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Garyth Thompson Promoted to Deputy Warden at Kentucky State Penitentiary

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Dec. 13, 2018) – Department of Corrections Deputy Commissioner Randy White announced today that Garyth Thompson has been promoted to deputy warden at Kentucky State Penitentiary (KSP) in Eddyville.

“Garyth Thompson is an experienced veteran of corrections, spending nearly two decades working in a maximum security facility,” said White. “He maintains a unique knowledge of high security operational needs by virtue of holding all security positions from correctional officer to major. He is a principled and integrity driven leader who understands the challenges inherent to the staff and is respected by inmates and staff alike.”

Thompson began his career as a correctional officer in 2001 at KSP where he promoted through the ranks. During a previous role as shift commander, Thompson led the institution through multiple critical incidents that included numerous staff assaults, riots, escape attempts, natural disasters and major power outages. In 2017, he was promoted to his most recent position as major when he began an initiative to recruit correctional officers via social media. His efforts resulted in the institution’s vacancy rate being drastically lowered, which also led to a reduction in overtime. He continues to utilize the social media page to recruit staff and recognize outstanding employee performances.

Thompson is the recipient of the 2014 Achievement Award for KSP and the 2017 DOC Hero Award. He has served on both the Correctional Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the Crisis Negotiation Team during his career.

Editor’s note: photo attached

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