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## **KTA celebrates employee service anniversaries**

WICHITA, Kan.— Each year, the Kansas Turnpike Authority recognizes employees and Kansas Highway Patrol troopers assigned to the Turnpike, who are celebrating years-of-service anniversaries. For 2018, KTA recognized 61 individuals that collectively have 895 years of service to the KTA. Employees reaching service anniversaries include:

### **35 Years:**

- Mary Pinick (Derby), Audit Clerk
- Jim Orton (Americus), Equipment Operator

### **30 Years:**

- Charles Knox (Wichita), Toll Collector
- Robin Thompson (Tonganoxie), Toll Collector
- William Brush (Shawnee), Equipment Operator
- Brenda Dryer (Kansas City), Toll Collector
- Diana Ensign (Wichita), Human Resources Manager

### **25 Years:**

- Christy Metcalf (Augusta), Customer Service Representative
- Eric Roe (Wellington), APM Service Technician

### **20 Years:**

- Debbie Bensing (Kansas City), Toll Collector
- Angie McKnab (Emporia), Toll Collector
- Dwight Brittain (Strong City), Equipment Operator
- Patrick Gwinup (Towanda), Toll Collector
- Sherri Kinsinger (Oxford), Customer Service Representative
- Elwood Phelps (Emporia), KHP Troop G Master Trooper
- Scott White (Topeka), KHP Troop G Master Trooper
- Aaron Amrein (Wellington), KHP Troop G Master Trooper
- Debra Garnett (Wichita), Customer Service Representative
- Eric Becker (Augusta), Director of Roadway Operations
- Tony Droge (Tecumseh), Highway Shop Superintendent
- Brian Gingrich (Topeka), Toll Collector
- Sheri Mayer (Olpe), Toll Supervisor

### **15 Years:**

- Bill Stumpf (Mayetta), Assistant Highway Maintenance Foreman
- John Botbyl (Lawrence), Toll Collector
- Da'Von Brame (Wichita), KHP Troop G Master Trooper

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- Lane Larimer (El Dorado), KHP Troop G Trooper
- Sam Sheetz (Topeka), Highway Maintenance Foreman
- Janet Allen (Milan), Toll Collector
- Randy Hurst (Augusta), Roadside Maintenance Worker
- Jake Jackson (Rose Hill), Operations Project Superintendent
- Louie McDowell (McLouth), Equipment Operator
- Michael Vargas (Wellington), Highway Maintenance Foreman
- Robert Winn (Lawrence), Maintenance Carpenter

#### 10 Years:

- Russell Burk (Valley Falls), Maintenance Carpenter
- Nancy Gale (Rose Hill), Toll Collector
- Steve Jones (El Dorado), Toll Collector
- Shannon Moore (Carbondale), Design Construction Engineer
- Brian Neiberger (Meriden), Utilities Maintenance Electrician Superintendent
- Neal Charles (Derby), Incident Management Center Supervisor
- Carol Felts (Wichita), Toll Collector
- Christopher Mai (Wichita), KHP Troop G Master Trooper
- Sonja Todd (Augusta), Incident Management Specialist
- Carrie Winder (Wichita), Incident Management Specialist
- Maymee Zahn (Wichita), Incident Management Shift Leader
- Cris Serviss (Wichita), Toll Collector

#### 5 Years:

- Pamela Anderson (Derby), IT Administrative Assistant
- Ruben Gonzales (Winfield), Toll Collector
- Robin Hamilton (Wellington), Customer Service Representative
- David Heim (Newton), Patrol Administrative Assistant
- Chris Nelson (Viola), Toll Collector
- Tyler Smith (McLouth), Maintenance Carpenter
- Alan Streit (Rossville), Attorney
- Melanie Swartz (Derby), Customer Service Representative
- Carolina Wheeler (Bel Aire), Senior Programmer Analyst
- Danny Conrady (Wellington), Toll Collector
- Merlin Eck (Newton), Safety Coordinator
- Natalie Johnson (Derby), Video Enforcement Systems Team Leader
- Chad Schultz (Ozawie), Utilities Tradesman
- Susan Wenger (Topeka), Toll Collector
- David Hinde (Cassoday), Equipment Operator
- James Thayer (Mayfield), Toll Collector

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#### About KTA:

For more than 60 years, the Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA) maintains 236 miles of user-fee supported roadway from the Oklahoma border to Kansas City. KTA doesn't receive state or federal tax funds. Instead, toll revenue pays for preservation and modernization of the Turnpike system. With the [current long-term plan](#), KTA has outlined 44 projects to enhance safety and the customer experience over the next decade. KTA's mission is to provide safe, economical, high-quality transportation service to its customers.

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