

Ronnie Burks

Chief Ronnie Burks retired from the Arkansas Highway Police on March 2, 2018 after serving as a law enforcement officer in Arkansas for over 44 years. Twenty of those years being Chief of the Arkansas Highway Police. The first 24 + years he served at the North Little Rock Police Department where he worked his way up through the ranks and retired as a Captain. Chief is married to his high school sweetheart Brenda. They have two children, Whitney and Matt, and two grandsons. Chief Burks obtained his "Chief Certificate" which is the highest achievable certificate from the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards, was a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and a graduate from the FBI National Academy. He is now enjoying his retirement by doing what he loves, playing golf, traveling with his wife Brenda, and spending time with his family, especially his two grandsons.

Chief Burks was dedicated to Law Enforcement Torch run and the athletes of Special Olympics Arkansas. Before becoming Chief we was selected by the Law Enforcement Torch Run Council to run the Final Leg for World Games held in China. At the time of selection he was transitioning to the Chief position and was unable to attend however, selection by the council to represent Arkansas in a World Games Final leg is a major honor. He served on the Special Olympics Arkansas Board of Directors, with the help of his team started Arkansas' leg of the World's Largest Truck Convoy for Special Olympics. Since its inception the event has grown from twenty two trucks and eleven thousand dollars to 155 trucks, 19 different trucking companies, and over \$55,000 raised. Without his support and vision for the event we couldn't be where we are today. In addition to this single event his team supported athletes year-round through presentation of awards and other Highway Police specific fundraisers such as Golf Tournaments.