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### **Brent Thompson named as new Raymond Laborde Correctional Center Warden** *Warden Marcus Myers retires after 34 years of service*

BATON ROUGE, La. – The Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections has promoted Allen Correctional Center Deputy Warden Brent Thompson to the rank of Warden at Raymond Laborde Correctional Center (RLCC), which is the third largest multi-level security facility in the state, with approximately 350 state civil servants and roughly 1,900 adult male inmates.

"Over the course of Warden Thompson's distinguished 34-year career, he has served at five different correctional facilities, steadily advancing in both supervisory and administrative roles," said Gary Westcott, secretary, Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections. "His diverse experience gives him a comprehensive understanding of correctional operations at every level."

Warden Thompson began his career in corrections in 1990 at the Louisiana Correctional and Industrial School, which was renamed C. Paul Phelps Correctional Center in 1993. He started as a cadet and rose through the ranks to Major before the facility's closure. He has served at Louisiana State Penitentiary (LSP), as a Lieutenant Colonel and a Colonel at Elayn Hunt Correctional Center. In 2018, he returned to LSP as an Assistant Warden 2. In 2020, Warden Thompson promoted to Assistant Warden 4 – Chief of Security at RLCC. Since 2022, Thompson was the Deputy Warden of Operations at Allen Correctional Center.

Throughout his career, Warden Thompson has demonstrated strong leadership and tactical expertise, serving in key roles such as Tactical Unit Commander, Pressure Point Control Tactics Instructor, and Critical Incident Stress Debriefing team member. He was also a member of the Department's Honor Guard. Thompson is an active member of the American Correctional Association.

"I'm deeply honored by this promotion. My leadership and beliefs are defined by accountability, integrity, diligence, commitment and collaboration," said Brent Thompson, RLCC warden. "These are core values that will continue to guide me in this role."

Warden Thompson replaces Warden Marcus Myers, who began his stellar career in corrections more than 34 years ago as a cadet at C. Paul Phelps Correctional Center. He quickly rose through the ranks, consistently demonstrating his natural leadership abilities and a strong commitment to the field of corrections.

"I've taken great pride in witnessing the growth and accomplishments of the staff, inmates and the Department as a whole; and I'm looking forward to the next chapter in life and excited to see what the future holds," said Warden Marcus Myers.

Earlier this year, Warden Myers was one of 16 wardens recognized as Warden of the Year by the North American Association of Wardens & Superintendents. In January 2024, he was awarded the Charles E. Dunbar, Jr. Career Civil Service Award. These esteemed honors are a testament to Myers' lifetime dedication and outstanding career service to the Department.

"For the past five years, Warden Myers has led RLCC with distinction," added Secretary Westcott. "The department extend its heartfelt appreciation to him for his decades of exemplary service, and wish him all the best in his well-earned retirement."

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