

# TEAM

## Transportation Employees Association of Missouri

Greetings To All Employees:

As the new President of the District Four Employees Association I would like to say Hello to everyone on this hot time of the year. As we all do our jobs, always remember that the welfare of the employee is the most important thing to think about. So always keep an eye out for everyone while enduring this heat.

The New Year is now beginning for the Association. And it is time to get started for the up coming legislative session. There is one top priority that the State Board has set out to achieve this year. And it is something that will take all employees and other State Agency's to achieve.

In 1995 the State Legislation voted in the Deferred Compensation Bill. In this bill it was passed to have State Matching Funds up to \$25.00 per month to match what the employee was contributing. In 1998 it was voted to raise the matching funds to \$75.00 per month. But those matching funds have never been appropriated. It is felt that it is time that the full amount of that \$75.00 be met. This is something that can benefit every employee that takes advantage of the Deferred Compensation Plan. And think of the benefits it would make when we all get to that retirement time of our career.

The State Board has begun a campaign called **Let's strike a match!** A poster has been made to put in every office to remind everyone of what our goal is. I hope all Supervisors will put this poster in a place where it can be seen on a regular basis. This is of great interest of the employees to this issue. In the near future you will be receiving a post card that can be sent by the employees to their Senators and Representatives in Jeff City. I hope everyone will take the time to send it on to the persons of their Respected Districts. Also remember to pass this word on to any other State Agency Employees. As we need their help as well. A personal letter to your Senator or Representative will not hurt either. Or a good old fashion one on one visit with them.

If you're not a member of the Transportation Employees Association of Missouri. And would like to join. Please contact any of the Local Chapter Board Members.

Sincerely,

Ron Cordes  
Chapter Four President