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Lonnie Gregorcyk Tapped As Interim District Engineer

Lonnie Gregorcyk, the District Engineer in Yoakum, has been tapped by TxDOT Executive Director Phil Wilson as the interim District Engineer for the Corpus Christi District.

Gregorcyk, who was born in Beeville, has been with TxDOT for 27 years and has served in numerous capacities – engineer assistant, project engineer, advanced planning engineer, supervising planning engineer, Area Engineer, Director of Transportation Planning and Development and District Engineer. He became a licensed professional engineer in 1989.

He readily admits that he shies from the spotlight. As interim District Engineer Lonnie said he hopes to try and do a better job of listening than talking.

Two of the most high profile assignments Lonnie has worked on recently at TxDOT are on the Modernization and the Eagle Ford-Barnett Shale task forces.

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He encouraged employees to look ahead to the challenges TxDOT and its community partners



Lonnie Gregorcyk in Corpus Christi District Cites Safety Needs in Eagle Ford Area



Lonnie Gregorcyk in Karnes City

face to address growing transportation needs as an opportunity for increased collaboration and innovation. At our initial meeting, Lonnie discussed a wide range of topics from regionalization, modernization, safety concerns, road impacts from expansion of the energy sector, performance expectations and his open door policy.

Lonnie earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M University in 1984 and also previously attended Texas A&I University in Kingsville.

He is actively involved in church and civic activities in the Yoakum area. Lonnie and his wife Anne reside in Yoakum and have three daughters, Colleen (husband P.J.), Angie and Kayla; and, two grandchildren, Cole and Ella.

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Districts Begin Training On COMPASS

Since February, Corpus Christi District Maintenance staff have been playing in the COMPASS sandbox, but it's not exactly the child's play that it sounds like. COMPASS, the new web-based maintenance management system (MMS) designed to replace SES, MMIS and several spreadsheet tools, was rolled out to all TxDOT districts in February. It is a program to help track cost and performance by maintenance activities on a daily basis instead of a month-end basis.

Lydia Rodriguez, Terry Castaneda, Mitzie Gibson, Carlos Carrillo and Janet Gholson lead the training effort and guide the play in the sandbox – a virtual test run of the system prior to its full implementation statewide on September 1, 2012. "Our office managers, crew chiefs and supervisors have picked it up pretty well," Carrillo said. "We need to increase our input into COMPASS by the end of the fiscal year. They are practicing with it every day." In Austin, the Maintenance Division has been monitoring all 25 TxDOT districts' training and sandbox activity. According to the latest COMPASS newsletter, 1,600 users from all 25 districts have completed MMS training and are working in the sandbox. Although the initial training has been completed, many districts are conducting or planning follow-up training with their users. Lydia, Terry, Mitzie, Janet and Carlos held a refresher training and sandbox exercise on March 21.

Employees are working through the usual bugs, kinks, quirks and tricks that happen when a new software program is rolled out. The COMPASS newsletter



Cecilia Amthor and Richard Tuttle taking COMPASS refresher training

listed several items that still must be accomplished before the program can go live September 2012, such as preparing Pavement Management Plans by April 1, testing all the MMS interfaces with TxDOT's legacy systems by July 6, conducting a limited MMS pilot operating in parallel with TxDOT's current systems during July and providing refresher training to super users and trainers, who will then do the same to end users. The refresher training will introduce any changes to the MMS as a result of the finalized interfaces.

TxDOT Adopts New Mission, Goals And Values



The Texas Transportation Commission recently adopted

a new mission statement for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) along with new agency goals and values to guide employee work and business practices.

New Mission Statement

Work with others to provide safe and reliable transportation solutions for Texas.

Previous Mission Statement

Provide safe and efficient movement of people and goods, enhance economic viability, and improve the quality of life for the people that travel in the state of Texas by maintaining existing roadways and collaborating with private and local entities to plan, design,

build and maintain expanded transportation infrastructure.

Rather than having both a mission and a vision statement, the new TxDOT administration developed a simplified mission statement, a set of four clear goals and a set of values.

Goals

1. Maintain a safe system
2. Address congestion
3. Connect Texas communities
4. Become best-in-class state agency

Values

Trust, Integrity, Responsibility, Excellence, Service

According to TxDOT Communications Director Bob Kaufman, the administration approved four key communications

messages that support the agency's new mission statement. These can be used by the Public Information Officers in news releases or media interviews. Tom Tagliabue, District Public Information Officer, said these messages can also be articulated by any agency personnel in meetings and correspondence. The four key messages are:

1. Safety is the top priority at TxDOT and the basis for planning, building and maintaining our transportation systems.
2. TxDOT works with others to address transportation needs around the state.
3. TxDOT is a responsible steward of our state's resources.
4. The TxDOT team is responsible to our partners, Texas drivers and each other.

Making Strides In Improving Safety

The agency has a goal of achieving a 10 percent reduction in the number of employee injuries and vehicle collisions from the average of the last three years' rate. Working towards Mission Zero, the agency measures against five specific goals – all injuries, lost-time injuries, lost productions days, vehicle collisions and preventable collisions.

In the first six months of Fiscal Year 2012, the Corpus Christi District and the Port Aransas Ferry System achieved reductions in four of the five goals, according to District Safety Officer Susan Feudo. "What matters more than numbers?" Susan asked. "Folks going home safe and whole to their loved ones each day! When you think about taking a short cut — think about the ones waiting for you at home and then do it the safe way."

Seven districts and the South Region met all given goals. Seven districts, the division and the ferry met four goals. Four districts and two regions met three goals. Five districts and one region met two goals. Two districts and the Galveston ferry met one goal.

TxDOT continues to make safety its highest priority for its employees so that safe practices become the norm. A culture of safety begins with you. Keep up the good work!

Safety: Mission

ZERO



Jerral Wyer leads an OCC meeting in CRP District

Local Emergency Planners Urge Sign Up For Emergency Alerts



The City of Corpus Christi, Nueces County and the Local Emergency Planning Committee are utilizing the Nixle instant notification system to send emergency alerts, keep the public informed and

enhance public safety. The system is used across the United States and allows emergency personnel to create and publish messages to be delivered to subscribed residents instantly via cell phone text message, e-mail or Web.

Residents who have discontinued home phone service are encouraged to register cell phones for emergency alerts. In the past, city emergency personnel used reverse 9-1-1 call systems to notify residents of an emergency through their home telephones. If a resident is only using cell telephone service the current call notifications systems do not work. In fact, any resident can register and there is no cost to sign up.

Messages can be sent specifically to register residents giving you the opportunity to receive trustworthy information relevant to your neighborhood, city or county. There is no spam, no advertising, no sharing, no selling, no user monitoring and no hidden costs – however, standard text messaging rates apply depending on your cell phone carrier and plan details.

Visit the Corpus Christi Nixle Page or Nixle.com and click the "sign up now" button. You will be asked to provide your name, address (or closest cross street), e-mail address and cell phone number. This information is required to receive geographically specific information. More than one location can be registered. If you have additional questions, please contact Maricela Cuevas with the Corpus Christi/Nueces County Local Emergency Planning Committee at 361/826-3960.



Corpus Christi District In Action



CLEANING UP. Cande Salinas of Corpus Christi Maintenance cleans graffiti off a highway sign on SH 358. Working with local law enforcement agencies, Corpus Christi Maintenance is documenting its labor and material costs for graffiti clean ups and will seek restitution from the perpetrator.



COME ON IN. Live Oak County and George West officials joined TxDOT employees and retirees to cut the ribbon on the new George West Maintenance Office on February 28. During the Open House, the public toured the 10.65-acre site, the new office building, shop, facilities and yards. Cake, cookies and punch were generously donated by Tomas Trevino, Wally Villarreal and the District Activity Fund.

A LITTLE FASTER. Eusebio “Chebo” Galvan of Sinton Maintenance installs one of the new 75 miles per hour speed limit signs on Interstate 37 in San Patricio County. Justin Ives and Benito Galvan assist. In January, the Texas Transportation Commission authorized increasing the speed limit on I-37 from SH 358 in Nueces County through San Patricio, Live Oak, Atascosa up to Loop 1604 in Bexar County. In the future, TxDOT will be studying the possibility of increasing speed limits on U.S. highways, state highways and Farm-to-Market roads.



GROWING TO MEET NEEDS. Jason Lambert and Christopher Amy talk with a citizen who attended the January 31 public meeting on the FM 43 expansion project. The proposed improvements would add an additional lane to each direction of traffic creating a four-lane road to help reduce congestion. A continuous left turn lane would be added to separate opposing lanes of traffic and improve traffic circulation. Sidewalks are proposed on each side to provide a safer route to school and recreational usage. The Oso Creek Bridge would be widened and lengthened to improve flood control.



MEETING INTERSTATE STANDARDS. Nelda Eureste discusses right of way needs for the proposed U.S. 77 improvement project during the public hearing on February 8 in Kingsville. TxDOT held five public hearings in Raymondville, Sarita, Riviera, Kingsville and Driscoll on the proposed upgrade of U.S. 77 to a controlled access facility that meets Interstate design standards. The project area extends 122 miles along U.S. 77 from I-37 in Corpus Christi to U.S. 83 in Harlingen. TxDOT is proposing upgrades, which include new overpasses, new interchanges, new one-way frontage roads, upgrades to existing ramps and conversion of two-way frontage roads to one-way frontage roads. At Driscoll and Riviera, relief routes are proposed to the east of each community.



ISLAND(ER) TIME. Director of Construction Joe Gaytan and District Traffic Safety Specialist Hazel Zepeda join Izzy The Islander at a Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi basketball game where they handed out traffic safety information.

HAVING A BALL. George Cavazos of Kingsville Maintenance and JM Garcia of Jim Wells Maintenance talk with a Texas A&M University-Kingsville student at the Play It Safe Spring Break event on March 7. George and JM gave students goggles that simulated impaired driving and then tossed them a football or Frisbee to show how motor skills and reaction times are reduced by alcohol. Ricky Flores and Tino Gamez of Kingsville Maintenance manned the roll-over convincer to show the importance of buckling up. Hazel Zepeda and Sally Gracia handed out backpacks and safety information to students.



District In Action (continued)

TOUR DE TRIKE. TxDOT retiree Cliff Bost and District Traffic Safety Specialist Hazel Zepeda help a child get ready to ride through a bike safety course at Breaking The Norm, a Spring Break event in Corpus Christi. DPS Corporal Charlie Ramirez handed out stickers to the kids, who also received free helmets from Driscoll Children's Hospital.



FROM THE GROUND UP. Progress is picking up on construction of the new 3,600-square foot Port Aransas Ferry Operations Building. Included in the building on the ground floor will be rest area amenities and a public information room. Administrative offices will be located on the second floor with the third floor serving as the control tower for dispatchers. There will be an observation deck atop the roof. The entire building will be ADA-accessible.



Photo by Aaron Ames



HAT'S OFF TO THE WINNERS. In February, the Refugio Maintenance Section was presented with special monogrammed caps for winning the inaugural Traffic Control Showdown competition on November 14, 2011. The Showdown was an effort to keep safety in the workzone foremost in the minds of the folks on the road every day. Exercise and skills test was developed by the Special Projects and Safety Office to celebrate and promote a safe workplace through healthy competition and evaluation of traffic control, tailgate meetings and job site walk through skills. Teams from each maintenance section, the CCAO and Geometrics demonstrated skills in leading a safety meeting, review of TA/TCP, review of JSA, assembling needed traffic control, setting traffic control and tearing down traffic control in the safest manner possible.

Photo by John Jacobs

ASSESSING RURAL NEEDS.

Transportation Planning and Development Director Paula Sales-Evans visits with a concerned citizen at Coastal Bend College in Beeville during a public meeting on the Texas Rural Transportation Plan 2035. The TRTP includes a prioritized list of nearly 600 highway projects in rural Texas that would provide added capacity and that are not currently funded in the Unified Transportation Program (UTP). TxDOT provided information on the highway projects, the criteria measures used to rank the projects and the preliminary results of the ranking effort. TxDOT also provided information on the needs for non-highway modes of transportation in rural areas, including aviation, rail, transit, bicycle and pedestrian travel, and ports/inland waterways.



SAVING A LIFE.

Sinton Maintenance Crew Chief Jason DeLeon assists with a victim of a rollover accident on Interstate 37 on March 19. Jason helped emergency responders extract the victim from his vehicle with the Jaws of Life. TxDOT crews provided traffic control so HALO-Flight could land safely and detoured traffic off I-37 so emergency crews could work safely. Way to go, Sinton Maintenance!



Photo by Rudy Rivera

KEEP 'EM MOVING.

Deckhand Curtis Carroll loads vehicles on a ferry during Spring Break. The Port Aransas Ferry service averaged more than 8,600 vehicles per day from March 9-18 – up from the 8,300 vehicles per day average in 2011.

This Spring Break, the larger Behrens and Heald boats were in the fleet that has helped deliver approximately 86,717 vehicles to and from Harbor Island and Port Aransas – approximately 3,617 more than in 2011. The highest single day was March 17 when 11,851 vehicles were carried – the third day in a row that the ferries carried more than 10,000 vehicles.



Photo by Aaron Ames

District Cites Safety Needs in Eagle Ford Area

Citing immediate and critical safety needs in Bee, Jim Wells, Karnes and Live Oak counties, the TxDOT Corpus Christi District recommended four projects to the Texas Transportation Commission and agency administration, if funding becomes available. The Corpus Christi, Dallas, Fort Worth, Laredo, San Antonio and Yoakum districts all recommended critical safety need projects for highways impacted in the Eagle Ford and Barnett Shale areas. The \$10.3 million of projects identified in Bee, Jim Wells and Live Oak counties are designed to improve safety and traffic flow on FM 624 and SH 72 by rehabbing pavement and adding passing lanes and in Karnes County by widening two intersections and adding turn lanes at two intersections of U.S. 181.

COUNTY	ROADWAY	LIMITS		LENGTH	DESCRIPTION OF WORK	APPROXIMATE COST
		FROM	TO			CONTRACT
LIVE OAK / JIM WELLS	FM 624	U.S. 59	U.S. 281	16.186	Rehabilitation/ Add Passing Lanes	\$3,700,000
BEE	SH 72	Karnes County Line	Live Oak County Line	7.970	Rehabilitation/Add Passing Lanes	\$5,815,125
KARNES	U.S. 181	FM 887	FM 887	0.100	Intersection Improvements	\$488,250
KARNES	U.S. 181	FM 81	FM 81	0.100	Intersection Improvements	\$296,625

Interim District Engineer Lonnie Gregorcyk serves on an internal TxDOT Task Force working to address immediate, mid-term and long-term concerns. The Task Force told the Commission in February that research has determined that the service life on interstate, U.S. and state highways, and Farm-to-Market roads is reduced on average about 30 percent due to truck traffic associated with natural gas well operations and on average about 16 percent due to truck traffic associated with crude oil well operations. Rig movements and saltwater disposal traffic for natural gas wells reduce the service life of a highway even more.



Oversize load turning on to FM 627 from FM 81 in Karnes County



Pavement damage on SH 72 in Live Oak County

District Getting Additional Funding For High Priorities



The Corpus Christi District will likely receive an additional \$6.948 million in district discretionary funding to facilitate construction of some of the highest priority projects and to address congestion, safety, maintenance and connectivity needs.

The additional funding is the district's share of the \$2 billion in state and federal

funding that the agency is leveraging over the next two years which came from more efficient and effective ways of managing tax dollars and anticipated future federal funding. TxDOT's administration reviewed needs throughout the state and created an allocation. The \$6.948 million the Corpus Christi District received is allocated based on maintenance and rehabilitation formulas to address district priorities.

Another \$14.824 million has been allocated to the Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) based on the Metropolitan Corridor formula for projects that are federally eligible and must be obligated during the current federal fiscal year.

The 25 TxDOT districts are encouraged to work with their respective MPOs and

local governments to identify projects that can be considered for a portion of the Texas Transportation Commission's \$412.5 million for statewide Strategic Partnerships (supporting strategic initiatives and partnerships with local and regional partners) and Statewide Connectivity (rural connectivity needs and state plan priorities). It is possible that additional funding may be coming to the Corpus Christi District as part of this allocation.

Districts will need to identify viable projects and initiate the process to revise local Transportation Improvement Plans. The Texas Transportation Commission is expected to approve the funding allocation at its April meeting.

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Belly Dump Trailers A New Tool On The Highway

One of the newest tools the TxDOT Corpus Christi District added to its arsenal to help maintain highways are 22-ton belly dump trailers. The district, which now has four belly dump trailers, is one of only eight TxDOT districts – and the only one in the South Region - to use this equipment for highway maintenance. The South Region includes the Austin, Corpus Christi, Laredo, Pharr, San Antonio and Yoakum districts.

The belly dump trailers pulled by tractor trailer rigs are standard equipment for private highway contractors, according to Kip Dove of District Maintenance. Typically TxDOT districts use six- and 10-cubic yard dump trucks. On large maintenance jobs, especially on those roads damaged by heavy oilfield trucks servicing Eagle Ford Shale wells in Bee, Jim Wells, Karnes and Live Oak counties, the belly dump trailers can haul more paving material, consumes about the same amount of fuel as smaller

dump trucks, have fewer safety issues and requires a smaller work crew. The Corpus Christi District’s goal is to purchase enough belly dump trailers to stage two in each of its four Area Offices (Alice, Corpus Christi, Karnes City and Sinton). The district is also saving money by refurbishing the engines of surplus tractor trailer rigs, which serve multiple purposes, to haul the belly dump trailers.

“Being efficient with tax dollars is critically important to TxDOT because of dwindling resources,” Kip said. “We’re saving on personnel costs, on equipment maintenance, extending equipment service life and improving safety.” Typical dump trucks have beds that raise and lower and may strike overhead trees or power lines and cannot be used on sloped surfaces or unstable soils. Belly dump trailers are fitted with a remote control feature that allows a driver to regulate the amount

of paving material released and can be used on sloped surface and unstable soils. These trailers allow maintenance crews to be more efficient making repairs because material can be placed directly where it is needed – for example, along the roadway edge – instead of having to use another piece of equipment to blade material from a deposit site to the repair area. The district will continue to need and utilize its six- and 10-cubic yard dump trucks for such tasks as hauling material to smaller jobs or spreading material on bridges and overpasses to prevent icing during the winter.

TxDOT maintenance crews do not need additional endorsements on their Commercial Drivers License (CDL) to drive the tractor and belly dump trailer and additional training is offered to make drivers more comfortable with the equipment.

Giving Blood - The Gift Of Life

By Roy Jarbeaux



TxDOT employees are known for creating highways and bridges that by design can save lives, but there's another way TxDOT employees save lives — by donating blood. On March 26, the TxDOT family renewed its commitment to giving the gift of life by holding a blood drive at the District Office.

According to Crystal Hvorcik of the Coastal Bend Blood Center, TxDOT district employees made 17 successful blood donations — the equivalent of 51 lives saved. Each whole blood donation has the ability to save up to three lives. "On behalf of the Coastal Bend Blood Center, patients and hospitals across the Coastal Bend thank you for all of the time and effort you put into making this blood drive a success," Ms. Hvorcik wrote.

Despite many years of medical advancements, there is still no artificial substitute for blood. All the blood needs must come from us and few things we can do make such an important impact for good as donating blood. Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs a

transfusion of donated blood. Blood transfusions are used to treat accident victims, organ and marrow transplant recipients, cancer and heart surgery patients and those with blood-related diseases like sickle cell anemia. One unit of blood can be used in its various components to help save the lives of up to three patients in your community. Here's how:

Plasma is the liquid portion of the blood and is used to treat patients with severe burns and clotting disorders. Platelets are essential for blood clotting and are routinely needed to support cancer therapy, open-heart surgery, blood disorders and organ transplants. Red blood cells carry oxygen to all parts of the body and are needed most after significant blood loss through trauma or for patients undergoing surgery or experiencing anemia.

Donating is safe and probably easier than you imagine. The entire process can take as little as 10 minutes. If you were unable to donate at the March 26 blood drive, go to



Katie Hil, Joseph Briones and Candido Bocanegra donate while Charles Coleman waits. Photo by Ruben Garcia

the Web sites below to find out where you can donate in your home community.

Aransas, Bee, Jim Wells, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio and San Patricio counties

<http://www.coastalbendbloodcenter.org>
1-800/299-4943

Karnes and Goliad counties

<http://www.southtexasblood.org>
1-800/292-5534

The next TxDOT Blood Drive will be held at our Summer Employee Health Fair. Please direct any questions you may have to Roy Jarbeaux, 361/808-2260.

Week Set Aside To Remind Drivers Of Work Zone Safety

To remember victims and raise safety awareness for workers and motorists, TxDOT will join the Federal Highway Administration and other transportation partners April 23-27 to observe the 13th annual National Work Zone Awareness Week. The theme of this year is *Don't Barrel Through Work Zones! Drive Smart to Arrive Alive!*

Since 1938, there have been 270 TxDOT employees killed, with 200 of those deaths occurring in work zones. In 2010, 100 people were killed in highway construction and maintenance zones in Texas, down from 108 the previous year. Fortunately, in 2010 there were zero fatalities, but 280 crashes that occurred in highway work zones in the 10 counties that encompass the TxDOT Corpus Christi District. Speeding and inattention are the most common causes

cited statewide. While there has been a decline in work zone fatalities and crashes, there is still work to do.

The Corpus Christi District is holding its second Work Zone Awareness Week display contest. The Robstown Maintenance Office is defending the inaugural title. The Port Aransas Ferry System is joining the competition this year against the 11 Maintenance Offices to come up with the most creative, most interesting display that sends the message to the public about the importance of work zone safety. Display must be visible from the roadway. Display must be set up by Monday, April 23 and remain up through Friday, April 27.

Public Information Officers Tom Tagliabue and Aaron Ames are working with Safety

Officer Susan Feudo and Kip Dove of District Maintenance to promote media coverage of Work Zone Awareness Week.



EDMS Use Continues To Grow In District

The issue of limited computer server capacity continues to be a issue in the TxDOT Corpus Christi District, but some of those pesky record storage and retention issues are being overcome as users become familiar with the electronic data management system (EDMS).

Laura Benavides reports that we currently have 16,328 documents in the system, of which 7,958 have been added since the committee was formed. "I think the committee is doing well in trying to get EDMS running," Laura said. "The Construction Record Keepers will be meeting with the Area Engineers and deciding if they are ready to implement electronic record keeping for those type of records."

Susan Tutt with TxDOT General Services Division's Information Technology said EDMS gains greater user acceptance and

functionality when users can identify a business practice that needs a centralized data record retention tool. Ms. Tutt said future EDMS development will result in reducing duplicate document storage and an improved ability to manage document life cycle functions thus improving efficiency of server resources. A consulting firm was brought in for a one-year project to migrate from FileNet Content Services to FileNet P8 Content Manager.

Louis Carr, TxDOT Chief Information Officer, said the agency is undergoing a server revitalization project that will replace all servers (approximately 700) in remote and local locations. The project will result in currently supported versions of both hardware and software. Area Office servers



have already been deployed and work is currently underway to deploy new servers at all 25 districts and is expected to be completed by the end of April. As part of this project, a new and more flexible backup solution is also being implemented.

Mr. Carr also highlighted a network re-architecture project, which will replace the existing network management systems for improved routing and throughput between sites. Several locations are participating in proof-of-concept testing. AT&T has visited these sites and orders have been submitted. Mr. Carr said orders for all District Headquarters have been submitted and orders for all remaining offices will be submitted in the next few weeks. This project will be completed by August 2012.

Building Security Reminder At District Headquarters

Employees at the district headquarters in Corpus Christi are reminded about the importance of building security procedures during evenings and weekends. Vance Woods, Building Maintenance Supervisor in Corpus Christi, reports an increase in the number of security breach alarms going off caused by employee error when entering the buildings.

Employees are reminded that when they accidentally set off a building alarm, after hours and on weekends, to please contact the security office in Austin at 512/465-7931, identify yourself, give the operator the cancellation code and report the false alarm. If you are not familiar with the building security procedures, please talk

to your supervisor or Vance Woods about training.

Each time these alarms go off, Austin security is contacted and they in turn contact Vance Woods to determine if the Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) needs to be contacted. CCPD only allows three free courtesy call outs over a one-year period. Luckily, in the last 16 years, TxDOT has not exceeded that limit, but this year, we have already exceeded the free courtesy call limits. Each call out now costs the district \$50 for a CCPD response.

If you need to work late or on weekends, please protect yourself and the district by familiarizing yourself with building security procedures.

NEW EMPLOYEES

Please welcome the following new employees to the TxDOT family! We encourage them to commit to a culture of safety, a spirit of sharing, and a determination to faithfully serve the people of Texas. Please help them feel welcome and give them the benefit of your knowledge and experience.

Name	Position	Location	Start Date
Trevino Flores, Roberto	E277-Engineering Assistant III	Corpus Christi Area Office	1/17/2012
Diaz, David A.	E270-Engineering Assistant I	Corpus Christi Area Office	1/17/2012
Longoria, Ernesto J.	E277-Engineering Assistant III	Corpus Christi Area Office	1/17/2012
Garcia Jr., Antonio "Tony"	K507-General Transp Tech II	Beeville Maintenance	1/1/2012
Garcia, Sanmiguel M. "Mike"	K507-General Transp Tech II	Beeville Maintenance	1/1/2012
Martinez, Benino "Benny"	K507-General Transp Tech II	Beeville Maintenance	1/1/2012
Chapa, Carlos	K507-General Transp Tech II	Corpus Christi Maintenance	1/1/2012
Ruiz, James A.	K507-General Transp Tech II	Corpus Christi Maintenance	1/1/2012
Brown, Casey R.	K506-General Transp Tech I	Goliad Maintenance	1/1/2012
Rood, Jeffrey B. "Jeff"	K506-General Transp Tech I	Goliad Maintenance	1/1/2012
Andrews, Patrick S.	K506-General Transp Tech I	Karnes City Maintenance	1/1/2012
Briones II, Oscar	K506-General Transp Tech I	Karnes City Maintenance	1/1/2012
Olguin, Fabian R.	K506-General Transp Tech I	Karnes City Maintenance	1/1/2012
Garza, Manuel C.	K507-General Transp Tech II	Robstown Maintenance	1/1/2012
Gomez Jr., Arthur	K507-General Transp Tech II	Robstown Maintenance	1/1/2012
Olmos II, Rudy J.	K506-General Transp Tech I	Robstown Maintenance	1/1/2012
Gage, Brenda C.	K506-General Transp Tech I	Rockport Maintenance	1/17/2012
McMakin, Ryan C.	K506-General Transp Tech I	Rockport Maintenance	1/1/2012
Aguirre, Pedro "Pete"	K507-General Transp Tech II	Sinton Maintenance	1/17/2012
John, Chandler S.	K506-General Transp Tech I	Sinton Maintenance	1/17/2012
Rotondi, Giovanni V.	K506-General Transp Tech I	Sinton Maintenance	1/1/2012
Castillo, Juan J.	K507-General Transp Tech II	Refugio Maintenance	1/17/2012
Trevino, Arturo R.	K507-General Transp Tech II	Refugio Maintenance	1/17/2012
Juarez, Carlos	E277-Engineering Assistant III	Corpus Christi - Laboratory	1/17/2012
Dominguez, Timothy J.	K716-Ferry Maintenance Tech II	Port Aransas Ferry	2/1/2012
Guerrero, E. Omar	E277-Engineering Assistant III	Traffic Engineering	1/17/201

TXDOT CORPUS CHRISTI DISTRICT RETIREES

The following TxDOT employees have retired from state service in the last three months. We thank them for their many years of dedicated service to the people of Texas and wish them happy, healthy and fulfilling retirement. You will be missed, but we look forward to your visits and participation in TxDOT retiree functions.

Gonzales, Calistro

Transportation Maintenance
Crew Chief I
January 13, 2012

Esquivel, Luis R.

Transportation Maintenance
Crew Chief I
February 29, 2012

Ybarra, Claro C.

General Transportation Tech III
March 31, 2012

Baacke, Clinton R.

Transportation Maintenance
Crew Chief II
March 31, 2012

Lopez, Rafael "Ralph" C.

Transportation Maintenance
Equipment Operator
March 31, 2012

SERVICE AWARDS

Five (5) Years

Paul Aguilar - Corpus Christi Area Office
Clesheon Brown - Refugio Maintenance
Curtis Carroll - Ferry Operations
Maria Cruz - Traffic Signals
Arturo Cuellar - Corpus Christi Maintenance
Alfredo Gaona - Special Jobs
Jose Garcia - Kingsville Maintenance
Omar Garcia - Kingsville Maintenance
Maida Garza - Permits
Kami Hale - Administration
Esmael Hernandez - Corpus Christi Maintenance
Russell Maddalone - Ferry System
Vanessa Patterson - Geometrics
Stephanie Ruiz - Alice Maintenance
Robert Vega - Refugio Maintenance

10 Years:

Bryan Castillo - District Construction
America Garza - Traffic Operations
Kassondra Munoz - Traffic Operations
Oscar Soliz - Alice Area Office

Fifteen (15) Years

Steven Ellison - Bridge Maintenance
Charles Hafer - Ferry Operations
Severo Hernandez - Corpus Christi Maintenance
Joe Pena - Transportation Planning and Design
Alventor "Ali" Rodriguez - Traffic Signals

Twenty (20) Years

Tomas Trevino - Alice Area Office

Twenty-Five (25) Years

Clinton Baacke - Goliad Maintenance
Laura Benavides - Administration

Thirty (30) Years

Willie Cabello - Corpus Christi Maintenance
Victor Gallindo - Corpus Christi Maintenance
Jeffrey "Matt" Cox - Survey



5 YRS - Clesheon Brown, Robert Vega and Jose Garcia



15 YRS - Steve Ellison, Joe Pena, Ali Rodriguez, Severo Hernandez



25 YRS - Clinton Baacke



30 YRS - Willie Cabello



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Calendar of Events

APRIL 2012

- 16-May 13 - Motorcycle Awareness Campaign
- 21 - San Jacinto Day
- 21 - Earth Day & Bay Day at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi
- 23-27 - National Work Zone Awareness Week
- 26 - Commission Meeting

MAY 2012

- 5 - Cinco De Mayo
- 13 - Mother's Day
- 14-17 - Coastal Bend Hurricane Conference at Richard C. Borchard Fairgrounds
- 19 - Armed Forces Day
- 28 - Memorial Day Holiday
- 29 - Primary Election Day
- 30-31 - Texas Transportation Commission Workshop & Commission Meeting

JUNE 2012

- 1 - Hurricane Season Begins
- 14 - Flag Day
- 17 - Father's Day
- 19 - Emancipation Day
- 27-28 - Texas Transportation Commission Workshop & Commission Meeting

