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## **Higgins of KDOT's Ashland crew recognized for ten years of service**

Michael Higgins of Englewood was recently recognized by KDOT for ten years of service to KDOT and the people of Southwest Kansas.

Mike was born and grew up in Wichita. He later moved to live with his mom, and graduated from Ashland High School. While in school he worked at the Nursing home facility, later worked in ranching/farming, and Murphy/Brown pig farm. He has also worked at home, helping his kids produce and raise their own 4H show animals.

He joined KDOT in 2009 as an Equipment Operator Trainee in Ashland. He was promoted to Equipment Operator in 2010, to Equipment Operator Midpoint in 2012, and to Equipment Operator Senior in 2014. In his current position, Mike is responsible for operating heavy equipment, performing highway maintenance including mowing, patching, paving, snow and ice removal, and assisting in leading and training crew members as needed.

Mike enjoys the dependable schedule and benefits at KDOT, as it supports his family and having a healthy lifestyle. His working schedule allows him to participate with his kid's activities in 4H, trapshooting, hunting, and time to go fishing with his wife and enjoy the animals they have at home. He and his wife, Angela Miller, have three children who all reside in the "ghost town" of Englewood. He is a Clark County Fair Board Member and Swine project leader, and an active Volunteer Fire Fighter on the Englewood Fire Department.

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