

ITS Florida Honor Roll

ITS Florida honors individuals that have made substantial contributions to the transportation and ITS industry upon official retirement. ITS Florida is proud to announce that Chris Birosak and Mark Roberts have been inducted into the ITS Florida Honor Roll.



Mr. Chris Birosak started his career with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in October 1980. He is officially retiring from FDOT with thirty-five (35) years of service, eight years (8) of which he spent in Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)

Mr. Birosak managed the ITS Section of the District One Traffic Operations Office, located in Bartow, FL. ITS is very specialized and requires a vast technical knowledge in addition to traditional transportation practices. Mr. Birosak has been a great success in developing his staff to achieve the level of technical knowledge necessary to achieve the goals of ITS in this District.

Under Mr. Birosak's leadership, the District ITS Section grew from two employees to five. During this time, Chris developed processes to adopt new programs in the area of ITS. His staff through the years has become one of the best teams in the District and has achieved several milestones, including finishing implementation of ITS devices along I-75 and I-4. In addition, his staff successfully handled awards of contracts for the operations and maintenance of the implemented system as well as the management of the Traffic Incident Management teams in District One. For this reason, his section has been recognized for their efforts in the past by ITS Florida.

Mr. Birosak has garnered the much deserved respect of his peers and he acknowledges the respect is due to the hard work of his team members. He is well respected in the ITS industry for his knowledge and accomplishments.

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Mark Roberts officially retired from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) after a career that began in January 1979. He retired from the Senior ITS Project Manager in Traffic Operations position with thirty six (36) years of service with FDOT. Mr. Roberts has been instrumental in the success of the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Program and transportation in District One for his entire career. Mark has been with the ITS program since its inception in the State of Florida, which started with Signal System projects. Because of his diligent efforts through the years, the ITS program grew from Traffic Signal System implementations to complex Advanced Traffic Management Systems and Freeway Management Systems. He has played a key role in the formation of the Traffic Incident Management teams (consisting of local agency, law enforcement and fire rescue) in District One.

ITS Florida was able to present Chris and Mark the awards at their official retirement. Pictured below are Mark Roberts, Sara Calhoun, Chris Birosak and Russell Allen.



An ITS Florida member may nominate a retiring colleague that has contributed significantly to ITS in the State of Florida. The Honor Roll is open to all member (public, private and academic) organizations. Please contact Sandy Beck at ITSFlorida@ITSFlorida.org if you wish to nominate a retiree.

ITS Florida Board Meeting

The April Board Meeting will be held via teleconference on April 12, 2016 at 1:30 PM. All members are welcome to join the meeting.

The May Board Meeting is being planned as a face-to-face meeting in Lee County. Details will be coming in the near future.

ITS Florida Lunch and Learn

ITS Florida Webinar Automated Vehicle (AV) State of Industry and Challenges Facing AV Developers April 8, 2016 – Noon

Register today! <https://fs16.formsite.com/ITSFlorida/AutomatedVehicle/index.html>
ITS Florida and the Florida International University will host a Lunch and Learn – April 8th, 2016 at 12:00.

A lot of hype exists around Automated Vehicles (AV). While a number of companies have made great progress in the development of AV technologies, there are many technology challenges ahead before AV will be deployed on the nation's highways. The talk will explore the state of the industry, discuss successful AV deployments in non-transportation domains, and will conclude by focusing on the major technological challenges facing AV developers.

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The webinar link and audio information will be sent via email prior to the webinar, April 8th. If you have any questions, contact ITSFlorida@ITSFlorida