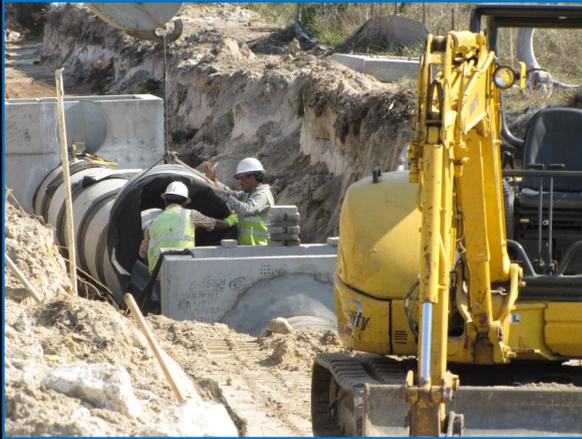


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BUSINESS 41 FOUR-LANE PROJECT FROM LITTLETON ROAD TO US 41 LEE COUNTY



It may be an active construction zone now, but motorists and businesses along this stretch of highway know what's to come . . . they can see it to the south. FDOT (in coordination with Lee County) completed a project in 2007 that expanded US Business 41 south of Littleton to four lanes. Now crews work to the north to widen the last existing two-lane segment of Business 41 to four lanes. Before orange barrels and construction equipment arrived on site, the department invited North Fort Myers residents, business owners, and visitors in the community to multiple public workshops to discuss the project.

The job kicked-off with utility relocations that allowed FDOT's construction contractor to move in last October with machinery to clear trees and brush from the right-of-way. Excavation of the retention pond also began early in the project, and crews are using this excavated material to build new lanes and to elevate the existing lanes.

In a few months, traffic will shift to new travel lanes, letting crews rebuild existing lanes. A 44-foot grass median, except in some locations with full and directional median openings, separates northbound and southbound travel lanes. The project also installs additional street lighting, sidewalk, and bike lanes, and crews are building a new drainage system to manage water running off the roadway. Replacement of the traffic signal at the Business 41/Laurel Drive intersection is part of the project, as well.

The contractor, Wright Construction Group, expects to finish work in spring 2015. This project cost is \$8.5 million.

On The Road With Billy



For those of you who did not attend the recent Town Halls, I want to share my thoughts and plans based on our recent employee survey. First, thanks to all of you who took part in the survey. We had 466 employees (78%) who took the time to provide us feedback on our efforts since last year's survey. The results were very encouraging to all of us who have been working to improve employee satisfaction in District One. Our overall employee survey results increased from 159.91 to 169.80, up 9.89 points, the largest single increase since we began the survey 15 years ago.

Following is a brief summary of the highlights.

All 71 items surveyed increased in overall score and 53 of them significantly (meaning they improved by .10 or more).

Only 2 items scored 15% or greater dissatisfaction. Last year we had 12 items.

Our lowest scoring item, #70 - My District Awards Program is effective (1.97) increased by .20 from last year (1.97 vs 1.77) and had a decline in dissatisfaction from 29% last year to 22% this year.

All four management categories improved:

Executive Team (Tallahassee leadership) score increased 2.19 from 1.97 last year.

Management Team (the directors and me) scored 2.28 from 2.10 last year.

I want to thank all of our leadership team for their efforts in making this outcome a reality. I also want everyone to know this is a journey and not a destination, because my approach concerning this issue is focused on continuous improvement. We still have work to do in some areas to become the number one District in employee satisfaction. We are finalizing the strategies that came out of our district step up meeting last year in combination with these most recent results to develop our plan for improvement during the coming year.

I asked each of the directors to study the survey results and comments from this year and last year to identify areas for improvement, and develop specific strategies for those areas.

We also discussed at the Town Hall the salary market survey the Florida Transportation Commission (FTC) is conducting. The FTC is hiring a consultant to compare the department's salaries with the private sector and other government agencies in the state of Florida to identify where our salary/benefit package is significantly less than those other entities. The results of that analysis is due at the end of December and the goal is to then develop a strategy for making our compensation package more competitive over the coming years. As I shared at the Town Hall and in my response to the anonymous letter, we should not expect to have sudden "across the board" increases.

Please continue to share your thoughts and concerns during the coming year to assist us in the goal of improving the work environment in District One. We need everyone's participation in order to create a work environment where everyone is excited about coming to work and feel safe expressing their thoughts and concerns with leadership. Let's go for the gold and make District One the number one district in employee satisfaction next year!!

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Consistent, Predictable, Repeatable



What do you mean you want to shut down I-4? The I-4 CSX Rail Repair Detour Implementation March 29 – 30, 2014

by Amarylis “Amy” Perez



The Department was asked to support our transportation partner CSX with our specialty...managing vehicular traffic. CSX needed to perform essential safety work to handle the anticipated increase in rail traffic and because of the opening of the Winter Haven Integrated Logistics Center. The rails needing repair were over Interstate 4 near Kathleen Road requiring I-4 to be closed one direction at a time over a two day period for motorist safety.

Managing an estimated 50,000 vehicles diverted from I-4 was a monumental task which required strategic planning with local government agencies, law enforcement, traffic management centers, the state sign shop, Bartow Operations and Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise. Public Information also worked closely with their partners in adjoining Districts Five and Seven, and through the media, in a critical effort to get details of the detour to residents and those planning to travel through Polk County.

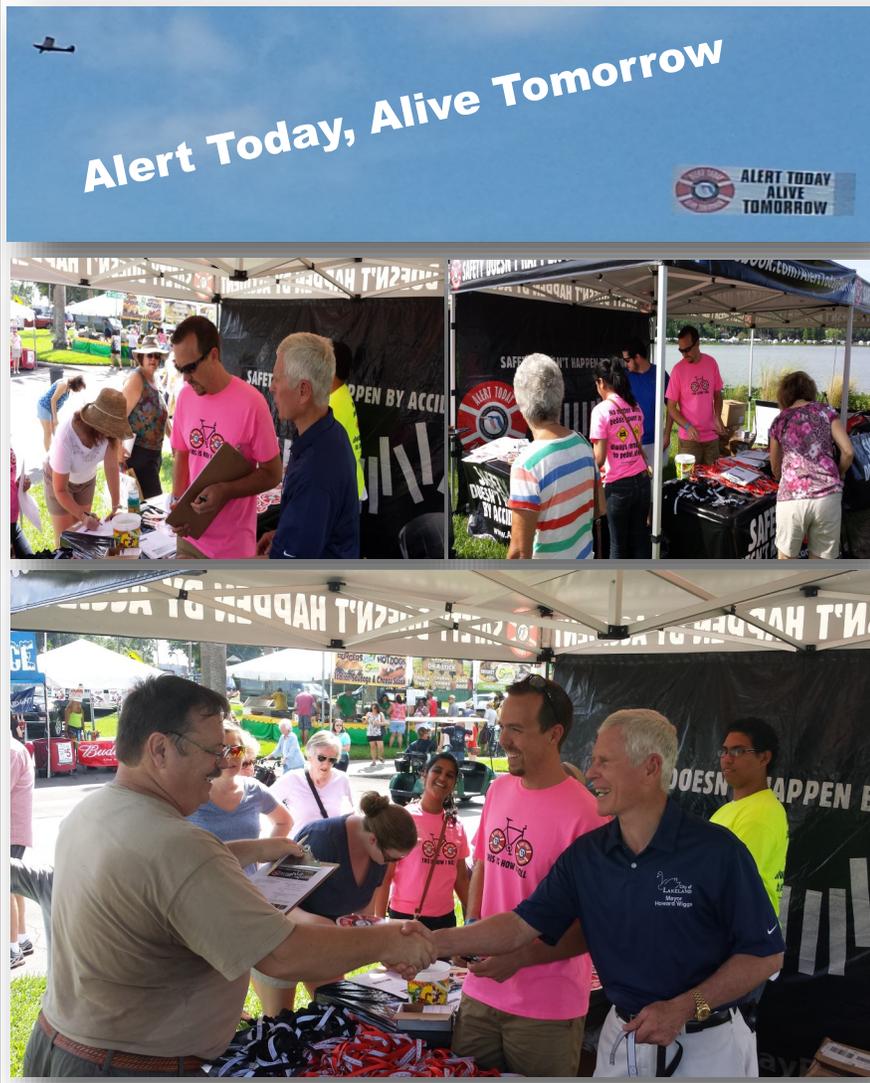
Pre-event planning by the entire team, along with access to the Polk Parkway as an alternate route, allowed for smooth plan implementation. In the field, team members understood their roles, and when conditions required field modifications, the team adapted to meet the challenge.

One of the greatest challenges came in the final hours of the project when a major change in plans occurred. The Bartow Operations team had less than 20 minutes to mobilize equipment, reclose lanes that had already been opened, and clear debris from the rail-bridge and roadway below before the next scheduled train.

Time was of the essence to ensure motorists were safe from falling debris. The team had just finished clearing the debris over the travel lanes and opened I-4 to traffic when -- HOOT! HOOT! -- the train came across I-4. In the end, all workers were safe, motorists moved safely and efficiently through the detour routes without incident, and rail repairs were completed successfully: mission accomplished!

This I-4 CSX Rail Repair Detour Team **STEPPED UP IN A BIG WAY** to successfully implement a detour that kept the motorist and workers safe. The rail work they supported will have a direct impact to the economy in our region, and **ONE FDOT MADE IT POSSIBLE.**





Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District One Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Champion conducted the “Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow (ATAT) – Safety Doesn’t Happen by Accident” bicycle/pedestrian safety campaign during Mayfaire By-the-Lake 2014 along the shores of Lake Morton in Lakeland.

FDOT staff volunteers offered bike/ped safety tips and distributed a great number of safety items on Saturday and Sunday, May 10th and 11th.

Lakeland Mayor Howard Wiggs stopped at our tent, helped hand out promotional materials and spoke about bicycle/pedestrian safety with constituents. New this year was the aerial ATAT banner flying around Lake Morton.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the campaign to make it another very successful event this year.

On April 26, 2014, Tony “Rocket Man” Stevens, senior attorney in D -1 Bartow, finished first place in the 2nd Annual Race the Bar run sponsored by the Lakeland Bar Association. In a field of 110 competitors, Tony placed first in his age division plus fastest lawyer. The event raised funds for Florida Rural Legal Services, which helps provide legal services to the needy. “It was steamy but I made it!” said Tony of his 5K run around Lake Hollingsworth. Tony received a trophy beer stein and a first place ribbon adorned with a bottle opener.

District One employees have seen Tony training for this single event for the last twenty five years. Chief Counsel Kristen Carlson noted that being the fastest lawyer should not come as a surprise to anyone who had Tony review their contracts. “He looks pretty slow when you watch him run or read a contract, but it is deceptive. Don’t get between Tony Stevens and a contract deadline or a finish line. The man will run you over.” Tony retires in June so if you see him running around Bartow during lunch, cheer D-1’s fastest lawyer on.



The 2014 Employee Survey results are in!

Thanks to the 466 employees (78%) who took the time to provide us with feedback on their experience at the Department. This is going to be a short article because I can sum up the survey in one word-

IMPROVED!

We IMPROVED by:

- ◇ Having an additional 9% of eligible District One employees take the survey
- ◇ Having the highest single year increase in overall average score in the 15 year history of the survey- 169.80 up 9.89 points from last year (159.91)
- ◇ Having all 71 items increase in overall score
- ◇ of the 71 items increasing in overall score, 53 of them did so significantly (meaning they improved by the statistically significant amount of .10 or more)
- ◇ Having only 2 item scoring in dissatisfaction of 15% or greater compared to last year when we had 12 items
- ◇ #70 - My District Awards program is effective 22%
- ◇ #8 - I can get training to prepare for advancement 15%
- ◇ Having our lowest scoring item, #70 - My District Awards Program is effective (1.97) increase by .20 from last year (1.77) and decline in dissatisfaction from 29% last year to 22% this year
- ◇ Having all four management categories improve
- ◇ Executive Team (Tallahassee leaders) scored 2.19 from 1.97 last year
- ◇ Management Team (Bartow executives) scored 2.28 from 2.10 last year
- ◇ Cost Center Managers scored 2.45 from 2.26 last year
- ◇ Supervisors scored 2.43 from 2.33 last year

Thanks again to everyone who took the time to complete the survey and participate in the focus groups we held last year.

Because of your openness, the leaders of our District have been able to focus on what matters most to you. Communication efforts such as additional town hall meetings and locations.

Secretary Hattaway's one-on-one meetings with all management levels, and an increase in availability by our Directors after meetings or during site visits seems to be making an impact.

Focus on management credibility that resulted in better communication practices, the Management Team's New Employee Orientation, and more management by walking around practices has made an impact too.

Even recognition, both formal (annual awards program) and informal (day-to-day or peer-to-peer), has been expressed as improved.

What does it all mean? In the words of Winston Churchill, "Never give up!" Success is the journey not the destination.



THANK YOU FROM THE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND COMMITTEE



This week was designated by Congress as **Public Service Recognition Week** and we find ourselves grateful for the opportunity to thank you for all you do on behalf of our nation. Each and every day, we have the pleasure of witnessing firsthand your remarkable contributions and achievements.

Even during these difficult times, you continue working to find innovative solutions to complex issues. Your hard work does not go unnoticed, and we want you to know that we are proud to serve with you.

Many thanks,
Billy Hattaway, Randy Prescott, Chris Smith, Carol Finn

Prudential Productivity Awards



Prudential

TEAM NAME: District One Geographic Information Systems GIS Implementation

MEMBERS - CERTIFICATES

Carl Metz, George Martin, Carl Gaugh

Savings: \$1,007,500

District One initiated development of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) applications to help end users get access to data that is critical for day to day work. This effort followed the statewide Enterprise GIS application development. The team developed numerous applications with the Enterprise GIS application as a standard template. The applications include but not limited to District One General Viewer (for operations and survey/mapping data) and District One Work Program Viewer (for planning data).

TEAM NAME: Low-Cost Solution to Improve Traffic Signal Efficiency

MEMBERS - CERTIFICATES

Michael Stripling, Ken Bass, Keith Pittman, Kyle Green, Renjan Joseph

Savings: \$320,195.00

Several citizens were complaining about the traffic signal operation at three intersections along US 27 in Haines City, Polk County, FL. The three signals were programmed to coordinate traffic so majority of traffic along US 27 will flow without stopping at the three signals. Reviews of the locations identified that the clocks in the controllers were drifting causing the three locations to be off-sync resulting in traffic stopping unnecessarily. The team comprised of multiple jurisdictions worked together to identify a low cost solution and resolved the issue. The solution was installation of GPS units in the cabinets and sync the background clocks in the controllers that run the traffic signals so all three locations have the same time.

INDIVIDUAL TITLE: Cost Savings for Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Maintenance Contracts

MEMBERS - CERTIFICATES

Katherine Chinault

Savings: \$116,539.00

Our District Intelligent Transportation Systems Maintenance and Locate Contract was expiring. In an attempt to see if a renewal was feasible and possible, Katherine polled the other districts and researched the costs of their existing contracts. She determined that the District One ITS Maintenance Contract was already one of the best valued contracts in the state. However, in order to renew the contract she knew she would need better pricing from the existing Vendor. She negotiated lower contract prices with the Vendor which resulted in an overall reduction of 12.17% in pricing for the contract as a whole. This information was presented to FDOT management who approved the five year renewal due to the cost savings.



Prudential

TEAM TITLE: Making UPS work for the taxpayer

MEMBERS - CERTIFICATES

**Paul Barnes
Robert Lopes
Troy Whitfield
David Heisler**

SAVINGS: \$4,387.20

Recent changes to the work assignments in the District One and Seven Materials Asphalt Section created inefficiency in delivering asphalt samples obtained in the southern part of our district to the District lab in Bartow. The inspector obtaining the samples is based out of the Ft. Myers area, but the samples must be tested at the Bartow District Lab. To reduce inefficiency we had to find a way to eliminate unnecessary trips between the Ft. Myers and the Bartow lab. We achieved this by utilizing the Department's UPS contract to deliver the asphalt samples. Before the contract was utilized, a combination of existing necessary trips (team leader group meetings, leadership meetings, staff meetings, etc.) and David delivering the samples himself to Bartow was utilized. The turnaround time from sampling to reporting of results must be as short as possible as delays add cost to projects. The average cost for delivering a sample by means of an FDOT inspector is \$133.68 per sample for a total of \$5347.20 per year. The average cost for delivering samples via UPS is \$24.00 per sample for a total of \$960.00. The difference results in a savings of \$4387.20 per year.

TEAM NAME: Fort Myers Asphalt Lab Team

MEMBERS - CERTIFICATES

**Mark Peronto
Timmy Meeks
Debbie Stewart**

Savings: \$90,000.00

Fort Myers Asphalt Lab Team The team was tasked to set up a new asphalt lab in the Fort Myers area for the testing of asphalt material used to construct State highways. (This testing is required per Code of Federal Requirements.) The Team successfully modified an existing building to accommodate the lab, procured all the necessary equipment, and completed the required accreditations for under \$10,000 dollars. Normal cost would have been in excess of \$100,000.00, resulting in a savings of over \$90,000.00. The key to this savings was smart procurement of the lab equipment and an innovative approach to modifying an existing facility rather than purchasing a trailer lab.

The Executive Suite Staff hosted Open House on April 3rd. Employees toured the suite and took advantage of the opportunities to mingle, ask question of the Secretary, Directors, Support Staff and enjoy the hospitality.



Commuter Services

Submitted by Richard Shine



"In April, the Lee County Board of County Commission approved the purchase of land for LeeTran's new park-and-ride facility at Summerlin and San Carlos Boulevards near Fort Myers Beach. This is a very important regional multimodal facility development achievement.

The Commuter Services project is very active in the district. Recently, the City of North Port, the City of Sarasota, and Sarasota County achieved Best Workplaces for Commuters Awards.

The City of North Port received the Gold Employer Level Award in the 2013 National Best Workplaces for Commuters (BWC) Race to Excellence Virtual Awards.

This is the only city awarded The Gold Employer Award.

Nationally, the District One Commuter Services project received "Best of Supporting Agency" award status."





D-1 KEEPS STEPPING UP! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL "SPOTLIGHT" EMPLOYEES

Albert Rosenstein
Brian Bird
Dave Morgan
Henry Hall
Joe Burke
Joe Freeman

John Morrison
Linda Stanford
Rax Jung
Robert Hill
Rodney Pocevic
Roxann Lake

William Greene
Tyrone Moore
Wendy Sands



A *Suntacular* Safety Day in Fort Myers!

Submitted by Providance Nagy

April 12, 2014 (Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers) -- Staff from the Southwest Area Office (SWAO) and Fort Myers Operations Center (FMOC) promoted bicycle and pedestrian safety at the second annual Safe Kids Lee/Collier Counties safety fair that recognized Safe Kids Day. Over 700 people visited the Safe Kids Day safety fair. Many stopped by the FDOT booth where the bright yellow vests and bicycle bells were the top 'safety picks' among children of all ages! To learn more about bicycle and pedestrian safety, check out the following website:

<http://www.alerttodayflorida.com/>

Pictured on left is Lisa Krieger and on right is Russ Muller.

DID YOU KNOW?

Florida is home of two of the most naturally round lakes in the world.

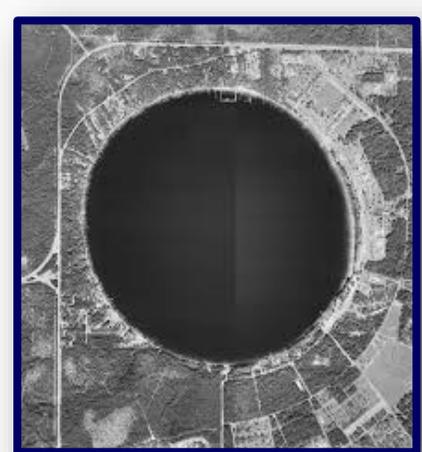
Lake DeFuniak

Is in DeFuniak Springs, Florida, which is in the northwest part of the state. It is located at the intersection of US-331 and US-90 just north of I-10, about 60 miles east of Pensacola.



Kingsley Lake

Kingsley Lake is about six miles east of Starke, Florida. According to some sources, it is the oldest and highest lake in Florida, located on the edge of the Trail Ridge formation.



The Winter Haven Chain of Lakes Trail Bridge

What better symbol of cooperation than a bridge. It all began in 2010 when the Polk Transportation Planning Organization decided to make this bridge a priority.

The cooperation began almost immediately as the city of Winter Haven agreed to fund the Construction, Engineering and Inspection portion and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) through the Joint Partnership Agreement funded the construction costs.

After all the planning and design, construction began July 8, 2013 and less than a year later citizens celebrated the opening of this magnificent bridge.

The Winter Haven Chain of Lakes bridge is something Polk County and the citizens of Winter Haven can enjoy for years to come. FDOT was proud to help make it possible and participated in the grand opening on such a wonderful day.

The bridge is part of the Chain of Lakes Trail and is for bikers, walkers and runners to travel safely over Avenue T.



Congratulations Graduates



Hailey Cook

Graduate of George Jenkins High School.
 Future plan is to become a Culinary Arts Teacher.
 Hailey plans to attend Johnson and Wales University, North Miami, Florida.
 Hailey is the daughter of Paula Hunter, Program Management.



Raven Kelley

Graduate of Mulberry High School.
 Future plan is to study at Aveda Institute to become a Licensed Cosmetologist.
 Raven is the granddaughter of Cheri Kelley, Public Information Office.



Lizabeth McKinney

Graduate of Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y.
 Future plans are attend graduate school to receive a Masters Degree in Business Administration.
 Lizabeth is the daughter of Beth VanWagner, LaBelle Operations Center.



Zaina Sheets

Graduate of University of Florida in Gainesville.
 She has a Bachelor Degree in Fine Arts and plans to pursue a Masters Degree in the same field.
 Zaina is the daughter of Lisa Sheets-Schulz, Surveying and Mapping.



Emily Stublen

Graduated May 3rd from University of South Florida with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Speech Pathology.
 She plans to attend graduate school in 2015.
 Emily is the daughter of Robin Stublen, Public Information Office.



Crystal Hebert

Graduated May 3rd from University of Central Florida with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Interpersonal/Organizational Communication and two minors; Mass Communication and Aero Space Studies. She commissioned on May 4th as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force and will be stationed at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in North Carolina.
 Crystal is the daughter of Marlene Hebert, District Materials.





Safety, as it is seen in today's standards, should be head and shoulders above what it was in the earlier years of industry in America. Yet, we can consistently see the statistics of injury and death not getting any better; it seems to be getting worse. So where, when it comes to safety, does the disconnect lie?

In my years in safety I have heard the word "complacency" used a lot to justify employee disconnect and safety, but is it really? One of the definitions of the word complacency by Merriam-Webster is "a feeling of being satisfied with how things are and not wanting to try to make them better: a complacent feeling or condition". If you re-read that definition and think about how you approach your job or work duties every day, does that accurately describe your safety mind set?

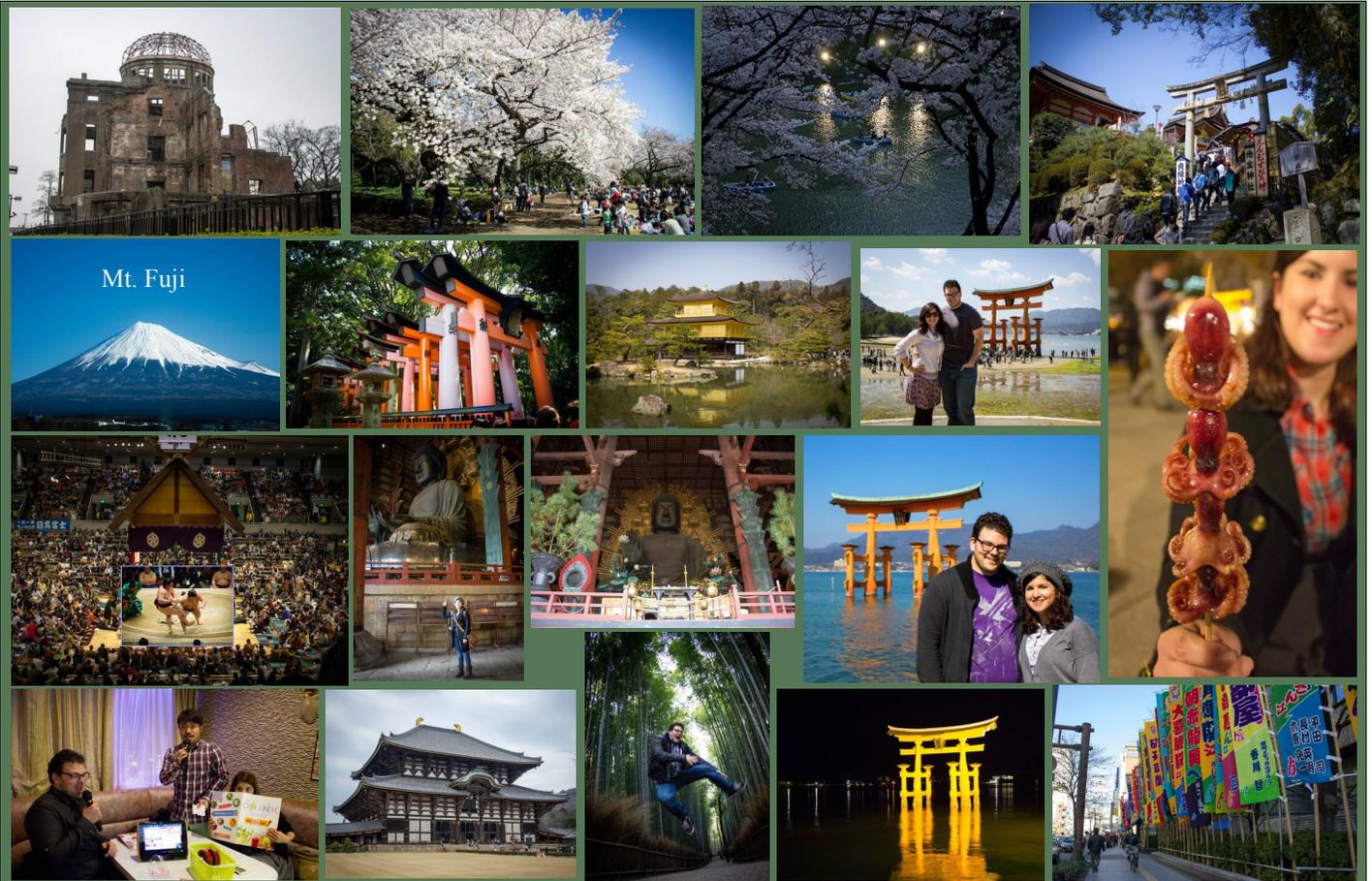
If it does, I would ask; at what point in our minds did safety become something that any of us would think doesn't require evolution, and constant improvements on a daily basis? Did this mind set change over time due to not being injured or did you just get tired of thinking about it? In reality, these are questions that only you

could answer in the privacy of your own mind.

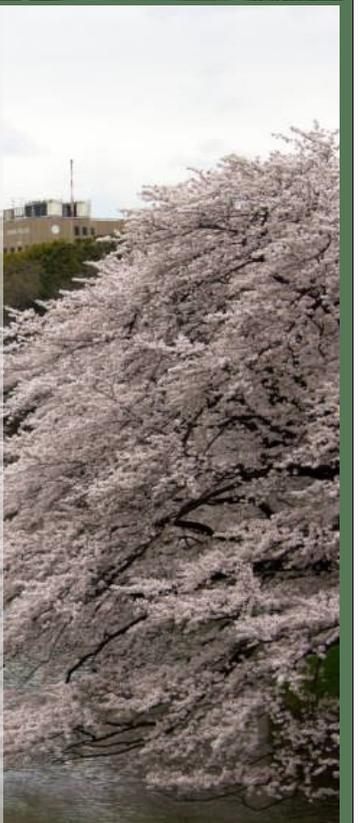
So how can we change our mind from a safety disconnected mind, to a mind where safety is always there and a constant reminder of why we must never take chances? I personally keep photos of my children as a reminder of who is depending on me to come home every day. This moves me to do better, to know better and to always be a role model. Am I perfect? Oh no, so very far from it. But that doesn't mean that I will ever stop trying. What reminder to always be safe would work for you? I could very well make suggestions, but only you will know what will move you in your heart, to make the right choice. I recently had a close friend share with me a saying that drives them to always improve "if you know better, you do better", and that is so very true. We all know what is right and what is wrong when it comes to safety; it's all in what you choose to do.

In closing, do I personally believe that complacency plays a large role in the safety disconnect? No, I personally do not. I believe it's an individual choice to either do your job safer or not. There is no gray area in my mind. You do it or you don't. So what's going to change your way of thinking? Well, it's a personal choice and no one can make that choice for you. I personally will choose to do my job safer because my children and grandchildren love me and need me, and that's enough. What's going to be enough for you to reconnect to safety and how you apply it in your life?

NIK LEON TAKES US TO JAPAN



My two week trip to Japan took me all over the country. While in Osaka I witnessed a Sumo Tournament. This is much more than two large men trying to push each other out of a small circle but it is a traditional competitive sport rooted in Shinto religion. In Kyoto I witnessed numerous temples and shrines including the Fushimi Inari Shrine which has trails covered by thousands of “torii’s” (a traditional Shinto gate found at the entrance or within a Shinto shrine), the Kinkaku-ji or Golden Pavillion, and Arashiyama which is known for its large bamboo forest. In Nara I visited the Todaiji Temple which is home to world’s largest bronze statue of Buddah. In Hiroshima I paid my respects to those who lost their lives at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial; just outside the memorial stands the last building from the bombing, the Atomic Dome. In Miyajima I visited the Itsukushima shrine, home of the most famous Torii gate which appears to be floating on water during high tide. In the mountains of Nagano I worked on an apple farm. In Tokyo the cherry blossoms were in full bloom. I sang karaoke, visited the largest fish market in Japan and explored the city. Overall, Japan was full of variety and rich cultural heritage.





**Congratulations
David and Amber VanGilder**



David and Amber were married on February 23, 2014. They celebrated their country style wedding with Camouflage shirts, Wrangler jeans, Justin boots and classic Chevy trucks in the back ground.

The Employee Recognition Program Committee members would like to remind you to nominate your coworkers!



The link to submit nominations is here:
<http://webapp02.dot.state.fl.us/awardnominationandreview/>

If you have any questions, please contact one of the Employee Recognition Committee members below

- Greg Bowne, Chairman, Right of Way
- Joe Lauk, Co-Chair, Project Management
- Lori Albritton, Financial Services
- Amy Blair, Project Management
- Blake Edwards, Financial Services
- Joe Freeman, Bartow Operations
- Robert Lopes, Materials
- Sharon Smith, Arcadia Operations
- Bruce Watkins, Ft. Myers Operations



Hunter Harrison, son of Ben & Christy Harrison (Legal), is the sophomore shortstop on Bartow High School's varsity baseball team. The team recently won the District 7A-6 championship. Hunter is also maintaining a 3.75 GPA. Hunter is pictured with Logan Lyle the winning sophomore pitcher from the championship game.



Submitted by William A. (Steve) Stephens - Temple, TX

When baseball greats Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig went on tour in baseball-crazy Japan in 1934, some fans wondered why a third-string catcher named Moe Berg was included. The answer was simple: Berg was a US spy. Speaking 15 languages, including Japanese, Moe Berg had two loves: baseball & spying.

In Tokyo, garbed in a kimono, Berg took flowers to the daughter of an American diplomat being treated in St. Luke's Hospital--the tallest building in the Japanese capital. He never delivered the flowers. The ball-player ascended to the hospital roof and filmed key features: the harbor, military installations, railway yards, etc. Eight years later, General Jimmy Doolittle studied Berg's films in planning his spectacular raid on Tokyo.

Catcher Moe Berg

Berg's father, Bernard Berg, a pharmacist in Newark, New Jersey, taught his son Hebrew and Yiddish. Moe, against his wishes, began playing baseball on the street aged four. His father disapproved and never once watched his son play. In Barringer High School, Moe learned Latin, Greek and French. He graduated magna cum laude from Princeton—having added Spanish, Italian, German and Sanskrit to his linguistic quiver. During further studies at the Sorbonne, in Paris, and Columbia Law School he picked up Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Indian, Arabic, Portuguese and Hungarian—15 languages in all, plus some regional dialects. While playing baseball for Princeton University, Moe Berg would describe plays in Latin or Sanskrit.

Tito's partisans

During World War II, he was parachuted into Yugoslavia to assess the value to the war effort of the two groups of partisans there. He reported back that Marshall Tito's forces were widely supported by the people and Winston Churchill ordered all-out support for the Yugoslav underground fighter, rather than Mihajlovic's Serbians. The parachute jump at age 41 undoubtedly was a challenge. But there was more to come in that same year. Berg penetrated German-held Norway, met with members of the underground and located a secret heavy water plant — part of the Nazis' effort to build an atomic bomb. His information guided the Royal Air Force in a bombing raid to destroy the plant.

The R.A.F. destroys the Norwegian heavy water plant targeted by Moe Berg.....

There still remained the question of how far had the Nazis progressed in the race to build the first Atomic bomb. If the Nazis were successful, they would win the war. Berg (under the code name "Remus") was sent to Switzerland to hear leading German physicist Werner Heisenberg, a Nobel Laureate, lecture and determine if the Nazis were close to building an A-bomb. Moe managed to slip past the SS guards at the auditorium, posing as a Swiss graduate student. The spy carried in his pocket a pistol and a cyanide pill. If the German indicated the Nazis were close to building a weapon, Berg was to shoot him—and then swallow the cyanide pill. Moe, sitting in the front row, determined that the Germans were nowhere near their goal, so he complimented Heisenberg on his speech and walked him back to his hotel.

Moe Berg's report was distributed to Britain's Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and key figures in the team developing the Atomic Bomb. Roosevelt responded: "Give my regards to the catcher." Most of Germany's leading physicists had been Jewish and had fled the Nazis mainly to Britain and the United States. After the war, Moe Berg was awarded the Medal of Merit—America's highest honor for a civilian in wartime. But Berg refused to accept, as he couldn't tell people about his exploits. After his death, his sister accepted the Medal and it hangs in the Baseball Hall of Fame, in Cooperstown!

From the Newsletter of the USS Enterprise CV-6 Association Spring & Summer 2014 Issue

Baby's Name: Taylee Rachelle VanGilder
Proud Parents: Amber and David VanGilder, Fort Myers Operations Center
Date of Birth: November 14, 2013
Location: Cape Coral Hospital , Cape Coral, FL.
Time of Birth: 9:42 p.m.
Weight: 7 lbs., 14 oz.
Length: 21 inches



Baby's Name: Emma Grace Payne
Proud Parents: Kimberly and Tommy Payne, Fort Myers Materials
Date of Birth: February 21, 2014
Location: Lee Memorial Healthpark, Fort Myers, FL.
Time of Birth: 7:59 a.m.
Weight: 7 lbs., 1 oz.
Length: 20 inches

Baby's Name: Alijah Reginald Ferguson
Proud Parents: Julius and Chayla Ferguson
Proud Grandparents: Glenn and Cheri Kelley, Public Information Office
Date of Birth: February 17, 2014
Location: St. Vincent Medical Center, Jacksonville , FL.
Time of Birth: 6:10 a.m.
Weight: 5 lbs. 5 oz.
Length: 21 inches



Let's Welcome the 2014 First Quarter New Employees to District One



Cindy Kersey
Intermodal
Systems Development



Cassie Anker
Traffic
Operations



John O'Brien
Sarasota
Operations



Jobin Abraham
Program
Management



Sierra Gallon
Right of Way



Joseph Eliode
Fort Myers
Operations



Corrine Peters
Sarasota
Operations



Kyle Purvis
Traffic
Operations



Brian Blair
Program
Management



Andrew Chupka
District
Materials



Lowell Giddens
Sarasota
Operations



Joseph Smothers
Surveying &



Rebecca Coltrain
Utilities



Patrick Bateman
Environmental
Management



Arthur Narvaez
Sarasota
Operations



Jeffery Coleman
Sarasota
Operations



Pat Serpas
Traffic
Operations



Jeff Diemer
Program
Management



Douglas Zang
Environmental
Management

