

PERSONAL DATA

Name: Richard James Brown

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Attended High School of Industrial Arts

Served in the U.S. Air Force, 1956-1976

USDA, Soil Conservation Service, 1976 - 1980

Freelance photographer, 1976-present

Bd of Dir., Portland Photographic Forum, 1983-1990

BD of Dir., Willamette Riverkeepers, 1995-2002

Commissioner, Metropolitan Arts Commissions, 1990-1995

Steering Committee, Aging and the Arts, 1990-1991

Bd of Dir., Oregon Folk Art and Folklife Program, 1990-1991

Portland Black United Front

Portland Police Chief's Forum, 1991- 2008

Facilitator, Hope and Hard Work, 1991 – 2006

National conference on Community Policing, 1993, 2002

Portland Future Focus, Leadership Task Force, 1993

Black Leadership Conference

Rainbow Coalition

Graduate: 1st Portland Police, and the 1st Oregon FBI,

Citizens Academies

Bd of Dir., Portland House of Umoja, 1993-1999

Environmental Equity Citizens Advisory Committee, 1994

Juvenile Justice Detention Reform Committee, 1994

Bd of Dir., Albina Head Start, 1994-present

Citizens Crime Commission, 1994-present

Advisory Bd., Community Court, 1997-2006

Instructor, Western Community Policing Center, 1997- 2000

Volunteer, Vernon School, Portland, 2000

Facilitator, DCJ, African American Program, 2000-present

Advisory Bd, Oregon Police Corp, 2001-2006

Volunteer, Blazers Boys and Girls Club, 2001-2016

Bd of Dir, Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards
and Training, 2007-2014

Commencement speaker to the Oregon State Police Recruit
Post Academy Graduates, 2016

Author: THIS IS NOT FOR YOU: An Activist's Journey of Resistance and Resilience (March 2021)

Bd of Dir, Pacific Northwest Photographers Archive, 2020

RECOGNITION

"Pennington Award"

City of Portland, 2007

"Volunteer of the Year"

Blazers Boys and Girls Club, 2006

"Blazers Black History Month Honoree"

Portland Trail Blazers, 2003

"Artist in Resident"

Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 2000

"Walk Your Talk Award"

Multnomah County Managers of Color, 1999

"Trainer of the Year"

Western Community Policing Center,
Crime Prevention Association of Oregon, 1999

"Sharing and Caring Award"

Tiger Woods Foundation, 1998

"Emerald Award"

Zeta Sigma Omega Chapter, A K A, Inc., 1997

"Distinguished Service Award"

Citizens Crime Commission, 1997

"All-Star Citizen"

Volunteers of America of Oregon, Inc., 1996

"Cornelius Award"

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 1996

"Senior Role Model"

OASIS, 1995

"George A. Russill Community Service Award"

Oregon Community Foundation, 1995

"Spirit of Portland, Mayors Award"

Portland Mayor, 1994

"Award of Excellence"

N/NE Business Association, 1994

"Omega Citizen of the Year"

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Portland Or., 1994

"Local Hero"

Selected by Martin Luther King School. 1994

"Outstanding Community Leadership"

Albina Ministerial Alliance award. 1994

"Commendation"

American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon. 1994

"Good Guys"

Oregon Women's Political Caucus award. 1991

"Community Scholar"

Selected by the Smithsonian Institute to the Folklife Summer Institute. 1990

"Appreciation Award"

Portland Chapter Black United Front

"Excellence In Journalism Award"

Society of Professional Journalist for a photographic essay
on Black life in Oregon.. 1985

RICHARD J. BROWN is a community activist.

Some years ago he looked at a community dynamic that placed Black community members and the justice system at extremes, 36" and 0 on a yardstick. Feeling that the answers were to be found at 18" he firmly took a position there and found others looking for some neutral ground to begin having discussions that could lead to solutions. He remains steadfast at 18". An early advocate of Community Policing, Richard J Brown for over fourteen years facilitated Hope and Hard Work, a weekly community meeting bringing together community members with Portland Police, city and county resources. Tirelessly he assisted in reaching solutions to neighborhood concerns, from problems with neighbors to criminal activities. He led a very aggressive foot patrol for eighteen months, five hours a night, seven days a week, reducing crime in the area. A committed advocate for Community Policing he was one of the original members of the Chief's Forum serving as the mayors representative. His community involvement includes Albina Head Start and Albina Early Head Start, Citizens Crime Commission, and volunteers at the Blazers Boys and Girls Club. He also facilitates a weekly, County re-entry program, the African American Program for men and women on parole or probation. He has served on the advisory boards for the N/E Community Court and the Oregon Police Corps. As an instructor with the Western Community Policing Center he has taken the philosophy of Community Policing through out the region and beyond. Serving two terms as the Community Representative to the Department of Public Safety, Standards and Training, where he actually sat in on trainings a couple days a week. At the end of his term, the Director of DPSST finding value to his assessments of and suggestions to the training, asked that he continue his presence at DPSST.