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**Eakes celebrates 30 years of service**

Connie Eakes, Engineering Technician Senior in the Bureau of Transportation Safety and Technology, has achieved a career milestone and is celebrating 30 years of valued service to the State of Kansas.

Eakes worked part-time at the Kansas Neurological Institute from 1979 to 1981. She went to the Secretary of State’s office in 1984 and 10 years later, started at the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) as an Office Assistant. She became an Engineering Technician Associate in 1999 and was promoted twice to her current position.

Eakes is in charge of highway lighting for the state and involves selecting project locations, reviewing plans, maintaining specifications and approving drawings.

She has served on the Transportation Safety Conference Planning Committee since 2004.

Eakes and her husband, Brad, have two children, Matt and Sarah, and reside in Topeka.

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