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*By Secretary
Deb Miller*

Disaster response brings out our best

After viewing the flood damage caused by the most recent natural disaster to strike Kansas, Governor Sebelius had this to say, “The locust may come next.”

Indeed. Kansas has been plagued by more than its share of disastrous weather this year. In late December and early January, a blizzard and ice storm caused hundreds of millions of dollars in damage to western Kansas. In May, it was a large, powerful tornado that destroyed nearly all of Greensburg. And most recently, flooding throughout the southeast part of the state caused damage that is still being assessed. And as is typical, there have been many other less dramatic weather events to go along with the more devastating storms.

Each time Kansas has been hit with a weather disaster,



High waters flooded the Erie Subarea Office on July 1.

the state and KDOT have responded in a compassionate and coordinated way. The day after the rainstorms that produced flooding in Southeast Kansas, I received a message from the Governor again asking state agencies to pool resources and talents to help our fellow citizens.

I’m proud of how KDOT has responded each time the state needed us. I know it takes extra effort, especially since sometimes your families have their own troubles related to the disaster to manage while you’re being asked to help others.

I think we all understand that the storms we have experienced in Kansas this year are not just local disasters. They have statewide implications and require a broad-based response. Many of you have traveled many miles, lost days at home and hours of sleep to respond outside your area or district. KDOT and all other state agencies have looked past our traditional jurisdictions to help. Those citizens of Greensburg didn’t care whether a road that needed clearing was part of the state, county or city system. They just

expected government help and that’s just what they got – from all levels of government and from all over the state.

Disasters have a way of blurring the lines that have been drawn to make us separate entities. In the midst of destruction and suffering, it’s easy to see the benefits of stepping over those lines to respond in a unified manner.

Disasters also have a way of bringing out the best in people and I’ve seen that over and over again this year.

The bar has been set very high for responses to disasters in the state, and I’m proud KDOT has done some of the heaviest lifting to raise the bar that high.



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Calendar of Events

Aug. 10 – 9:30 a.m. - Highway Advisory Commission meeting.

Aug. 11 – KDOT golf 36-hole Stroke Play Championship at Western Hills golf course. Contact Kevin Adams (kevina@ksdot.org, 296-5297) for this and Aug. 25 event below.

Aug. 15 – 1 p.m. Construction Bid letting, Fourth Floor, West Wing, Eisenhower State Office Building.

Aug. 25 – KDOT golf 36-hole Stroke Play Championship at Cypress Ridge golf course.



Ground is broken for US-59 freeway

By Stan Whitley

The vision of a four-lane freeway between Ottawa and Lawrence will become reality in the future following a groundbreaking ceremony on June 20.

Dignitaries gathered at the rural intersection of Montana and Reno Roads, approximately three miles north of Ottawa, to officially kick-off the project. The location is the site where one of seven interchanges will be built on the 18.7-mile freeway.

Secretary Deb Miller (third from right) discusses the US-59 project with dignitaries that participated in the ground-breaking ceremony. The group includes, left to right, Tom Weigand, Ottawa Chamber; Blake Jorgensen, Ottawa Mayor; Sue Farrell, Franklin County Commissioner; Bob Johnson, Douglas County Commission; and Scott Gerrard, Ames Construction. Photo by Kurt Weaverling

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Move Over law fines in effect

The warning period is over. Since July 1, drivers cited for failure to move over for highway maintenance vehicles working along Kansas roadways have been fined.

Drivers who fail to comply with the updated move over law passed by the 2006 Legislature face a fine of up to \$90 plus court costs.

Fines also took effect July 1 for a second law that prohibits drivers on two-lane roads from overtaking or passing another

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Col. William Seck is the Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol, which is celebrating its 70th anniversary this summer. Photo by Larry Katsbulas.

KHP serves state for 70 years

Dedication to public service has remained at the forefront of the Kansas Highway Patrol since 1933 when the Kansas Legislature, Governor Alf Landon and Highway Department Attorney Wint Smith appointed 10 inspectors charged with stopping bootleggers and bank robbers, inspecting vehicles and enforcing traffic laws in the state.

“Through education and enforcement, our core mission remains today to provide service, courtesy and protection to those who live and travel in Kansas,” said Patrol Superintendent Colonel William Seck. “We take this mission to heart, and certainly serving and protecting Kansas is not a task

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COVER

J.D. Anderson harvests wheat on a field near the Oakland Expressway east of Topeka. Kansas Agricultural Statistics, part of the U.S.D.A., forecasts 300.8 million bushels of wheat will be harvested this year in Kansas. Photo by Sonya Scheuneman

Communications specialist has key role in disaster response

By Steve Swartz

Jason Bryant didn't waste time waiting for a phone call to begin packing his bags.

When he heard on TV that a tornado had hit the town of Greensburg a little before 10 p.m., he began getting clothes, some food and some water together before he even knew the magnitude of the May 4 tornado. Fifteen minutes later, he got the call he was expecting to haul KDOT's Communications on Wheels trailer (COW) to the devastated town.

By 1:30 a.m., Bryant was set up outside KDOT's subarea shop in Greensburg and the COW was providing the key communications link among the many emergency workers who were still searching for survivors of the F5 tornado.

"I knew it was pretty bad when I passed through the first road block at Pratt," Bryant said.

"It was eerie because there was no one in front of me or behind me on the road. There was just an ambulance coming from Greensburg once in a while."

For the first 72 hours he was in Greensburg, Bryant didn't sleep. He would eventually distribute more than a hundred handheld radios, allowing the workers from many different agencies to efficiently communicate with one another.

When Bryant finally found time to sleep, he set up a cot inside the shelter on the COW – where radios and operating equipment are housed – and slept the best he could. With people coming in and out throughout the night, sleep was still hard to come by.

"He always was ready at any time of the day or night to help any way he could with communications for Greensburg," said Mark Krentz, KDOT's Emergency Coordinator who dispatched Bryant to the scene shortly after the tornado struck.

During the first two weeks after the tornado, Bryant took only two days off – one to see his wife graduate from Friends University and another to help interview job candidates.

Bryant's dedication to the recovery effort made an impression on those working in Greensburg.



Within a few hours of the F5 tornado that devastated Greensburg on May 4, Network Service Supervisor Jason Bryant had the Communications on Wheels set up and providing the key communications link among the first responders to the disaster. Photo by Larry Katsbulas

"He worked endlessly and tirelessly to keep communications up and running during the disaster," said Pratt Area Superintendent Gene Watts, one of the early responders to Greensburg.

"He endured many nights sleeping in the COW shack because there was nowhere else for him, yet he never complained once."

Bryant, who has worked at KDOT since 1999, is one of just a few people at KDOT who has been called on to work all of the major disasters that have struck Kansas this year. He hauled the COW to Sublette in Southwest Kansas after a powerful blizzard knocked out communication systems. He stayed for eight days. In early July, while dealing with the personal tragedy of his father's death, he was willing to help in another disaster response. He left Carthage, Mo., where he was helping make funeral arrangements, traveled to Fredonia, which had lost its emergency communications during severe flooding, helped set up the COW, and then returned to Carthage. His father was buried a couple days later.



Flooding throughout southeast Kansas



Above and middle right: US-59 north of Garnett was severely damaged by flood waters July 1. Emergency work took place and the roadway is repaired.



Above: Flood waters flowed around the Erie Subarea Office on July 1. Right: US-160 east of Independence is completely flooded. Below: A section of US-75 in Independence near Pecan Street is under water.



Photos by Priscilla Petersen, Erin Rockers, George Dockery and Traci Schauf

Below: David Redfern of the Iola Subarea Office stands ready to direct traffic around flooded ramps along US-54.





KDOT employees Nick Baker, John Adolph, Doug Coates, Norman Unruh and Dan Hall lost their homes in the May 4 tornado. A relief fund was set up to assist these employees and checks were presented in June. Photo by Martin Miller

Employees affected by tornado thankful for concern

To all of those friends out there who I know and those that I haven't yet met; Thank You. I don't know what else to say. The help and generosity has been incredible. I guess I shouldn't be surprised. I just feel lucky to be an American and a Kansan.

Emergency responders arrived before we dug out of the basement, and they kept coming. I saw license plates from at least a dozen counties within a couple of hours. And then aide agencies, church groups, contractors, state forces, cities, individuals and the federal government all came. Some are still there, and some will be there a lot longer. Supplies poured in; food, clothing, donations. I had a new toothbrush the next day, and that's important. I never had time to even feel like a refugee.

So do what you can, try to be safe, but don't worry. You will never be alone.

Doug Coates
Pratt KDOT
Tornado survivor

We would like to thank everyone who gave us assistance after the May 4 tornado. Everyone has been so kind and generous with donations and helping us clean out lots of debris. There will never be any way to repay all of the kindness.

Thank you again.

John and Marsha Adolph

My wife Vickey and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at KDOT for all the cards, letters and kind words we received after our loss by the May 4 tornado.

Also, we would like to thank each and every person who contributed to, or was connected with setting up and distribution of the KDOT Tornado Relief Fund. It is greatly appreciated and will be put to good use.

Thank you all very, very much.

Dan and Vickey Hall
Kinsley

To all KDOT employees who donated money to the employees in Greensburg who lost their homes in the May 4 tornado:

The loss has been very hard and difficult for us, but knowing we have fellow KDOT employees helping us has eased our loss.

My family and I appreciate all your thoughts, prayers, care, concerns and monetary donations. It has been and will continue to be a great help in the long process of putting our lives back together.

Thank you again.

The Norman Unruh family
Greensburg

To all employees:

Everyday we wake up to a brand new day, thinking this is going to be a great day. No one thinks anything will happen. We found out different on May 4, 2007, when the tornado came through Greensburg.

Although it has been a difficult time for us, we have had the good fortune to find out how many people there are out there willing to help - whether it was your thoughts, prayers, donations, or even a helping hand. My family and I would like to say thank you.

God bless each of you.

Nick Baker and family

Donations are still being accepted for the relief fund and can be sent to Sharon Dodson at the Pratt KDOT Office, 309 Iowa, Pratt, 67124-2150. Make checks to "Tornado Fund-Sharon Dodson."

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we tackle alone. Hundreds of agencies – law enforcement, state government, private businesses, and public organizations – all help the Highway Patrol achieve our mission. We are all part of a bigger picture of public safety.”

The Legislature officially organized the Kansas Highway Patrol in 1937 with a superintendent, assistant superintendent, and 45 troopers. Kansas City, Kan., Police Department veteran Jack B. Jenkins was the first superintendent. Half of the agency’s patrolmen were appointed from the Governor’s political party, and the other half came from the party that placed second in the gubernatorial race.

Over the decades, the Patrol has accepted additional responsibilities, beyond enforcing traffic laws and apprehending bootleggers and bank robbers. The Patrol and the Kansas Turnpike Authority entered into an agreement in 1955-56 for the KHP to provide police service along the 236 miles of Kansas Turnpike. A decade later, the Patrol shifted driver’s license examination responsibilities to the Kansas Department of Revenue, and in 1976, the Capitol Area Security Patrol joined the Highway Patrol. Motor Carrier Inspectors became a part of the Highway Patrol in 1988.

The Patrol also has evolved in its communications, technology, and training in 70 years. In 1937, the fleet included four motorcycles and 31 automobiles with silver tops and black bodies. Since then, the fleet has grown to include



An original 1937 Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) vehicle is in a parade in 1967, which was the 30th anniversary of the KHP.

cars, motorcycles, trucks, aircraft, and a mobile command bus for major events and disasters.

Before 1945, troopers did not have police radios, so they often listened to local radio stations for information, and they frequently checked in with sheriffs’ offices and police departments while on patrol.

Padded dashes, seat belts, automatic transmissions, cameras and red beacons were not standard equipment in patrol units until the 1950s. Patrol units did not have moving radar until 1972 or video cameras until the 1990s.

The Patrol began using aircraft in the early 1960s with a primary task of speed enforcement. After acquiring Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) devices, the aircraft’s focus began to shift toward assisting other agencies that did not have

air assets.

The Patrol saw the need to acquire helicopters, which could perform support functions better than fixed-wing aircraft, and acquired OH-58 helicopters through Army Surplus at Fort Riley. The aircraft program continued to flourish, and in 2006, the agency purchased a new Bell 407 helicopter with interoperability and other high-grade technology.

Much has changed in the agency’s history. However, the trooper’s uniform has changed little since Superintendent Jenkins unveiled the first uniform in 1937. The first troopers wore French blue shirts and blouses, French blue caps, and black Sam Browne belts and holsters. Today, troopers wear French blue slacks, shirts and a dark blue campaign hat throughout the year. *-Submitted by the Kansas Highway Patrol*

**Welcome
new KDOT
employees!**

Headquarters

Dustin Curry, Attorney II, Chief Counsel

Cathy Gorman, Administrative Specialist, Traffic Safety

Virginia Ines, Administrative Assistant, Construction and Maintenance

Darrell Marek, Network Service Technician III, Construction and Maintenance

Sarah Palubinski, Senior Administrative Assistant, Chief Counsel

Kelly Penn, Applications Developer

II, Computer Services

Danny Vervynck, Engineering Technician, Planning

District One – Northeast

Jessica Mills, Administrative Assistant, Topeka

District Three – Northwest

Karri Sisk, Storekeeper Senior, Norton

The Bureau of Personnel Services supplies information for new hires to Translines.



By

**Chris
Herrick**
***TRANSPORTATION*
TALK**

Pay it forward

I wrestled in high school in the 98-pound weight category. But, I only weighed 92 pounds and was just an average wrestler.

During my wrestling career, I broke my arm, sprained my elbow, hurt my back, and spent a lot of time on my back counting the tiles on the ceiling of the gymnasium.

My parents and friends always asked me why I kept wrestling. For the longest time, I asked myself that question, too. Then one day, after my senior year in high school, I finally figured it out. It was because of the fans in the bleachers, words of encouragement from my parents and friends, and my teammates cheering me on.

Can you imagine a work environment where we all had that type of support and encouragement? The kind of support and encouragement that a mentor could provide?

Do you have a mentor? I think it's an important question to ask ourselves as we think about our work environment.

My mentor worked at KDOT for more than 40 years, is very well respected, and always has a word of encouragement for me. He is also honest and

straight forward. I'm sure he has been a mentor to many of you as well. His name is Terry Heidner. Are you surprised? Of course not, because Terry has that reputation. Terry has helped me in so many ways and has always encouraged me.

The next questions I need to ask myself are, "Whom do I mentor? Whom do I try to encourage on a daily basis to be their best? Whom am I honest with in order to help them in their job?" These questions help us think outside ourselves and focus on those around us. How many times do we take a minute to do this?

I would encourage each of you to think about this question over the next several days. Are we encouraging someone else or is it difficult for us to take on the "cheerleader" role? Do we tend to focus on the negatives going on around us rather than focusing on how we can turn something to the positive?

Since the word mentor comes from the name of the advisor to young Telemachus in Homer's *Odyssey*, let's look a little further into Mentor's life. Mentor was an old friend of Odysseus. When Odysseus sailed against Troy, Athena took on Mentor's appearance and became the guide of Odysseus' son Telemachus, giving him good advice. Advisers who are trusted have since been called mentors. This may be more history than you wanted to know but I think it is always good to know where something started, and since we're talking about mentors, I think we should recognize the original Mentor.

It is important for each person to find the right mentor in their work environment. What type of mentor do you need? Do you need someone to be a cheerleader? Do you need someone to guide you and lead you back on the path when you wander? Or do you just need to be left the heck alone?

Every person is unique in what makes them tick. We all need to remember that in order to succeed in life and in our career, we need a mentor and we need to mentor others. In other words, pay it forward. Be a mentor to those you interact with.

Oh, and by the way, thanks Terry.

Chris Herrick is Chief of Transportation Planning.

KDOT Computer Training

– from the KCTC

CLASSES ARE ON THE CALENDAR AT ESOB

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NEW CLASSES

◆Basic .NET classes are being added for those folks with licenses .NET technology provides the ability to quickly build, deploy, manage, and use connected, security-enhanced solutions with Web services. .NET Framework and Visual Studio .Net will help prepare people for more advanced and specialized training.

◆HTML will take place Sept. 6. HTML, short for Hypertext Markup Language, is the predominant language for building Web pages.

DID YOU KNOW?

Tips & Tricks:

◆Office 2007 documents can be saved as a 97-2003 file ensuring anybody not using Office 2007 can open and view your attachment. You can easily make this option a default setting. Using an open Word document as an example, click on the Office Button then click on Word Options. Click Save then you will have a drop down of save options. Locate and click on Word 97-2003 Document (*.doc)

◆You can customize your Quick Access Toolbar within an application adding commands such as print, spelling and grammar – or anything you like. You can even choose the location of this tool bar on your screen or minimize the ribbon. One very easy way to do this is by Right clicking on a command of your choice.

Enroll by e-mail kctc@ksdot.org or call Ingrid Vandervort 785-296-8993. **Questions are welcome!** Supervisor's approval to enroll is necessary.



Shovels await dignitaries at the ground-breaking ceremony for the US-59 expansion north of Ottawa. Photo by Larry Katsbulas

US-59

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Besides Secretary Miller, other speakers at the event included Tom Weigand, President/CEO Ottawa Chamber of Commerce; Sue Farrell, Vice-Chair, Franklin County Commission; and Bob Johnson, Chairman, Douglas County Commission.

“This freeway project will provide a significant safety enhancement for the traveling public in addition to improving traffic capacity and economic development opportunities,” said Secretary Deb Miller. “The four-lane expansion of US-59 has been envisioned for many years, and work has begun to make construction a reality.”

The first of four projects for the expansion was let in April and will involve grading and bridge work from I-35 northeast of Ottawa to the Franklin-Douglas county line. Work began the second week in June on the 7.6-mile project. Ames Construction, Inc., of Burnsville, Minn., is in charge of the first project at a cost of \$43.7 million.

Surfacing work on the Franklin County project is scheduled to be let in December 2008. In Douglas County, grading and bridge work covering 11.1

miles is tentatively scheduled to be let in November 2008 and surfacing in June 2010. Estimated completion date for the entire project is in 2011.

Estimated construction cost for the entire expansion is \$185.4 million. Overall cost for the US-59 project is estimated at \$240.4 million, which includes construction, right of way, construction engineering and utilities.

The roadway will be built as a freeway with access controlled at interchanges in Franklin and Douglas counties.

Franklin County interchanges will be constructed at I-35, Reno and Montana Road, Stafford Road and at a connection to existing US-59 three miles north of Ottawa. Douglas County interchanges will be built at US-56, 650 N. Road and County Road 458.

“The freeway will address many concerns with the existing two-lane roadway,” Miller. “This includes reduced sight distance, narrow shoulders, limited passing opportunities and an above average crash rate.”

The two-lane roadway between Ottawa and Lawrence was constructed in the early 1920s and underwent major reconstruction in the 1950s.

*Fun Facts
and Trivia*

Do you know?

Gliders

Sir George Cayley, 1799-1850s, is considered the father of aerodynamics. Cayley experimented with wing design, distinguished between lift and drag, formulated the concepts of vertical tail surfaces, steering rudders, rear elevators, and air screws. Cayley worked to discover a way that people could fly. He designed different versions of gliders that used the movements of the body to control.

For over 50 years, Cayley made improvements to his gliders. He changed the shape of the wings so that the air would flow over the wings correctly; designed a tail for the gliders to help with the stability; and recognized that there would be a need for machine power if the flight was to be in the air for a long time.

Cayley wrote "On Ariel Navigation," that showed that a fixed wing aircraft with a power system for propulsion, and a tail to assist in the control of the airplane, would be the best way to allow people to fly.

Contest puts the brakes on fatalities

Kids ages 5 to 13 in Kansas are encouraged to enter artwork for a statewide poster contest focusing on Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day - a nationwide effort to reduce traffic fatalities by urging motorists to take extra precautions when driving or riding in vehicles. Oct. 10 is the day officially designated as Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day.

A total of 18 regional winners in the six regions and age groups (ages 5-7, ages 8-10 and ages 11-13) across Kansas will each receive a bicycle donated by Wal-Mart stores in Topeka, Salina, Hays, Chanute, Pratt and Liberal as well as a helmet donated by Safe Kids Kansas.

Three statewide winners will receive family packages at the Courtyard Marriott in Junction City, the Capitol Plaza in Topeka, and the Hyatt Regency in Wichita. Statewide winners will also receive \$50 gas cards from the

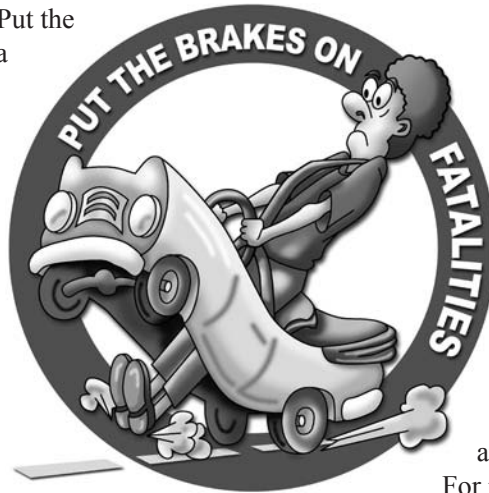
Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas.

All entries must be postmarked by Friday, Sept. 7, and should be mailed to: AAA Kansas, Public Affairs, 3545 SW 6th Street, Topeka, KS, 66606. On the back of the 8 1/2 by 11-inch paper entry must be the child's full name; age at time of entry; mailing address; county; a parent's name; and contact phone number.

For more information, go to KDOT's Internet home page at

www.ksdot.org.

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death in the U.S. for people ages 6-33. An average of 118 people die each day on the nation's roadways. It's important to encourage everyone - drivers, passengers, pedestrians and bicyclists - to take extra caution every day.



Song-writing competition a success

By Jessical Leiker

KDOT has awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to Kansas students during the first Sobriety Rocks competition.

Students were invited to submit song lyrics that encourage Kansas youth to resist peer pressure by abstaining from drinking alcohol until they reach the legal age of 21. The competition placed no restrictions on the style of music, encouraging diversity.

From the nearly 50 entries, winners were chosen in three categories: Lisa Entrikin from Sabetha for best lyrics, Mitchell Irving of Kansas City for best song, and Jason Waller of Burlington for best musical score. Judging was based on originality, the passion and persuasiveness of the message, and the potential for a successful song that

could be aired throughout Kansas.

The first year of the competition was a success, according to KDOT chief of Bureau of Traffic Safety Pete Bodyk.

"We were very pleased with the response we received from Kansas youth across the state. There were so many impressive entries that it was difficult to select only three winners," said Bodyk.

The competition was judged by members of the media, KDOT representatives, a panel of high school students from across the state and Heather Shelly. Shelly is the 2005 National Colgate Country Showdown's "Best New Act in Country Music." She has teamed with KDOT, producing the song "In My Time," which encourages Kansas youth to abstain from underage drinking.

Retirees

The following employees officially retired from KDOT on July 1.

Headquarters

John F. Fischer, Engineering Technician Specialist, Traffic Engineering

District One

Edward A. Brey, Equipment Operator Senior at Alma
Russell A. Kraus, Equipment Operator at Eskridge
Barbara J. Smith, Research Geologist at Topeka

District Four

Ralph Dixon, Equipment Mechanic Senior at Chanute
Kevin E. Stancer, Equipment Operator at Fort Scott

Employees who are retiring and choose to have retirement reception information shared on KDOT Internet can be found at www.ksdot.org, under News and Announcements.

Move Over

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vehicle within 100 feet of maintenance and emergency vehicles. The second law carries a fine of up to \$180.

For the past year, violators of the laws, as they pertain to maintenance vehicles, were only issued warnings.

The move over law requires motorists to slow down and move, if safe to do so, to the lane farthest from any stationary vehicle displaying flashing lights. The 2006 upgrade of the law added maintenance vehicles to the existing law, which covered law enforcement and emergency first responders. The law also requires motorists on two-lane roads to slow down and proceed with caution when passing a stationary vehicle displaying flashing lights.

Last year, 14 people were killed and 657 were injured in Kansas work zone crashes.

Kansas joins more than 30 states that have laws to protect public works crews and other roadside workers.

Transportation Briefs

Armstrong wins award

Corky Armstrong was recently awarded AASHTO's Region 3 Design Award at the annual AASHTO Subcommittee on Design in Vermont.

The award recognizes outstanding achievement in the field of highway and transportation design. Armstrong has been a member of the Subcommittee on Design for seven years and also serves on a Transportation Research Board panel that is researching "Alternatives to Design Speed for Selection of Roadway Design Criteria."

Road system ranks high

Kansas maintains the third-best state-owned road and highway system in the nation, according to a California research foundation.

Reason Foundation's 16th annual report identified the best and worst vehicle transportation systems based on a dozen measures related to cost-effectiveness, including maintenance and administrative costs, congestion, traffic fatalities,

and road and bridge surface conditions.

Jerry Younger, KDOT Assistant Secretary, said the ranking for Kansas reflected investment by taxpayers in two multibillion-dollar highway construction programs. "It goes to show what a well-funded, fiscally responsible transportation program will do for your system."

Study examines effect of cameras at signals

According to two new studies conducted by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety and Old Dominion University, cameras placed at traffic signals have dramatically reduced the running of red lights.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, more than 850 people die and about 170,000 are injured each year in red-light violation incidents.

The studies show that after cameras were added red-light running violations dropped by 96 percent. —*Better Roads, June 2007*

M I L E S T O N E S

KDOT salutes employees celebrating state anniversaries in July

10 YEARS

Donald Coffman Fort Scott
 Robert Malay Kansas City
 Gary McCamish Shawnee
 Clifton Trisler Dodge City
 Steven Willett Silver Lake

30 YEARS

Lydia Annon Norton
 Terry Atteberry Kinsley
 Brian Logan Auburn
 Larry Nickelson Olathe
 Kenneth Withington Colby

State service anniversaries are compiled by Personnel Services.

20 YEARS

Tammy Albers Oakley
 James Bernica Topeka
 Donald Beydler Hutchinson
 Ted Bishop Independence
 Stanley Fry Green
 Yolanda McGill Kansas City
 Michael Pauly Topeka
 Lee Russell Norton
 William Stahl Colony
 Herbert Streit Holton
 Larry Van Donge Soldier
 Mark Willmann Clay Center

40 YEARS

David Arbogast Osawatomie

Bryant

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Since the two COWs were acquired in 2004, they have been used many times. Bryant said he had hauled the equipment to an F2 tornado in Cherokee County, the President’s visit to Kansas State University, the Country Stampede, Wakarusa music festivals and more.

“At this point, I think they’ve more than paid for themselves in terms of value.”

There are a lot of people who think the success of the COWs is due in large part to Bryant himself.

“I heard many compliments from law enforcement personnel about Jason,” said Watts. “They wouldn’t have been able to communicate without the COW and the operator. He went above the call of duty on this disaster.”

Dodge City Area Superintendent Mark Davis, who also was one of the early responders to Greensburg, summed up what a lot of people are thinking about Bryant these days:

“He is a good man and we are lucky to have him.”

Deaths

Condolences to the family and friends of Elvin D. ‘Davy’ Crockett, Garden City, who passed away July 3.

Crockett, 82, spent his entire career with KDOT beginning in Ness City and later Dighton before moving to Garden City where he served as District Engineer. He also served as a member of the Highway Advisory Commission after retiring.

Survivors include one son, two daughters; two sisters, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church or the American Cancer Society, both in care of the Garnand Funeral Home, 412 N. Seventh St., Garden City, 67846.

Promotions/Transfers

Headquarters

Ruby Brady, Applications Development Supervisor, Planning
Connie Eddy, Senior Administrative Assistant, Local Projects

Melissa Oelke, Management Systems Analyst I, Construction and Maintenance

Tod Salfrank, Engineering Associate, Local Projects

David Stamps, Engineering Technician, Design

District One – Northeast

Larry Eubanks, Engineering Technician Senior, Horton

Frank Finan, Equipment Operator Specialist, Blaine

Jeff LaCrone, Equipment Operator Specialist, Topeka

Michael McCarty, Equipment Operator Specialist, Edwardsville

James Pickett, Professional Civil Engineer III, Bonner Springs

District Two – Northcentral

Lonnie Ehrlich, Equipment Operator Specialist, Lincoln

District Four – Southeast

Ronnie Driskill, Highway Maintenance Supervisor, Yates Center

Stephen Gibson, Engineering Technician Senior, Independence

District Five – Southcentral

George Brown, Equipment Operator Specialist, Wichita

Duane Heimerich, Equipment Mechanic Specialist, El Dorado

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