

25 Years Service
John Thomas Burns
Excavation/Earthmoving Operator
West Palm Beach Field Station

John Thomas Burns was hired in 1981 as a Field Worker at the Ft. Lauderdale Field Station. In March 1982 he was promoted to Herbicide Applicator Trades Helper. He received another promotion in 1984 to Herbicide Applicator 1.

In February 1990, John decided he needed a change and transferred to the Canal /Levee Crew as an Equipment Operator 2. That was followed by another promotion in February 1993 to Equipment Operator 3. A reclassification changed that position to Excavation /Earthmoving Operator.

JT was again promoted in April 1999 to a Crane/Dragline Operator and then to Crew Chief in June, 2000.

In October 2004 John moved to the West Palm Beach area and again became an Excavation/Earthmoving Operator at the West Palm Beach Field Station.

In addition to JT's numerous accomplishments at the District, many of his personal successes involve the coaching of his three boys with their sports of choice. While John's mentoring style is relaxed and easy, he gently but firmly guides his boys to accept nothing less than excellence. Moreover, John applies these same principles when he trains other Equipment Operators; consequently John is considered to be a superb trainer who achieves excellent results. In addition to his normal work duties, John participates in the Pump Station Assistant/Operator program which places another draw on his time, but he always has some on-going home project to which he is passionately devoted.