

35 Years Service Recognition

Thomas (“Tommy”) L. Clay – Lead Stationary Diesel Engine
Operator/Mechanic
Operations & Maintenance Department

Tommy began his employment with the South Florida Water Management District on March 18, 1974, as a Diesel Tradeshelper at Pump Station S-135 and was promoted to an Operator 1 in 1979. Tommy is presently supporting Operations & Maintenance as a Lead Stationary Diesel Engine Operator/Mechanic at the North Shore Pump Stations where he has spent his entire career.

During his tenure, Tommy has had his share of working during emergency events. He manned S-135 Pump Station during Hurricane David and the Florida Power and Light Reservoir Dike Break in 1979. He also manned S-135 during Hurricanes Charley, Frances, and Jeanne in 2004, as well as, Hurricane Wilma in 2005 and Tropical Storm Fay in 2008. He was recognized as a member of the Pump Station Onslaught Team for the month of December 2005, and this team was also selected for recognition as 2005 Team of the Year. In addition, Tommy has participated in a number of pump overhauls on the North Shore Pump Stations.

On a personal note, Tommy is retiring next month and will enjoy spending time with his wife Gretchen and their two daughters and grandchildren. He'll also have more time for deer hunting, camping, geneology and, last but not least, watching and rooting for the Florida Gators. Go Gators!