

District 2 News

Abbeville, Anderson, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry and Saluda counties

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Paint crews earn their stripes

As temperatures begin to rise following the cool upstate winter, the District 2 Center Line Paint Crew gears up to refresh pavement markings throughout the eight counties within the District. Led by **Anton Rouse**, the crew uses a 2020 paint truck to refresh center line and edge line markings as well as place new markings on previously unmarked roadways.

As part of the installations, recycled glass beads are deposited on the wet paint. As the paint cures, these glass beads are bonded to the paint and allow for retroreflectivity. This means that light from vehicle headlights will reflect back into the line of sight of the driver. This retroreflectivity provides clear visibility of lane boundaries even in wet weather conditions.

Since the beginning of April 2022, the crew has placed approximately 1,490,620 linear feet of center line and edge line markings. They used approximately 4,660 gallons of paint and approximately 25,000 lbs. of recycled glass beads.



ABOVE: The paint crew is refreshing pavement markings throughout District 2 like this example on Old Calhoun Falls Road in Abbeville County.



District 2 paint crew, from left: Ivan Corona, Franklin Moss, Nathan Bowie, T.K. Yeldell and Anton Rouse

SUMMER INTERNS

District 2 summer interns visited an asphalt plant in Greenwood County to get a firsthand look at the paving process.

From left, Jacob Piontek, Reagan Petersheim, La'Shanda Andrews, District Two Asphalt Manager Jeff Lawson, Tyrese Chinn and Isaac Braaten.



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Meet Charles Long



Charles Long

Charles Long started his career with SCDOT in 1997 as a maintenance employee on the Saluda Patching Crew.

After working three years on this crew, he accepted a position on the Saluda Multi-Purpose Crew. His Supervisor, **Frank Lorick**, would prove to be both his friend and mentor. "I owe everything I know to Frank," Long said.

Long served under Lorick until 2007 when he was promoted to Foreman. In 2019, Long was promoted to Resident Maintenance Foreman and was recently promoted to Assistant Resident Maintenance Engineer. He has a passion for his work and his team. He recently grilled an "end of summer" lunch for his road crews.

Long has participated in the Equipment Rodeo every year since its inception at the S.C. State Fair. He has consistently risen to the challenges and won numerous championships including the most recent 2022 State Championship in Backhoe operations.

In his free time Charles is an avid crappie fisherman and turkey hunter. He also enjoys supporting the USC Gamecocks and has season tickets to the football games.