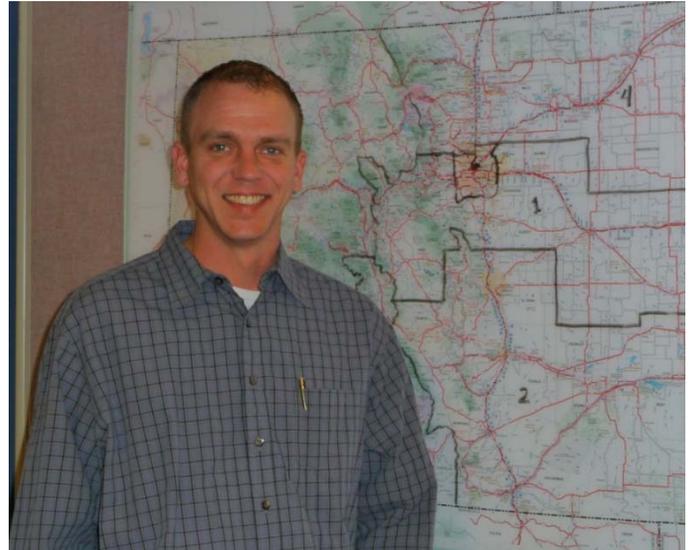


CDOT Wounded Warrior Ken Schrecengost lands full time employment at CDOT

Ken Schrecengost joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1991 in Colorado Springs, Colorado and immediately began Infantry school. After graduating Infantry School he went directly into Security Force School in Vallejo, California and graduated in the fall of 1992. Promptly thereafter he was assigned to the U.S.S. Carl Vincent for "Nine months and 28 days!" Ken emphatically admits. After his tour on the U.S.S. Carl Vincent, Ken received orders for Naval Air Station Rota, Spain. Ken stayed in Spain through 1994 where he returned to United States and was stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina through 1996 ending his tour as a Marine NCO (Non Commissioned Officer).



After leaving the Marine Corps Ken immediately started his own company (Aardvark Carpentry) building log homes and custom framing until early 2004 when he realized how much he missed the military and re-enlisted back into the Marine Corps. He then was assigned to and finished Artillery School in Fort Sill, Oklahoma until early 2006, when he received orders for Al Fallujah, Iraq assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force at a Regional Detention Facility while supporting Special Forces and training Iraqi Small Mission Forces.

Ken stayed in the Marine Corps up until December 30, 2010 receiving Honorable Discharge for his service to his country.

Ken was referred to the **CDOT Wounded Warrior Program "WWP"** from a Dr. Jeff Scott, CWT (Compensated Work Force Therapy) Program Manager of the Department of Veterans Affairs in January 2011.

Ken interviewed for the CDOT WWP and was offered a position in Risk Management as an Administrative Assistant I, under Tracie Smith February, 2011. During his time in CDOT's WWP Ken continued to seek employment in the state system.

In August of 2011, Ken's time in the WWP ended as he continued to look for state work. Shortly thereafter in September 2011, a Tech II position posted in Risk Management. Ken applied, made top three, interviewed, and was offered the job. Ken started as a CDOT full time employee November 1, 2011! In March 2012, Ken was promoted to Risk Management Specialist and continues to work for Risk Management to date! Welcome Ken and thank you for your service!

- Greg Martinez
CDOT WWP Coordinator

