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# West retires after 44 years of service to KDOT

Randy West, District Engineer in Salina, will be retiring after 44 years of dedicated service to the Kansas Department of Transportation. His last day of work is Sept. 19.

West began his career with KDOT in 1979 as an Engineer in Training in Garnett where he worked on several construction projects, such as the four-lane alignment for U.S. 69 from Louisburg to Overland Park. He then was promoted to Road Design at KDOT headquarters in Topeka, where he worked for another year before promoting to Bridge Design in Topeka. In 1986, West was promoted to Area Engineer in Ellsworth where he settled down just outside of town. In 2003, he was promoted to Maintenance Engineer in Salina, and in 2007, he was named to his current position of District Engineer.

West is very proud to be in District Two where he's been able to take part in rebuilding the interstate. He has always told his staff to take great pride in what they do because without the transportation system, nobody could get where they're going. "Our mission is vital to the safety and well-being of the citizens of Kansas and the traveling public," West said. "It has been an honor to be a part of KDOT with the opportunity to serve our family, friends, neighbors and the great state of Kansas."

In retirement, West plans to enjoy traveling, fishing and working on the farm. Most of all, he looks forward to spending more time with his wife, Kristi, two sons, Kyle and Ryan, and other family members.

"Kristi and I have a great time with Kyle, Ryan, his wife Jenni, and our two grandchildren, Ruby and Molly. It will be truly special spending time with them and doing whatever opportunities the future brings," West said.

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