



TBCJ selects Cris Love as TDCJ Inspector General

At its April meeting in Austin, the Texas Board of Criminal Justice voted unanimously to approve the selection of Cris Love as Texas Department of Criminal Justice Inspector General, effective June 1. The Office of the Inspector General is an independent office which reports to the TBCJ and serves as TDCJ's primary law enforcement and investigative unit.

Love began his law enforcement career in 1979 as a trooper for the Texas Department of Public Safety, and subsequently worked as a game warden for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Love returned to DPS in 1987 where he helped conduct criminal investigations, first with the Narcotics section, then with the Texas Ranger Division. After investigating alleged misconduct at the Texas Youth Commission, he was eventually



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hired by the TYC Office of the Inspector General, where he was promoted to inspector general in 2009. In 2012, Love transferred to TDCJ's Office of Inspector General as an

investigation commander, and rose to the position of deputy director in 2013.

TBCJ Chairman Dale Wainwright commended Love's law enforcement career and selection, saying, "His service to this state, and recently to this department, has been exemplary. We will continue to sleep comfortably at night knowing that you are the next inspector general for this department."

Love has an associate degree in Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice from Western Texas College in Snyder. Love also holds a Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Master Peace Officer certification and Peace Officer Instructor certification.

Love replaces TDCJ Inspector General Bruce Toney, who served 24 years with the state of Texas. ▲