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Reference: TCSO fills vacant Executive Jail Administrator position

The Tarrant County Sheriff's Office is proud to announce Shannon Herklotz has been hired as the new Executive Chief of Detention.

Chief Herklotz assumes command of one of the best-run county jails in the country. The Tarrant County Jail has met or exceeded standards and passed inspections for over 30 years, as noted in the recent Department of Justice/National Institute of Corrections report. Chief Herklotz will lead the dedicated team of Detention professionals and further strengthen the outstanding collaboration with our medical partners at John Peter Smith Hospital and mental health providers from MHMR.

Before joining TCSO, Chief Herklotz was the Chief Deputy over the Detention Bureau at the Dallas County Sheriff's Office as well as the Chief of Detentions at the Harris County Jail in Houston. He also served as Deputy Director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards in Austin.

"Shannon brings more than three decades of detention experience to TCSO and we are lucky to have him," said Sheriff Bill Waybourn.

Chief Herklotz began his career as a correctional officer in 1990 with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. He is a member of the Texas Jail Association's Hall of Fame and was awarded the TJA's President's Award in 2019. He's also a graduate of Sam Houston State University's National Jail Leadership Command Academy.

We are excited to welcome Chief Shannon Herklotz and his decades of experience to the TCSO leadership team.

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