

Marcene Olson, LBCC Director of Safety & Loss Prevention is retiring!

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Retirement clichés are often overused; however, I believe this one is appropriate for Marcene:

If you put as much effort into enjoying your retirement as you have all the years you've been working, you'll have an amazing, productive, dynamic and long, lasting retirement. You deserve it!

I wanted to write a few words and share with you one of our colleague's journey of how they ended up in this genre of Risk Management. It made me realize and wonder aloud, that very few of us ever get involved in risk management on purpose.... what's your excuse?

Marcene and family came to Oregon from Dubuque Iowa in the late 80's. After opening five Target stores in the Portland market, she opened and then managed the Albany store. Her next challenge was as LBCC's Manager for Education Logistics for Hewlett Packard Global. While in this capacity, she also served as the Public Risk Management Association (PRIMA) conference coordinator, which is where I first met her more than 20 years ago. It was also through this professional organization, I got to know her husband, Dave.

Her role has changed a few different times at LBCC including a faculty position. Those varied experiences, coupled with her demonstrated capabilities, ultimately resulted in the consolidation of her current position and responsibilities. Over the many years I have known Marcene, I have frequently collaborated and relied on her perspective and expertise.

Marcene will continue at LBCC, at least for a while as they recruit, hire, and transition to her replacement.

Marcene, thank you for your long-standing contribution and collaboration to the community college network of safety and risk professionals. Though I will certainly miss you and our professional connections, I do wish you all the best and am confident you will soon find yourself so busy you will wonder how you ever fit work into the schedule.

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