobby Hughes, 6/23/2026, Retired;
Donald Newberry, 7/19/2026, Retired

DISTRICT 6

Robert Cordell, 7/2/2026, Retired;
David Wilson, 6/23/2026, Retired

DISTRICT 7

Curtis Christopher, 6/6/2026, Retired;
Betty Ethridge, 7/14/2026, Retired

DISTRICT 10

Jimmy Smith, 7/9/2026, Retired