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Campbell retires from KDOT

Don Campbell, Engineering Technician Senior for the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), is retiring on Dec. 15 after 50 years of service to the state of Kansas.

Campbell started at KDOT in 1967 as an Engineering Technician in Topeka where he served on the Preliminary Survey unit for the eastern part of Kansas. One year later, he transferred to the Wamego construction office as an Inspector and Project Manager. Campbell worked on numerous projects such as the reconstruction of I-70 and K-18, the widening of K-113 and many overlays. He inspected nearly every mile of highway in his area at least once.

"I think I walked them all," he said.

He was promoted to his current position as Utility Coordinator in 2002, which was new at that time. He authorized entrance and utility permits, permits for updates to major intersections and served as the Adopt-A-Highway coordinator.

Campbell celebrated 50 years of service with KDOT in September and has worked with many employees. "There are people working here that I used to work with their dads and grand-dads," he said.

Campbell said he'll miss working at KDOT. "I have enjoyed working here and I've seen lots of changes. I've had to break in quite a few Area Engineers," he joked.

He and his wife, June, have one son, Justin, a daughter-in-law, Amanda; and grandson, Kade. In his retirement, Campbell plans to take it easy and work around the house. He also plans to spend time doing outdoor activities with his grandson.

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