Kentucky Department of Corrections

Chris Holt Promoted to Staff Advisor in the Division of Local Facilities

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 10, 2018) – Kentucky Department of Corrections Commissioner Jim Erwin today announced that Chris Holt has been promoted to the position of staff advisor in the Division of Local Facilities. This division is responsible for oversight of Kentucky Jail Standards and in addition to inspecting jails for compliance of these administrative regulations, provides training for jail staff.

"Chris Holt has proven to be a respected leader through his work with county jailers and other local elected officials in the western part of the state," said Erwin. "His knowledge of jail standards, as well as his innovative approach to problem solving, will serve him well in his new role as he continues to work with local officials across the state to address the challenges facing Kentucky's county jails."

Holt began his career in 2001 as a correctional officer at Kentucky State Penitentiary. He transferred to the Division of Probation and Parole in 2002 as an officer in District 2. He moved to District 1 in 2003 and supervised all types of offender caseloads in McCracken, Livingston, Ballard, Carlisle, Lyon, Caldwell, Trigg, Calloway, and Marshall counties. While in that district, he served as the firearms instructor and law enforcement liaison. He also founded and served as a member of the fugitive apprehension unit.

In 2014, Holt joined the Division of Local Facilities as a jail specialist. He worked with jails in McCracken, Marshall, Calloway, Ballard, Fulton, Caldwell, Crittenden, Union, Graves, Christian, Hopkins, Henderson, Daviess, and Hickman counties.

Holt is a graduate of the 2016 Commissioner's Executive Leadership Program and the Governmental Fundamentals of Management Program. While serving as a probation and parole officer, he received the Employee of the Year award in districts 1 and 2.

Editor's note: photo attached

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