



ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

TO: Administration
District Engineers
Division Directors
Office Directors

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SUBJECT: Retirement of Jerry L. Dike
Vehicle Titles and Registration
Division Director

DATE: July 7, 2005

With sincere gratitude for 37 years of dedicated service, I announce the retirement of Jerry L. Dike, effective August 31, 2005.

As VTR director since 1992, Jerry's leadership and commitment to customer service have been instrumental in developing policies, procedures and products in all areas of motor vehicle registration and titling, as well as automobile theft-prevention activities.

He actively serves in the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA), an organization of all U.S. and Canadian officials whom administer and enforce motor vehicle laws. They also develop model programs in motor vehicle, driver's license and identification, state law enforcement and highway safety areas. Jerry was the 1999-2000 president of Region II, and is currently chair of the International AAMVA Board of Directors.

Jerry's career started in 1965 as a Tyler District summer employee. He began full-time work with the Automation Division in 1969, the same year his father, Ray Dike, Palestine maintenance foreman, retired after 42 years of service. Jerry held several managerial and technical jobs in the division over a 16-year period. From 1985 to 1987, he was on loan to the governor's office in the Manager of Managers Program, returning to the department as director of planning and special projects in the Highway Design Division. Jerry chaired a department-wide task force that performed a functional review of TxDOT's biennial budget, and became assistant director for the Equipment and Procurement Division in 1988.

A recipient of the George Kozmetsky and dean's academic awards, Jerry did undergraduate work in mathematics and computer sciences and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a master's degree in business administration in 1987. He was honored in 1995 with the Raymond E. Stotzer Jr. Award for outstanding leadership, dedication and service to the state in the field of transportation.

Upon retirement, Jerry plans to explore other opportunities, do more volunteer and church work and spend quality time with his grandchildren, Lily and William. Please join me in congratulating Jerry for his outstanding career of service to TxDOT and the people of Texas and in wishing him the very best in his retirement.

cc: Texas Transportation Commission