



## ITD Director Mike Bell departs TDCJ

In October, Chief Information Officer and director of the agency's Information Technology Division Mike Bell left TDCJ to accept the position of Chief Technology Director in the Office of Technology Services with the Houston Police Department.

Bell, a former U.S. Navy officer, joined TDCJ in 2008 as deputy director and Information Security Officer for ITD. He was appointed CIO in September 2009. Prior to joining the agency, Bell worked for 15 years as a professional IT consultant and holds several IT certifications including PMP, CISSP, CISA, CISM and ITIL.

As CIO, Bell was responsible for supporting the agency's information technology initia-



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tives. He directed a staff of 260 IT professionals supporting 38,000 TDCJ employees, served as chairman of the IT/IS Committee

for the American Correctional Association and is a member of the FBI Infragard program.

TDCJ Executive Director Bryan Collier commended Bell's contributions to the agency, saying "Mike's strategic leadership in the use of information technology resources has advanced our agency tremendously. His customer-focused attitude served as an example for those who worked with him and those who worked for him."

Bell earned a bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Sam Houston State University and his master's degree in Technology Management from Texas A&M University. ▲