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Lombardi presented with Mel Carnahan Public Service Award

Columbia, Mo. –The first Mel Carnahan Public Service Award was given to George Lombardi, director of the Missouri Department of Corrections, at a ceremony on November 4, 2011.

“I am both honored and humbled to receive the Mel Carnahan Public Service Award,” Lombardi said

Director Lombardi has served the Department of Corrections and the people of Missouri in a variety of capacities over the past 35 years. He was appointed to his current position by Governor Jay Nixon in 2009.

In addition to recognizing his exemplary service to the State, the Carnahan Award cited Lombardi for creating a program called Puppies for Parole that collaborates with animal shelters and animal advocacy groups in the state. The partnership works to reassign homeless dogs that would otherwise be euthanized and turn them into adoptable pets.

Select offenders have the opportunity to train these dogs for obedience and socialization. After the dogs have been trained, they are then sent back to the shelters for adoption. Since the program started, over 500 dogs have been trained and prepared for adoption.

The Mel Carnahan Public Service Award is administered by the Truman School of Public Affairs at the University of Missouri. The award was created to commemorate Governor Carnahan’s commitment to public service and is given to individuals who have made a real difference through their service.

“The late Governor Mel Carnahan was a tremendous leader and it is an outstanding tribute to the hard work of everyone involved to receive this award, which bears his name,” Lombardi said.

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