

SCDOT Equipment Operators score big at regional roдео

SCDOT equipment operators participated in the 2022 Southeastern Regional Equipment Operators Rodeo on September 27-30 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Out of 11 participating states

(Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia) SCDOT finished in second place.

South Carolina had several in-

dividual award winners: Scott Burgess from Lexington took first place in the motor grader competition, Jake Pagels from Oconee took second place in the motor grader completion. Jeremy Shrewsberry of District Four Pavement took

second place in the tandem axel dump truck, and Brian McAbee from District Four Pavement took second place in the tractor-mower competition.

The effort from all of the SCDOT equipment operators led to

the team securing second place, just 47 points shy of the first place team of Arkansas. The host state of Louisiana rounded off the top three with third place. Congratulations to team SCDOT and all individual winners.



The top two state winners in each category of the SCDOT Rodeo participated in the Southeastern Regional Rodeo competition in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The SCDOT Team, standing from left is: Brandon Fish, Jeremy Shrewsberry, Brian Hodges, Brian McAbee, Steven Ford, Scott Burgess, Scotty Anderson, Jake Pagels, Jeff Muellenbach, William Blackwell and J.W. Austin. Team captain Sam Riddle is kneeling in front. Not pictured: Charles Long, who is featured in a story on page 25.

State Rodeo finds top operators, prepares them for regional

The 2022 Equipment Operators' Safety Training Conference and Rodeo was held May 24-25, 2022, at the SCDOT Supply and Equipment facility on Shop Road in Columbia.

The rodeo is a statewide event where SCDOT team members from all seven districts take part in truck and heavy equipment competitions. The first and second place winner in each category went to the Southeastern Regional Rodeo in Baton Rouge shown above.

