

Meet Joel Dixon.

Joel joined Pasco Public Works right out of high school. He has 35 years of service with the department.

"I have worked every position," Joel said.

He started his career with the mowing crew. He then joined the drainage crew and later the grading crew and then the construction crew.

He now serves as the Labor Supervisor III over the grading and construction crews.

Day-to-day, Joel oversees crews to ensure roads are being graded and stabilized. He and his crews maintain approximately 100 miles of dirt road.

"When I first started, we were maintaining

200-some miles of roads. Many of our dirt roads have been paved," Joel said.

For Joel, Public Works is in his blood. He has always been interested in the field.

"I enjoy helping the citizens of Pasco County and interacting with folks. When you hear 'thank you' it is appreciated," Joel said. "My crews make me look really good. Without them, I'm just another person. You're only as good as who you surround yourself with."

His crews are "like family," Joel said.

"I spend more time with them than my own family. They are family," he added.

In his spare time, Joel can be found hunting

and fishing. He likes to fish in Pasco County, and recently purchased property in South Carolina, where he vacations to during hunting season.

He and his wife, Leslie, of 34 years, have a daughter, Amber, and a son, Austin.

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Joel is an integral member of the Public Works team. Thank you for your service and dedication, Joel. #pascopublicworks #takingcareofbusiness #integralmemberofthefamily