



January 2025

Lillian Hinkson

*Intermediate System Management Specialist,
Department of Transportation*

In her first year at MoDOT, Lillian launched transformative statewide initiatives, including the *Heads Up! Missouri* campaign and the innovative *Smart Town* youth safety program. Through data-driven outreach, dedicated community engagement, and unwavering commitment to public safety, Lillian further advanced programs that are already making a profound and lasting impact on Missourians of all ages. Her vision, dedication, and service stand as a model of excellence in promoting safer roadways throughout our state.





February 2025

Jana Justman-Leinweber

*Adult Protective Services Specialist II,
Department of Health and Senior Services*

Jana demonstrates exceptional dedication, sound judgment, and profound compassion in serving Missouri's vulnerable adults. She has exemplified professionalism and moral courage, approaching every case with humility, insight, and an unwavering commitment to safety. Her swift and decisive actions during a critical welfare check directly safeguarded a client's life, demonstrating her remarkable instincts and advocacy. Her contributions have made her an indispensable team member of Region 1 and a model of excellence in Adult Protective Services.





March 2025

Corporal Kyle Seabaugh

*Special Victims Unit Investigator,
Department of Public Safety*

Corporal Seabaugh has displayed extraordinary dedication, investigative excellence, and steadfast leadership in a complex, years-long criminal investigation. His diligence, discernment, and coordination of multi-agency resources ensured that vulnerable children were safeguarded and that those responsible were brought to justice. Through tireless effort, meticulous casework, and unwavering commitment to duty, Corporal Seabaugh played a pivotal role in advancing the case to successful prosecution. His actions reflect the highest standards of law enforcement professionalism and stand as a testament to his courage, integrity, and profound impact on community safety.





April 2025

Cassandra Beaty

*Director of Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant,
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education*

Entrusted with guiding a statewide multi-million dollar federal grant, Cassandra navigated an intricate and highly competitive application process with clarity and dedication to students' best interests. Cassandra's proactive pursuit of knowledge, collaboration with partner offices, and engagement with other states strengthened the foundation of this critical initiative. Her conscientious approach, innovative mindset, and unwavering service reflect her exceptional impact on literacy efforts statewide.





May 2025

Jennifer Rehmsmeyer

Cemetery Representative, Department of Public Safety

Jennifer is recognized and deeply appreciated for her extraordinary compassion, swift judgment, and commitment to the wellbeing of those she serves. In a moment of crisis, her calm presence, attentive listening, and decisive action ensured that a veteran in distress received immediate intervention and lifesaving support. Jennifer's empathy, professionalism, and willingness to take ownership of a difficult situation exemplify the highest standards of service within the Missouri Veterans Cemetery at Higginsville. Jennifer is an outstanding ambassador for the Cemetery Program, and her dedication honors veterans and their families.





June 2025

Rebecca Keasey

Data Research Analyst, Department of Natural Resources

Rebecca has transformed critical environmental data systems that support statewide air and water quality monitoring. Facing the loss of a decades-old platform, she engineered a new efficient and user-friendly solution within stringent deadlines, saving significant costs and ensuring uninterrupted operations. Her commitment to learning complex technical processes, collaborating across teams, and enhancing functionality within the Titan database has strengthened the foundation of essential monitoring programs. Balancing this massive undertaking with her regular responsibilities, Rebecca consistently demonstrates professionalism, innovation, and an unwavering dedication to service.





July 2025

Theresa Yount

Administrative Support Assistant, Department of Social Services

Throughout her 30 years with the State of Missouri, Theresa consistently exceeds expectations, supporting every unit with generosity, initiative, and compassion. She has gone far beyond her duties, personally assisting families in moments of need, providing transportation and resources, and offering hands-on help that transforms lives. Colleagues warmly refer to Theresa as 'Momma T' given that she embodies commitment, kindness, and selfless service. Her remarkable spirit and tireless efforts make her an indispensable pillar of her community and her team.





August 2025

Dawn Horn

*Assistant District Supervisor, Department of
Elementary and Secondary Education*

With her exceptional compassion, leadership, and dedication to service, Dawn embodies the very spirit of 'People Helping People.' When a veteran in distress sought assistance, she responded with empathy and resourcefulness, ensuring he received the support he needed without added burden. As a supervisor, Dawn continuously strengthens processes, supports her team and counselors, and actively seeks solutions that improve the claimant experience. Dawn's actions exemplify the highest standards of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the care it strives to provide.





September 2025

Lisa McDonald

*Psychiatric Technician,
Department of Mental Health*

When a complex relocation required the relocation of 19 clients, Lisa willingly came in on her day off to provide order, reassurance, and hands-on support during a challenging transition. Her dependable presence, strong rapport with clients, and readiness to assist wherever needed exemplify outstanding teamwork and compassion. Lisa's positive spirit and willingness to tackle difficult tasks set a standard of excellence and make her an invaluable member of the Southeast Missouri Mental Health Center community.





October 2025

Rosie Schulte

*Fiscal and Administrative Manager,
Department of Natural Resources*

With more than three decades of exemplary service, Rosie has repeatedly taken on challenges beyond her normal duties, including strengthening systems, safeguarding financial accountability, and ensuring the seamless functioning of critical program operations. Rosie's leadership has been instrumental in resolving long-standing issues, managing multi-million-dollar federal grants, mentoring new staff, and upholding the highest standards of accuracy and compliance. Her courage to do what is right, her tireless work ethic, and her steadfast support for colleagues reflect a legacy of excellence.





November 2025

Cory Boatright

Motor Vehicle Inspector, Department of Public Safety

On July 2, 2025, Inspector Boatright responded to a serious vehicle crash. Without hesitation, he crossed a busy roadway to assist an injured driver trapped in an overturned, burning vehicle. He extinguished fires, coordinated with bystanders lending support, and relayed critical updates to 911 dispatch until emergency crews arrived. His calm leadership, quick thinking, and selfless service contributed to a positive outcome and reflect the highest standards of professionalism. Inspector Boatright's actions exemplify dedication, bravery, and an unwavering duty to protect the motoring public.





December 2025

Daniella Hoback

*Sr. Regulatory Auditor,
Department of Health and Senior Services*

Daniella has made remarkable contributions to the Department of Health and Senior Services. When an unexpected emergency left a critical presentation without a speaker, she stepped forward without hesitation, canceling personal plans, traveling across the state, and mastering unfamiliar material. She brings this same spirit to every role she has held, from her beginnings as a CNA, to her progression from support staff to certified Life Safety Code surveyor. Her attitude, work ethic, and dedication to helping colleagues and citizens alike embody the highest ideals of teamwork and public service. Daniella's actions uplift her entire team and reflect her commitment to Missouri's most vulnerable residents.

