



AWARD OF  
DISTINCTION

Heroism

2024

# Kenneth Cassway

*Motorist Assistance Operator, Department of Transportation*

For exceptional courage, decisive action, and exemplary service. On February 11, 2024, Kenneth responded immediately to reports of a wrong way driver on I-70. Upon locating the vehicle, he used his MoDOT Motorist Assistance truck and specialized equipment to safely stop and pin the impaired driver's car against a barrier, preventing a potentially catastrophic crash. His quick thinking protected countless motorists and demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to public safety. Kenneth's heroic actions earned recognition from the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and the Kansas City Missouri Police Department.



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Human Relations

2024

# George Welling

*Enterprise Resource Recruiter, Office of Administration*

For outstanding dedication, exceptional service, and heartfelt commitment to cultivating the next generation of IT professionals. As ITSD's recruiter, George travels statewide to engage students, support hiring managers, and bring top talent into both internships and full time roles. Beyond his professional duties, he went above and beyond by mentoring young employees, helping them transition into new careers and communities, and creating opportunities for connection and belonging. Through his personal time, leadership, and genuine care, George fostered a supportive environment where new professionals feel valued, engaged, and at home. His passion for service and people has made a lasting impact on ITSD and the State of Missouri.



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**Innovation**

**2024**

# **Daniel Wohler**

*Sergeant, Department of Public Safety*

For exceptional innovation, dedication, and service within the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Gaming Division. Daniel transformed the evidence management process at Ameristar Casino Kansas City by designing and implementing an automated tracking system that dramatically improved accuracy, reduced processing time by more than 75%, and cut the evidence destruction backlog by over two thirds. His creative approach streamlined complex case research, improved coordination with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and delivered significant time savings and operational efficiencies. Daniel's forward thinking work has enhanced service to the community and set a new standard of excellence for evidence management across the district.



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Leadership

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# Ashley Robinett

*Probation and Parole Officer, Department of Corrections*

For exemplary leadership, dedication, and service. As the Domestic Violence Officer for Miller County, Ashley provides intensive supervision, essential support, and effective communication to ensure the safety of clients, victims, and the community. She demonstrates exceptional professionalism in crisis de-escalation, case planning, collaboration with partners, and guiding clients toward safer, healthier outcomes. Beyond her caseload, Ashley leads by example—educating colleagues, improving district processes, supporting new staff, and promoting the mission of the department. Her mentorship, initiative, and commitment to public safety have strengthened her district, enhanced community partnerships, and positively impacted victims and families. Through her leadership, Ashley sets the standard for excellence within her profession.



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**Public Service**

**2024**

# Travis Crews

*Deputy Warden, Department of Corrections*

For distinguished public service, leadership, and unwavering dedication to the State of Missouri. As Deputy Warden of Offender Management, Travis oversees critical offender operations, supports institutional development, and ensures safe, effective correctional programming. Throughout many years of service, he advanced through multiple roles across several facilities, consistently demonstrating professionalism, integrity, and a deep commitment to the Department of Corrections. Beyond his duties, Travis is an active community leader, serving on the Southeast Missouri Family Violence Council, supporting victims through advocacy efforts, and contributing to city governance as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner, Alderman, and member of the Budget Committee. His compassion, civic engagement, and service-minded leadership embody the highest standards of public service and positively impact both his institution and the community he proudly serves.



**AWARD OF  
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**Safety**

**2024**

## **Evan Adrian, Gary McLarry, Michael Middleton, Tommy Caudle, and Randall Ipock**

*Department of Transportation*

For outstanding achievement in advancing safety, operational excellence, and data driven decision making for MoDOT. This team designed and implemented the Safety Management Module and dashboard system, transforming how safety data is collected, analyzed, and shared across the organization. Their innovative work streamlined reporting, reduced incident processing time, and introduced automated data integration that provides clearer insights and improved accuracy. As a result, employee participation in safety programs increased significantly, injuries decreased by 22%, and workers' compensation costs dropped by 15% in a single year. Through their commitment, technical expertise, and focus on continuous improvement, this team has strengthened MoDOT's safety culture and delivered meaningful benefits to employees and leadership statewide.