

## Black Leader Hired as Assistant Chief

## Mike Leasure earns praise for community engagement

Portland Police Chief Chuck Lovell Wednesday promoted Mike Leasure, a black officer with command experience and a community volunteer who works closely with African American youth, to Assistant Chief of the Police Bureau's Operations Branch.

"Mike is known as a committed, collaborative and progressive leader," said Chief Lovell. "He has dedicated his career to community engagement and has been involved in mentoring and coaching youth and participating in community advisory groups, including the Diversity and Inclusion Council. I am looking forward to having him join our Executive Team with his wealth of experience and relationships in the community."

Jefferson High School Boys to Men Mentoring program. He has participated in the African-American Advisory Council, the Diver-



Mike Leasure

sity Inclusion Leadership Council, and as a basketball camp coordinator for the Portland Police Summer Camp. He has been honored with the Achievement Medal from the Community/Police Relations Committee and the George Weatheroy Police Volunteer of the Year award.

Leasure most recently served Leasure currently serves on the as commander of the Central Precinct. He began his Portland Police Bureau career in 2000. After

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