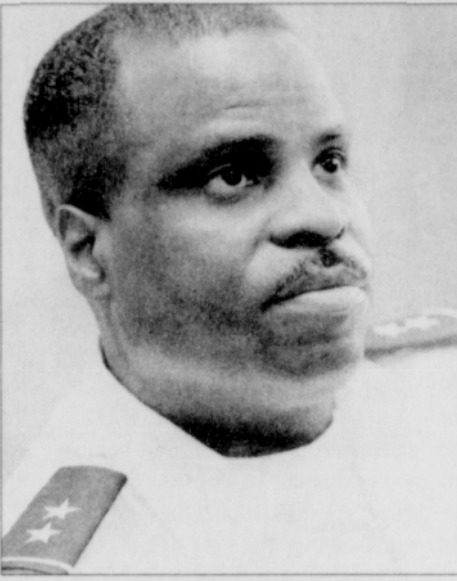


# Police Advisory Group Focuses on Minority Business

## Community partnerships bring positive change

Successful businesses understand the value of networking and community partnerships. People like to do business with people they know. Effective networking means more business and stronger community partnerships. As business owners and executives choose to get involved in their communities, they have the ability to effect positive change.

The Portland Police Bureau also recognizes the value of building community partnerships and working with businesses to solve neighborhood-based issues.



Portland Police Chief Derrick Foxworth

Chief Derrick Foxworth is encouraging business owners to join police in community policing efforts to build safe neighborhoods to live, work and play.

"When we work together, we strengthen our community ties and more people are at the table to problem solve," Foxworth said. "Minority-owned businesses are a key to the vitality of our local economy. Their contributions increase the livability of our neighborhoods."

There are a number of ways to get involved locally. If you want to make a difference in your specific neighborhood, the Portland Police Bureau has five precinct locations and each precinct has an advisory group. The Bureau also has nine advisory groups and committees which include: African American Advisory Council;

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Arab Muslim Police Advisory Council; Asian Law Enforcement Advisory Council of Oregon; Budget Advisory Committee; Chief's Forum; Crisis Intervention Team; Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee; Latino Advisory Council; and the Sexual Minorities Roundtable.

The advisory groups and committees usually meet once a month with the chief or an assistant chief to discuss concerns or issues facing their community. Visit the police bureau website for more information at <http://portlandpolice.com> and click on the Get Involved tab. The African American Advisory

Council was started in 1996 and hosts a monthly forum that is open to all. The council meets the third Thursday of every month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the King Facility, located at 4815 N.E. Seventh Ave.

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## Turning Failures into Success

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then need to look at the kind of person you need to become to see the results you want in the future. Beyond visualizing the physical objects or the status you seek, you need to look within and say, "What kind of person do I need to become in order to get what I want?"

To become that person, you may need additional education or training in your field or another career; you may need to hire a coach or find a mentor to guide you through the steps to becoming who you want to be.

**Tip No. 5:** *Accept that failing is a normal part of life, but try to fall forward every time—in the direction of your goal.*

We are all continually creating our own destinies through the choices we make and our desire and determination to see them through. Perhaps you've suffered a major business defeat such as downsizing or termination. Realize that you can leave that job on good terms with a handshake and a letter of recommendation, or with the threat of a lawsuit against those who fired you. How you handle the crisis has a dramatic impact on how you will succeed from

that point forward. How we react to bad things today has a huge impact on what happens to us tomorrow. If, instead of dwelling on the circumstances of the past, you can manage to move on in a forward direction, your fall will send you in the direction of your goals.

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**Tip No. 6:** *"Retreat" does not equal "defeat."*

A retreat can be a valuable opportunity to regroup and rethink strategies and goals. For example, one of the worst business mistakes you can make is to continue to pour money into a failing business; in this situation, knowing when to call it quits and creatively develop a better plan is essential. Don't let pride keep you stuck in a wrong decision.

**Tip No. 7:** *Realize that pain and heartache are only labor pains before your birth.*

Many people who lost their

jobs and businesses as the economy took a downturn have searched for years and have yet to find a job in their industry. This loss may have a profound effect on their sense of self.

In any painful, frightening situation, you need to realize that there is hope on the other side of the tragedy, even if you can't see it yet. When you quit, you guarantee that you will not be around to experience that which makes your suffering count for something. Turn your pain into a purpose. If you persevere, you will gain wisdom and perspective and finally realize why you went through everything: namely, to become a new person, the person you needed to become in order to achieve the success you were seeking.

**Claim Your Future Success**

Many heroes of the past have blazed a trail for us to follow if we really want to overcome tragedies and failures. Remember, just because you may have failed does not mean you are a "failure." Failure is an attitude, not a place. Get up and keep crawling, sliding, and falling forward in the direction of your dreams. If you follow the hero's path, eventually you will get there.

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