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Whitworth selected as KDOT's Director of Safety

With more than 30 years of experience both along the highways and at Headquarters, Troy Whitworth has been selected as the Kansas Department of Transportation's Director of Safety.

"I've been around safety all of my career," Whitworth said. "Everything I did out in the field was based on safety. It's an opportunity to change things for our folks in the field."

His focus is on overall accident reduction and, "to be marching towards zero lost time accidents. I want to empower our employees to make safety a priority for themselves," he said.

"I've worked with Troy for many years," said Burt Morey, Deputy Secretary and State Transportation Engineer. "His leadership will make a great impact to the safety of our employees."

There are not many positions in the maintenance area that Whitworth hasn't spent time in. He started at KDOT in 1988 as an Equipment Operator I in the Olathe area and promoted to an EO II and then an EO III soon after. He then worked his way up to Area Superintendent in Olathe in 2003.

After 20 years in the field, he was promoted to Staff Maintenance Manager at Headquarters. He has been in his current position as Assistant to the Director of Operations since 2013, providing guidance on the Division's budget and policies.

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