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## **NMCD hires training academy director**

SANTA FE— The New Mexico Corrections Department recently announced the hiring of George Stephenson, Director of the Training Academy.

A United States Army veteran, Mr. Stephenson received his Bachelor of Science from the University of Houston and also a Master's degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Texas A&M. Over the course of his 32 year career in corrections, he rose from correctional officer to Senior Warden, eventually becoming the Director of Correctional Training and Staff Development for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. During that time, he also served as adjunct professor for Navarro Junior Colleges teaching criminal justice courses. Most recently, Mr. Stephenson was the Assistant Warden at Lea County Correctional Facility in Hobbs, New Mexico.

“Over the course of his career, George Stephenson has demonstrated a commitment to public safety, and NMCD is proud to bring him onboard,” Cabinet Secretary Alisha Tafoya Lucero said. “We are excited for the modern approach that Mr. Stephenson will take as he leads our training academy.”

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