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Romine celebrates 40 years of KDOT service

Jeff Romine, Area Maintenance Superintendent for the District One, Area Five office in Wamego, is celebrating 40 years of valued service at the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Romine joined KDOT in June 1983 as an Equipment Operator I (EO I) in Osage City. He advanced to EO II and III before being selected as the Maintenance Supervisor for the Eskridge Subarea in 1993. Romine held the position until January 2016 when he was promoted to Area Maintenance Superintendent.

In 1994, Romine was presented with a Kansas Hero Award by then-Governor Joan Finney for his efforts in saving a Kansas woman who had gone missing in Wabaunsee County. The woman had crashed her vehicle into a ravine and was pinned inside for four days until Romine and a fellow KDOT employee found her. She survived without serious injuries.

As superintendent, Romine oversees the highway maintenance operations for Area Five, which covers Pottawatomie, Riley, Wabaunsee and parts of Lyon and Marshall counties.

He and his wife, Corinna, live in Eskridge, where Romine coached youth baseball and softball for 25 years and served one term on the USD #330 school board. They have three adult daughters: Nicole, Melissa and Rebecca, and five grandchildren: Dusty, Jason, Shelby, Conor and Erica.

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