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Corrections News

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Maryville Treatment Center Warden Joe Ledbetter set to retire

After 25 years with the Missouri Department of Corrections (DOC), Warden Joe Ledbetter will retire on December 31, 2011.

"It's been my privilege working for the Department of Corrections," Ledbetter said. "This is a very professional and caring group of people who want to make a positive change in people's lives."

Ledbetter said he plans to use his new spare time to continue his ministry work by serving as a pastor at his church. He also intends to catch up on his fishing.

Department of Corrections Director George A. Lombardi said Ledbetter's leadership will be missed.

"Joe Ledbetter has been a critical leader in our department's effort to rehabilitate offenders, especially offenders who have significant drug and alcohol problems," Lombardi said. "He has put together a team of professionals who are leaders in addressing the criminogenic needs of offenders."

Ledbetter began his career with the Department of Corrections as a corrections officer I in 1986. After holding several positions with the department, he promoted to the Maryville Treatment Center as deputy warden in October of 1995, and then warden in April of 2003. Ledbetter was instrumental in opening the facility as well as developing the treatment program. Under Warden Ledbetter's leadership, the Maryville Treatment Center has been able to fulfill its mission to return recovering offenders to society as productive, responsible and law-abiding citizens.

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