



Bob Day

Chief of Police | Portland Police Bureau

Bob Day retired as Deputy Chief of the Portland Police Bureau in 2019. Following his retirement, he launched Reluctant Change, a company that offers workshops, keynote speeches, and consulting services on how to use humility, curiosity, empathy, and hope as a vital pathway to managing change and leading effectively.

Bob's law enforcement experience spans over 3 decades. After being appointed to the Portland Police Bureau on April 26, 1990, he held multiple ranks including officer, sergeant, lieutenant and captain. Bob served as the Central Precinct commander, as well as tactical incident commander and crowd control commander. He was appointed to be Assistant Chief and later, Deputy Chief in May 2018. As a member of the chief's executive team, he oversaw the majority of the day-to-day responsibilities of the Police Bureau, focusing mainly on operations and investigations.

In September 2023 Bob was asked by Mayor Ted Wheeler to leave retirement and return to service as the 51st Police Chief for the City of Portland.

During his years of service Bob has developed a reputation as a skilled leader and innovative manager. He has been honored by multiple community groups and business organizations for his dedication to community policing values and concepts.

Bob has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Organizational Management and Leadership from George Fox University. He also holds an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Clackamas Community College.

Topic: *"Chaos Is the Condition: Modeling Steady Leadership When Nothing Feels Stable."*