

## **Rudolph (Rudy) V Howard**

Rudy Howard is the founder and owner of Howard Insurance and Associates, Inc. where he provides insurance protection for homes, businesses and automobiles along with health insurance and Medicare.

Born in Philadelphia, Mr. Howard attended the American International College in Springfield MA and graduated with a BA in 1974. In his senior year, he was recruited by Travelers Insurance Company as an outside claim adjuster/investigator. He began his insurance career in Worcester MA, and he steadily climbed into management roles. In the interim, he attended the MBA program at Anna Maria College in Paxton, MA until he was relocated. He attended the MAS program at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore MD until, once again, he was transferred. He has lived in PA, NJ, MA, MD, NC, NY, and made his home here in Port St Lucie FL in 1994. The last job he had before moving to FL was National Claim Director for Tri-City Insurance Brokers in NYC. After moving to Florida, he shifted gears and went into the Insurance Agency business.

Mr. Howard's upbringing demanded he not only live in a community but also serve in the community. Since arriving in Port St Lucie, he has served on the PSL Hospital Board, the Martin Memorial Hospital Board and past president of the Education Foundation. As a member of the Chamber of Commerce, he was voted outstanding Chamber person of the year, where he lead a task force that created the St. Lucie County Economic Development Council. He later served as President of the Chamber. He was Vice President of the Economic Development Council. Mr. Howard also chaired the St Lucie County Expressway and Bridge Authority. In 2001, he ran for Port St. Lucie City Council District 3. Mr. Howard was the first African American to run for City Council. He also is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, where he served as a past Basileus of the Fort Pierce chapter.

For the past 7 years, he has hosted a weekly talk show on WPSL titled the African American Scene, where he talks about issues important to the African American Community locally and nationally.