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Chief Moose works hard, has fun

On Monday, Aug. 2, four representatives of Kimbro Kidds got the rare chance to talk with Portland's new Chief of Police, Charles Moose. And he's a pretty hard working guy.

We arrived at his office early and sat eagerly awaiting our interview. When we finally got the chance, the words just wouldn't come. Finally they did.

When asked if he enjoyed being chief of police, Moose said, "Yes. It's very difficult. But also a great deal of fun."

Yeah, I would have fun too if I was that good at my job.

Moose is a very busy man. His day starts as early as 7 a.m. with a series of meetings, and sometimes runs into the early evening (6 p.m.). Through the day, he tries several times to do paper work and return phone calls. These efforts are more likely than not unsuccessful.

Unlike some other people that I've dealt with, Moose expressed his love of the all the "wonderful people" who want to interview him.

The one thing that intrigues Moose the most about being chief of police is that he has the opportunity to make his ideas and visions of a better community a reality, he said.

One of the downfalls of being chief of police is that he doesn't get to spend nearly as much time on the street as he used to when he was working his way through the ranks, Moose said, and it really takes away from quality time spent with his family.

Moose worked his way through the ranks and when the Mayor Vera Katz did a national search for a new chief of police, he was chosen over 58 other applicants by the mayor herself.



The police chief, Charles Moose, talks to Kimbro Kidds staff about his new job. Photos by Saina Worrell.



Moose said he is most proud of the things that he accomplished at Irish Court, an apartment complex on North Vancouver and Sumner. The police really went in there with a good attitude, cleaned up the drug activity and the gang violence and all in all made it a better place, he said.

Chief Moose feels that, "Education has been a positive influence," he said, bringing to light that there are different ways to solve problems.

Moose is making community policing a household word. Community policing is when

the police and the citizens work together to solve problems. Although the idea of community policing is not his, Moose is really bringing it to life. He sees the idea of community policing continuing, he said, but the only way that the police will have a chance is to work together with the community.

I asked him what he saw in his personal future. "To continue doing a good job, and hopefully make it to retirement," he said. He added that he would like to teach at a university.

Those are some plans.

As for the future of the Police Bureau, Moose said, "At this point it's not clear. Do more with schools. Have police working closer with family. Lastly, see police officers work harder to solve problems before they become crime issues."

From the work that he's done so far, I know he can accomplish his future goals. So, Chief Moose, the Informer salutes you.

— Sbalon Irving

Entrepreneur draws his way to success

William Hart is an architect from AIA. He went to a program to learn how to start his own business. The reason why he was starting his own business is because he was ready for a new challenge.

In 1978, Hart knew he wanted to start his own business. The things you have to do to become an architect are: study hard, be good in math, science, writing and English.

With his business, Hart plans to do community work to help rebuild the Portland area, and to provide opportunities for young minority students to begin a career.

Hart is thinking of hiring people because he has too much work to do and houses take two months to build and an office building would take about a year. One of the other things Hart does in his line of work is marketing.

— Lari Lewis

Reporter takes on Portland schools

Lew Frederick, the new person in charge of Public Information for Portland Public Schools has been a Portland resident for 20 years.

Frederick has come a long way since his days performing as a mime in Pioneer Courthouse Square, where he made his first \$2 in Portland. Since then, he has taught at Metropolitan Learning Center, has been a radio reporter, and most recently, a channel 8 TV reporter.

"As a reporter I enjoyed learning about different people," Frederick said.

Now as director of Public Information, a position he has been in for less than a month, Frederick will have the opportunity to get to know people in the Portland Public School district.

"In my job I will answer questions from moms and dads and other people, including questions from people without kids in school," Frederick said. "I want people to know about their schools. I'm just beginning to find out what the job is all about."

Frederick said he would spend part of his time in his new job going to all the schools in the district to learn what kids are doing in school. With 57,000 kids in the district, that might be a tough job.

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— Lew Frederick, Portland Public Schools

of Kimbro Kidds interviewing him. "Learn as much as you can. You need to know as much as possible about everything."

This is a message Frederick lives. He is interested in many things, including theatre, biotechnology, politics, cooking, hiking and travelling — in his travels, he has been to every state in the US except two.

"I like to read everything I can get my hands on," Frederick said, and urged his listeners to read as much as they can as well. "What I'm trying to do is make sure there are as many ideas

and as many different people out there as possible."

As a child, Frederick thought he would end up being a scientist but instead ended up doing "many, many different things."

"Think about everything you can be," Frederick urged. "You want to be able to choose, not have someone choose for you."

Frederick has two kids, David and Gwynedd (pronounced Gwyneth), and says they are the best people in the whole world.

— Cindy Worrell

Officer explains domestic violence reduction unit

Lt. Mariane Heisler is a 25-year veteran of the Portland Police Bureau. Starting on the streets at the age of 21, Heisler, now 47, is a Lieutenant in the Domestic Violence Reduction Unit.

Early on in her career as a police officer, Heisler worked in the women's protective division. There she worked with the parents or legal guardians of children who had been beaten, raped or killed. She put kids in foster homes and dealt with the problems of the disturbed individual that could harm an innocent child. This was very emotional. She did this for five years.

Heisler felt very strongly about what she did and does. When she was speaking on the subject of the more difficult emotional points of the

job she said something that really caught my attention. She said, "It's hard to find out people honestly have enough problems that they'd hurt their own children."

A lot of the crimes that happen against children are because of what's going on with the parents. The children are being beaten because the parents, guardians or primary care givers feel inferior because they're constantly being told by their spouses that they are nothing, or they are the cause of the family's problems. So they feel it's their job to make others feel just as inferior as they feel.

Most domestic violence is committed by men, Heisler said, because men are usually physically stronger than women. Plus, they are taught at an early age to fight and to solve prob-

lems with fists instead of words.

The Domestic Violence Reduction Unit's main priority is to help victims know that it's not okay to be beaten up upon and that no one deserves it, Heisler said.

Heisler said when her unit goes into a disturbed home, it must convince the women they don't deserve to be beaten. Secondly, the members of the unit have to convince the men that they are guilty of a crime. Men have to learn another way to deal with their frustration and anger, she said.

"When people get angry they beat up on someone they love," Heisler said.

And that's just part of the violent cycle of domestic violence, she added.

The purpose of the Domestic Violence

Reduction Unit is not to put the husband/father or the assailant in jail, because the family wouldn't benefit from having the father figure incarcerated, Heisler said. So, the unit doesn't set out to put them in jail, it sets out to help by putting them in batterer's treatment programs.

These programs are available in states across the United States, so if you know of someone who qualifies as a participant, or if it's you yourself, then do them and yourself a favor — Call and get information on the program. Children that witness or are involved in domestic violence grow up to do what they know, and that spells violence.

— Sbalon Irving