

Good Morning fellow EARTHLINGS,  
(I USED TO SAY LADIES AND GENTLEMEN  
BUT MIGHT NOT BE A POLITICALLY CORRECT, NOW)

I'M JOE SCAVEY FROM HANCOCK 403 -  
17 1/2 YEARS.

I YOU AND YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER,  
SIT DOWN FOR A \$50' DINNER, HOW  
MUCH DO YOU TIP? I'LL GET BACK TO  
THAT IN A MINUTE.

I JUST WANT TO TOUCH ON A FEW  
THINGS ABOUT MY JOB DUTIES. I'M EXPECTED  
TO WORK <sup>10 yrs</sup> ON BRIDGES, OPERATE BOOM TRUCK  
(13 yrs), GRADER, FRONT END LOADER, FORKLIFT  
PUT IN CULVERTS, DITCH JUST TO MENTION A FEW.  
WE HAVE TO BE VERSITILE AND  
DEVERSIFIED TO GET THE JOB DONE.

I COULD LEAVE RIGHT NOW AND GET  
A PAY RAISE, EASY. MY DAUGHTER-UPS 3  
YRS MAKES '\$3' HR MORE THAN I DO. HAD I  
KNOWN.

From what I have seen and heard  
from others I can tell you with  
certainty that D.O.T. workers are  
the most disrespected, disparaged and  
bitched at of any group of public  
servants in this state.

Let me touch on winter for a  
moment, shall we. If you work in  
a bank, gas station, pet store are you  
expected to jump into your clothes at  
11:00 pm to go back to work. You may  
have to go all night, the next day.  
You try pulling a 30 hr shift. We are  
expected to do this.

Oh, the tip. Say you leave a 5.00  
tip. Let me tell you what I have to  
do for that same money. With plow  
gear down I finish the last 2 miles  
of my run on the Bucksport Road, raise  
my plows in Ellsworth territory. Drop  
gears to the first stop sign. Wait for  
traffic on Main Street. Up gears to  
high st. swing in to refuel. That's  
what I do for 5 bucks!

Anyway, folks, I could go on.

THOSE THAT GET THRU THE 2 1/2 MONTH  
HIRING PROCESS - GOOD LUCK!

PLEASE GIVE THESE PEOPLE A RAISE AND  
PAY THEM WHAT THEY ARE WORTH