

NEWS RELEASE

Alabama Department of Public Safety

courtesy • service • protection since 1935

DPS CHOOSES TOP DL EXAMINER FOR 2004

MONTGOMERY — Betty Rivers, a driver license examiner assigned to the Mobile district, was named Public Safety's 2004 Driver License Examiner of the Year during an awards luncheon in Montgomery Nov 9. She is the ninth recipient of the annual award, which recognizes driver license examiners for outstanding dedication to their jobs and courteous, professional service to the public.

Rivers was nominated by her supervisors and selected from among six district nominees. She joined the Department of Public Safety in 1985 and has served the Mobile district during the entirety of her career as a driver license examiner.

Col. Mike Coppage, Public Safety director, and Maj. Roscoe Howell, chief of Public Safety's Driver License Division, congratulated Rivers and praised her and the other nominees for their roles in promoting traffic safety through the licensing process. Howell also recognized the examiners' skill in fraud detection as vital to preserving the integrity of the driver license.

"The driver license is the primary means of identification in Alabama and throughout the nation," said Howell. "Each driver license examiner has received extensive training in detecting fraudulent documents presented by license and identification card applicants. As a result of their skill and dedication, Alabama is on the forefront of license fraud detection," he said.

In addition to Rivers, nominees for Examiner of the Year include Charles Leach, Birmingham; Vicki Clark, Decatur; Jennifer Sanders, Dothan; Henrietta Merriweather, Tuscaloosa; and Bobbie Fuller, Montgomery.

A panel of transportation officials selected the Examiner of the Year from nominations submitted by driver license district supervisors. The selection committee for this year's awards ceremony includes Harold Hammond, American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators regional chairman; Gene Vonderau, Alabama Trucking Association director of safety; Robert Patterson, R.E. Garrison Trucking; George "Bubba" Bailey, CSX Transportation; and Judy VanLuchene, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration state director.

11-09-04

for more information contact:

Public Information/Education • P.O. Box 1511 • Montgomery AL 36102-1511

(334) 242-4445 • <http://www.dps.state.al.us/>