Operations Awards

The Belle Fourche Area Office received the **Annual Outstanding Area Construction Award for 2012 - Statewide**. The Operations Review Team chooses this award each year based on the following criteria: performance of the engineer, field, technicians, interns, and seasonals on the project; orderliness and completeness of the project file; project documentation; timeliness in completing CCO’s and estimates; ability to work with the contractor, safety, teamwork, knowledge and implementation of the specifications of the project; up to date with erosion control measures and documentation; and timeliness of review response.

Pictured left to right are: Front: Les Hermann, Jim Dorfschmidt, and Tim Rose. Back Row: Adam McMahon, Matt Stevens, Tim Hughes, Josh McBurnett, Ron Rothermel, Bob Murray, Mike Carlson and Joel Flesner. Not pictured is Nicholas Williams.

Safety Awards

Morris Grosz, Supervisor

Faulkton: Jerry Kopecky, Bonnie McCloud, Jeffrey Bryant & Mark Gupman

Ipswich: Michael Steen, David Shoultz, Clarence Gauer, and Jeremiah Horst

Leola: Terry Hoffman, Jason Kallenberger, Alan Wurtz, and Alan Wimer

Most Improved Unit Statewide and Best Maintenance Unit in the Aberdeen Region

Unit 152 - Leola, Ipswich, Faulkton
Safety Awards

Best Maintenance Unit in the Mitchell Region
Unit 291 - Beresford / Junction City

Craig Smith, Mitchell Region Engineer, Gerald Hansen, Supervisor
Beresford: Lyle Norling, John Sackett, Brian DuBois and Jeffrey Protzman
Junction City: Richard Jahn, Todd Kirkie, Darin Brandt, William Brown, Trevor Job, Brian Steffen, Tyler Small, Brad Steeneck

Robert Shannon, Supervisor

McIntosh: Kenneth Gruhlke, Garth Hansen and Charles Haynes
Isabel: Jay Boldt, Anthony Reinbold, Robert Kern, Dan Assman
Eagle Butte: James Brooks, Tiny Martin, Thane Brooks, Robert Joaquin

Best Maintenance Unit in the Pierre Region
Unit 372 - McIntosh, Isabel, Eagle Butte
Safety Awards

Best Region Operations
Rapid City

Best Region Maintenance
and Best Region Statewide
Rapid City
(not pictured)

Best Area Maintenance
and Best Area Operations
Belle Fourche

Best Maintenance Unit in the
Rapid City Region
and Best Unit Statewide
Unit 471 Belle Fourche,
Buffalo, Newell

Rick Walton, Supervisor
Belle Fourche: Michael Sanders, Greg Dvorak, Richard Bartels, Paul Hill, Robert Carrico
Buffalo: John Helms, Bryce Matthews, Don Moelter, Shinabarger
Newell: Randy Jaukkuri, Billy Heidrich, Rodney Wamsher
The SDDOT held its Snowfighter ROADEO in the fall of 2012. Maintenance forces from all four Regions put their driving skills to the test by maneuvering a 60,000+ snowplow through an obstacle course simulating alley’s, vehicles, sharp corners, and a cul-de-sac. The top five scorers from each Region advanced to the finals in Pierre on Oct. 10-11. This event was brought back after a 6 year hiatus. The roadeo is a chance for the drivers to brush up on their driving skills and network with co-workers they don’t get to see on a regular basis. During the event employees also participated in safety and equipment training and could get their health screenings and flu shots.

More photos of the Roadeo are available on the M: drive:  M:\DOT\Common\DOTPictures&Logos\ROADEO 2012
Roadeo - Mitchell Region

Driving Results:
1st - Lyle Norling - Unit 291 (left)
2nd - Chris Voelker - Unit 271 (2nd from left)
3rd - Chad Budde - Unit 253 (not pictured)
4th - Brad Steeneck - Unit 291 (3rd from left)
5th - TIE: Curt Theisen - Unit 271 (right)
and John Huber - Unit 292 (not pictured)

High Unit average: Unit 291 – Junction City/Beresford

Trailer Backing:
Jay Mueller (Unit 252) perfect score of 75 pts

Truck Weight Guessing:
Bruce Crumb (Unit 271) guess the brine truck (41000 lbs) and was only 112 # off. He guessed 41112 lbs.

Roadeo - Pierre Region

Driving results:
1st – Jay Boldt Unit 372 Isabel (right)
2nd – Myles Fairbanks Unit 391 Murdo (2nd from right)
3rd - Bonnie Davidson Unit 392 White River (center)
4th - Chad Hintz Unit 371 Selby (2nd from left)
5th – Rod Lillebo Unit 391 Presho (left)

Rookie of the Year:
Chris Riggins – Unit 398 Kadoka

Truck Weight Guessing:
Jerry Willert - Unit 398 Kadoka

Other Awards

Left: Gov. Dennis Daugaard receives the “Best of the Rest” award
Right: Trevor Jones, Secretary, Department of Public Safety (center), receives the “Worst of the Rest” award
Driving Results
1st - Shayne Hagen – Unit 492 Oelrichs (center)
2nd - Randy Jaukkuri – Unit 471 Newell (right)
3rd - Paul Nelson – Unit 451 Deadwood (2nd from right)
4th - Gary Stender – Unit 491 Custer (2nd from left)
5th - TIE - Lee Rouillard – Unit 492 (left) Oelrichs and Mat Butsavage – Unit 472 Bison (not pictured)

Loader Competition
1) Kenneth Gednalske – Unit 491 Custer

TEAM AWARDS – SMALL SHOP
1) UNIT 471 – Newell Shop
Billy Heidrich, Randy Jaukkuri, Rodney Wamsher

TEAM AWARDS – LARGE SHOP
1) UNIT 452 – Rapid City Shop
Jeff Holden, Al Horst, Fred Moninger, Lloyd Nickels, Tom Nowell, Kraig Scherr, Roger VonEye

TRUCK WEIGHT ESTIMATE WINNER
Rick Walton – Unit 471 Belle Fourche

Driving Results: (shown left to right in photo)
1st - Mike Thielen from Brookings, Unit 171
2nd - Bruce Thiewes from Clear Lake, Unit 171
3rd - Vinny Dargartz from Webster, Unit 151
4th - Scott Hanson from Sisseton, Unit 172
5th - Terry Hoffman from Leola, Unit 152

Best Unit Scores:
Unit 102 - Mike Rydeen and Jim Bahr
Unit 151 - Vinny Dargartz and Lynn Zunke
Unit 152 - Terry Hoffman and Jeremiah Horst
Unit 171 - Mike Thielen and Bruce Thiewes
Unit 172 - Scott Hansen and Pat Deutsch
Unit 191 - Dave Jennings and Dale Albright
Unit 192 - Jim Stephenson and Robert Hanson

Best Unit Average:
Unit 171 – Brookings/Clear Lake/Hayti/Watertown Group
Drivers: Wayne Benck, Robert Elshaug, Brad Gilbertson, Joe Hanson, Martin Hartz, Keith Palo, Harold Raml, Larry Schanbeck, Mike Thielen, Brian Thielsen, Bruce Thiewes, Justin Toering, Mike Voelsch and Justin Zubke

Best Rookie Score: Justin Zubke from Brookings

Weight Guessing: Mickey Haaseth from Webster

Trailer Backing Competition: Jeremiah Horst from Ipswich
ShipShape Awards

Aberdeen Region Shipshape winner and Outstanding Shipshape Maintenance Unit Statewide
De Smet Shop
Members are Mike Hieb, supervisor, David Jennings, Justin Purintun and Earl Brown.

Mitchell Region Shipshape winner
Tyndall Shop
Members are Larry Kirschenman, supervisor, Jacque Humpal, James Goeman, and Brett Rathgeber

Pierre Region Shipshape winner
Hayes Shop
Members are Jared Fosheim, supervisor, Larry Anderson, Steve Bothwell and Arlen Prince

Rapid City Region Shipshape winner
Bison/Lemmon Shop
Members are: Joel Larson, supervisor, Randy Vetter, Cody Teller, Patrick Bootz, Matthew Butsavage and Cody Green.

Photos:
Pierre Region Roadeo and Awards Photos and large aerial photo on the front taken by Todd Hanson, BHR
All other photos taken by Kristi Sandal, PIO

Names listed for each unit are from the current organizational chart and may not reflect employees who are no longer with those units

All photos from the Roadeos - as well as many event, staff publicity photos, and a variety of official DOT logos - can be found on the M: drive: M:\DOT\Common\DOTPictures&Logos