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## **KDOT employees celebrate service anniversaries**

The Kansas Department of Transportation expresses its appreciation for employees celebrating state service anniversaries in December. KDOT is proud to acknowledge them for the long-term dedication they have provided to the state of Kansas.

**Those celebrating 35 years:**

- Kenneth Cohen, Highway Maintenance Supervisor, **Junction City**
- Julie DeDonder, Applications Developer III, **St. Marys**

**Those celebrating 30 years:**

- Loretta Mello, Accountant I, **Topeka**
- Scott Swanson, Public Service Executive I, **Lawrence**

**Those celebrating 25 years:**

- Brenda Abney-Gonzalez, Administrative Specialist, **Topeka**
- Linda Althof, Printing Service Coordinator, **Topeka**
- Penne Wege, ROW Property Appraiser Supervisor, **Ozawkie**

**Those celebrating 20 years:**

- Shane Thurmon, Highway Maintenance Supervisor, **Emporia**

**Those celebrating 15 years:**

- Adam Fernsler, Management Analyst I, **Bel Aire**
- Tom Reaves, Equipment Operator Senior, **Chanute**
- Jacob Sawatzky, Equipment Mechanic, **Topeka**
- Steven Simpson, Equipment Shop Supervisor, **Denison**
- Neisha Vetter, Acting Construction Manager, **Hutchinson**

**Those celebrating 10 years:**

- Bruce Arnhold, Equipment Operator Senior, **Hays**

- Aaron Hailey, Equipment Operator Senior, **Bucklin**
- Gerald Herman, Public Service Executive II, **Topeka**
- Ruben Hernandez, Equipment Operator Senior, **Kansas City**
- Amy Sims-Shonka, Program Consultant II, **Topeka**
- Kollean Stewart, Human Resource Professional II, **Norton**

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