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Bob Hayter named acting commissioner for Juvenile Justice

FRANKFORT, KY – Justice and Public Safety Secretary J. Michael Brown announced today that Bob Hayter has been named acting commissioner for the Department of Juvenile Justice, effective May 1.

“Bob has the leadership experience and skill set necessary to lead this department, particularly as it implements the provisions of the recently enacted juvenile justice reforms,” Secretary Brown said.

Hayter joined DJJ as a regional director in 2006, responsible for the operation of several residential juvenile facilities across the state. He was promoted last year to deputy commissioner of support operations, overseeing the department’s administrative, medical, program services and professional development divisions.

In addition, he has extensive background in leadership roles with the Kentucky National Guard, including chief operations officer of Kentucky’s Military Emergency Operations Center (EOC) immediately after 9/11; liaison officer to multinational forces for the U.S. Army’s 35th Infantry Division in Bosnia and Herzegovina; and was the officer in charge of the planning, training, development and operation of the Commonwealth’s Joint Operations Center.

He has received numerous awards for his duties, including three Bronze Star Medals; the Meritorious Service Medal; and the Joint Service Commendation Medal, among others.

“I would like to thank Sec. Brown for the opportunity to ‘lead change,’ which will advance the overall effectiveness of Kentucky’s juvenile justice system and improve public safety,” Hayter said.

Hayter holds an MBA from Touro University in Cypress, CA and a bachelor’s degree in Western Kentucky University.

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