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KDOT employee celebrates 30-year milestone

Construction & Materials Engineer Jim Metcalfe, who works at the Southeast District Office of Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) at Chanute, is celebrating 30 years of valued service to KDOT this August.

Metcalfe began his career in the spring of 1986 as a traffic engineer associate at Topeka. He worked in the Independence and Iola offices before moving to Bemidji, Minn., in 2000, where he was employed by a consultant and Beltrami County. Metcalfe returned to KDOT six years later, as construction engineer at the office in Emporia.

He has been the Southeast District construction & materials engineer since December 2007. Metcalfe oversees all construction activities in the 17-county district. He interprets and clarifies plans and specifications for four KDOT construction offices and is a liaison between field offices and headquarters. He is also responsible for all asphalt and concrete mix designs used in state and local projects administered by the state.

Metcalfe said he appreciates the constant variety of construction projects, the opportunity to get into the field, and “the people I’ve met in District Four and across the state.”

He and his wife, Carla, live in Chanute. The couple values spending time with their grandchildren. Carla enjoys woodworking, decorating and crafts, and Jim likes to spend his free time fishing, gardening, and cooking.

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