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## **Winfield's John Berndsen reaches 30 years with KDOT**

John Berndsen, Winfield Subarea Supervisor, has reached 30 years of dedicated service for the Kansas Department of Transportation.

After starting as an entry-level Equipment Operator in November 1990, Berndsen has remained with the Winfield shop, working his way to his current supervisor job. He and his crew of 11 maintain about 300 lane miles in all of Cowley County and parts of Sumner and Sedgwick counties.

What does Berndsen like about his job? "Each day is definitely different. Things change, and you have to kind of keep rolling with the flow and making things fit situations -- I enjoy that." Winfield Area Engineer AJ Wilson said: "I enjoy working with John; he's always been a pleasure to interact with."

After growing up on a farm near the town of Rock and graduating from Udall High School in 1974, Berndsen went to a vocational/technical school and studied heavy-equipment operation and worked in highway construction and soil conservation before starting his KDOT job.

Berndsen lives in Winfield. He and his wife, Loma, have a son, Paul – born the year he joined KDOT.

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