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### ASCA honors Livingston with Francke Award

In September, the Association of State Correctional Administrators recognized TDCJ Executive Director Brad Livingston as their Outstanding Director of Corrections and presented him with its highest honor, the ASCA's 2015 Michael Francke Award. The ASCA presents the annual Michael Francke Award to recognize an Association member whose achievements demonstrate outstanding dedication to the corrections profession.

Morris Thigpen, chair of the Francke Committee and the first person to receive the award, presented the honor to Livingston and cited many of his accomplishments and achievements. Mr. Thigpen noted that the TDCJ director has been a champion of corrections employees, actively working with the governor and legislature to significantly improve correctional officer and parole officer salaries. During Livingston's tenure, entry-level correctional officer salaries have increased by about 57 percent and maximum correctional officer salaries have increased nearly 40 percent.

Thigpen also highlighted the establishment of successful training and leadership development programs, the installation of new comprehensive video surveillance systems



TDCJ Executive Director Brad Livingston

and other measures to help ensure employee safety and interdict contraband, enhanced treatment and diversion programs for offenders, as well as the expansion of TDCJ's mental health services.

"I am honored to receive the Francke award and want to thank those who made it possible, to include the governor and the members of the legislature who have provided funding, but most of all the agency's dedicated employees who protect and serve the public every day," said Livingston. "The citizens of Texas are fortunate to have such outstanding men and women performing a vital public service."

Livingston joined TDCJ in 1997 as the deputy director of the Financial Services Division. He was appointed chief financial officer in 2001 and assumed responsibility for the agency's day-to-day business, fiscal and administrative operations. Livingston continued as the agency's CFO while serving as the interim executive director for nine months and was named executive director in November 2004. In this role, he oversees management operations of one of the largest criminal justice agencies in the free world, with approximately thirty-seven thousand employees and an annual agency budget of more than \$3 billion. ●