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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 2021, KTA recognized 57 individuals that collectively have 915 years of service to the KTA.

Employees reaching service anniversaries include:

### **35 Years:**

- Jim Crisler (Wichita), Toll Collector
- Mike Howerton (El Dorado), Senior Equipment Operator
- Barbara Sigley (Augusta), Toll Collector
- Preston Turner (El Dorado), Structures Superintendent
- Doug Walbridge (McLouth), Highway Maintenance Superintendent
- Clint Wichman (Silver Lake), Structures Foreman

### **30 Years:**

- Mike Peterson (El Dorado), Toll Collector
- Mark Roberts (Douglass), Project Coordinator

### **25 Years:**

- Cathy DeKruger (Topeka), Customer Service Representative
- Dallas Gilmore, Trooper
- Dee Jelley (Wichita), Customer Service Representative
- Tim Means (Derby), Computer Systems Administrator

### **20 Years:**

- Jennifer Bledsoe (Carbondale), Toll Collector
- Jay Buckner (El Dorado), Structures Lead
- Mark Christesen, Trooper

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- Kale Collins, Trooper
- Corey Davis, Trooper
- Mike Hamilton, Trooper
- Ryan Kufahl, Trooper
- Carley Lucas (Clearwater), Customer Service Representative
- Ryan Mosher, Trooper
- Amber North (Topeka), Assistant Toll Supervisor
- Barbara Ochs (Lawrence), Toll Collector
- Christina Rafols (Tonganoxie), Customer Service Representative
- Janice Rodriguez (Emporia), Toll Collector
- Mary Schaffer (Wellington), Toll Collector
- Tammy Swain (Maple Hill), Assistant Toll Supervisor
- Justin Wallace, Trooper

**15 Years:**

- Lorraine Bishop (Mulvane), Toll Collector
- Eric Murray, Trooper
- Debbie Overfelt (Wellington), Toll Collector
- Nathan Voss, Trooper
- David Wolgamuth (Wichita), Senior Toll Equipment Technician

**10 Years:**

- Tracy Bailly (Derby), Part Time Toll Collector
- Brian Boatright (Wichita), Utilities Superintendent
- Stewart Mitchell (Rose Hill), Senior Auto/Truck/Equipment Technician
- Lynda Schultz (Wellington), Toll Supervisor
- James Thayer (Mayfield), Part Time Toll Collector
- Mike Tullis (McLouth), Highway Maintenance Foreman

**5 Years:**

- Nathan Anstey (Americus), Project Coordinator
- Jeff Burkdoll (Lyndon), Equipment Operator

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- Joshua Coffin (McLouth), Project Coordinator
- Kimberly Dana (Augusta), Accounts Receivable Specialist
- Rusty Davenport (Osage City), Highway Maintenance Lead
- Iain Deckard (Wichita), Image Review Manager
- Brian Harvey (Wichita), Roadside Maintenance Worker
- Melody Hawkins (Douglass), Executive Assistant
- Gloria Hildreth (Derby), Accountant
- Ben Leone (Emporia), Part Time Toll Collector
- Melissa Mitchell (Rose Hill), Audit Clerk
- Betty Schrader (Lawrence), Part Time Toll Collector
- Carter Smith (Augusta), Equipment Operator
- James Stauffer (El Dorado), Teller
- Sean Swords, Trooper
- Mitchell Wecker (Allen), Structures Lead
- Caleb Wilson, Trooper
- Daniel Wood (Wichita), Senior Web Developer

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**About KTA:**

For 65 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. [KTA's Strategic Plan](#) supports organizational goals with four strategic initiatives, including a transition to cashless tolling in 2024. KTA's mission is to move Kansas forward by operating a safe, reliable and customer-valued turnpike system in a fiscally responsible, businesslike manner.

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