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Law Enforcement Veteran to Lead Department of Criminal Justice Training

Mark Filburn brings decades of Kentucky law enforcement experience

FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 6, 2016) – Kentucky Justice Secretary John Tilley announced today that Mark Filburn, a law enforcement professional with more than 30 years of experience, has been appointed as the new Commissioner for the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training (DOCJT).

Filburn joins the department following decades of service in community policing, criminal investigations, law enforcement training and command of tactical operations. Since 2005, he has worked as a law enforcement specialist with the Kentucky League of Cities, providing consultation services to police agencies across the Commonwealth.

“I am truly humbled and honored to be chosen by Gov. Matt Bevin and Secretary Tilley to lead the outstanding men and women of the Department of Criminal Justice Training,” Filburn said. “We will continue the tradition of providing excellent training to make our law enforcement agencies the most professional and safe in the country.”

Gov. Bevin appointed Filburn with the unanimous backing of a four-person search committee, which recommended his name from a pool of nine candidates. He will start on May 23.

“Mark showed tremendous passion for the men and women of law enforcement, their training, their level of professionalism and ultimate safety,” Secretary Tilley said. “He is unquestionably dedicated to the future of policing in Kentucky.”

In his current role at the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC), Filburn has provided safety and liability consulting services to police departments that participate in the KLC insurance program. He also has developed safety and liability training programs and has worked with police departments to evaluate policies and procedures.

Prior to that, Filburn served decades with the Jefferson County Police Department, which later merged into the Louisville Metro Police Department. His experience there included key leadership roles in Louisville Metro’s Public Integrity Unit along with operations and training. Starting in 1988, Filburn worked for a year with the United States Secret Service, which included presidential security details.

Filburn earned a bachelor’s degree in forensic studies from Indiana University in 1984 and graduated from basic training at the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice that same year. He also is a graduate of the

United States Secret Service Academy and Federal Law Enforcement Training's criminal investigator course. Filburn has been a certified instructor for the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council since 1991.

Filburn and his wife, Linda, have two daughters, Tiffany and Morgan, and two grandchildren, Peyton and Colton.

The Department of Criminal Justice Training is a state agency located on Eastern Kentucky University's campus. The agency is the first in the nation to be accredited under the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies' public safety training program designation. DOCJT also earned accreditation through the International Association for Continuing Education and Training in 2013 – making it the nation's only law enforcement training academy to achieve dual accreditation by two independent accrediting organizations.

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