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J.D. Wiseman, program manager and instructor at the Public Safety Training Center, is retiring after 11 years working for the Office of Public Safety. Wiseman is looking forward to retirement as a time to meet new challenges and "find new things to do."

Wiseman to 'reinvent self' upon retirement from CCC

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After teaching at Clackamas for over a decade, Jim D. Wiseman, program manager and instructor at the Public Safety Training Center, is saying goodbye to students and staff.

Wiseman, an Oregon City High School graduate, started working at Clackamas as Chief of Public Safety in 1990. Prior to this, Wiseman attended Clackamas Community College as well as Warner Pacific University and worked as a business consultant. While here, he has found it rewarding seeing many of his students move on and succeed in life.

"Teachers have a great deal of power to make wonderful things happen. I know of about 47 young men and women I helped get into criminal justice and it's a good feeling," said Wiseman.

Helping students get on track and receive the degree they pursue is one of his main focuses.

"Sometimes you recognize people who have something special about them. I had a young man in one of my classes where I saw that special something in him. He had a lot of personal problems so he wanted to drop out of school. I talked to him and got him to believe in himself and stay in school," said Wiseman. "Now he works as a police officer with the California Police Patrol. It satisfies me to see young people like him succeed."

After retiring, Wiseman plans on "reinventing" himself, taking on new projects and enjoying life as much as he can.

"I'll never really retire. You have to focus on the positive things of life and take one step at a time," he said. "Yesterday is behind and we have to learn from it and prepare for tomorrow. I will miss my co-workers and the students, but as I move on with my life, I will meet new people and find new things to do."

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