



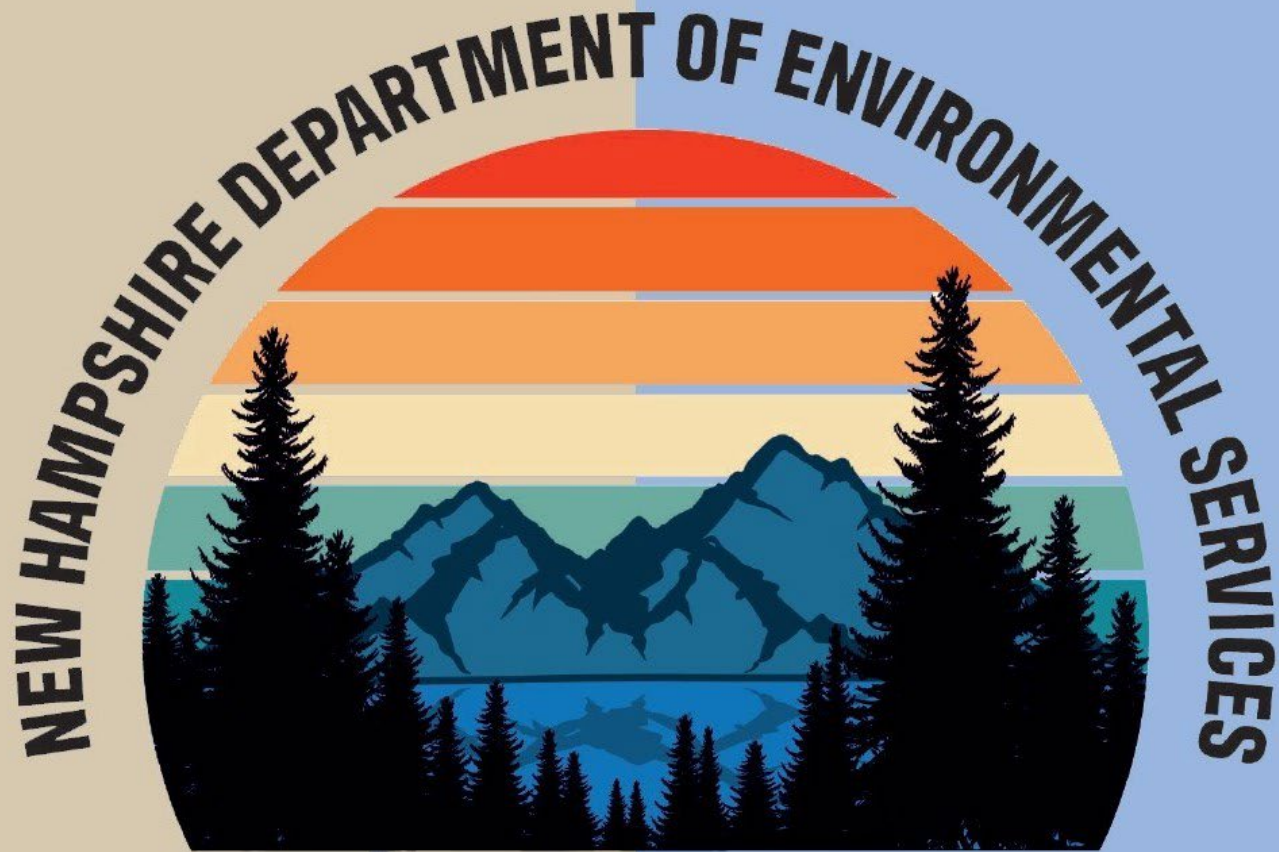
SUCCESSION PLANNING

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NHDES WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROGRAM



27 YEARS





WHAT IS SUCCESSION PLANNING?

- **A STRATEGY USED TO PASS LEADERSHIP ROLES DOWN TO ANOTHER EMPLOYEE OR GROUP OF EMPLOYEES.**



WHAT IS SUCCESSION PLANNING?

CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS



- **ENSURES THAT OPERATIONS CONTINUE TO RUN SMOOTHLY AND WITHOUT INTERRUPTION, AFTER IMPORTANT PEOPLE MOVE ON TO NEW OPPORTUNITIES, RETIRE, PASS AWAY OR WIN THE LOTTERY.**

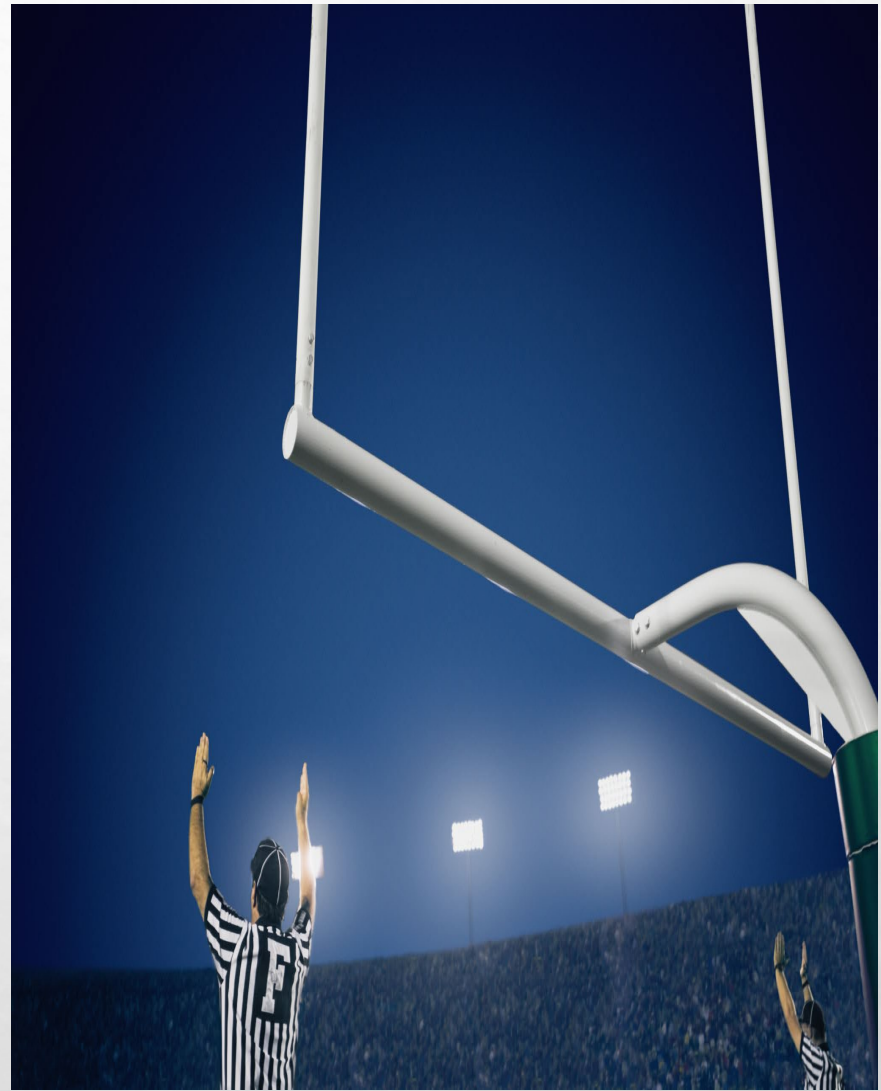
WHAT IS SUCCESSION PLANNING?



- **FULLY PREPARED TO PROMOTE AND ADVANCE ALL EMPLOYEES**
- **NOT JUST THOSE WHO ARE AT THE MANAGEMENT OR EXECUTIVE LEVELS.**

GOAL

**TO BUILD A STRONGER,
MORE STABLE
ORGANIZATION.**



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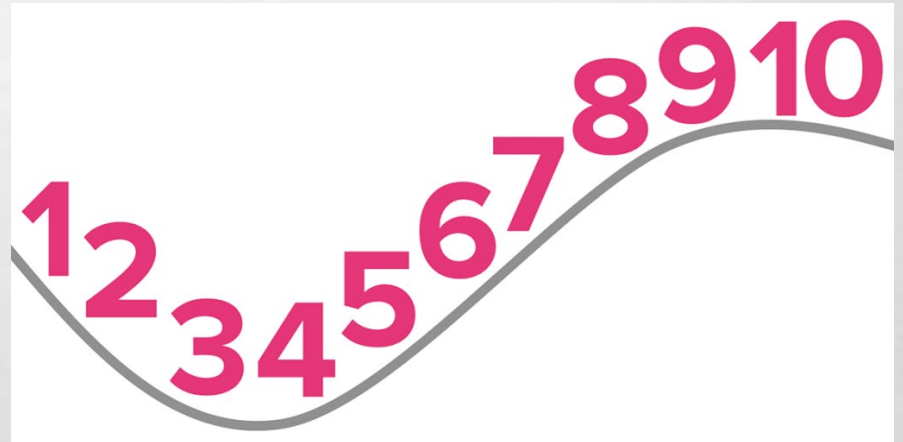


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TEN STEPS TO SUCCESSION PLANNING

- **PLAN**
- **IDENTIFY**
- **TALK**
- **DON'T PROMISE**
- **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**
- **TAKE A VACATION**
- **REEXAMINE**
- **FINE TUNE**
- **YOURSELF**
- **STICK TO THE PLAN!**

FIRST – MAKE A PLAN!



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- **UTILIZED FOR ANY JOB WHERE SERVICE WOULD BE COMPROMISED BY A DIFFICULT TRANSITION.**

FIRST – MAKE A PLAN!



- **SHOULD CONSIDER BOTH TYPES OF CHANGE —**
 - **PLANNED AND**
 - **EMERGENCY TRANSITION**

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TWO – IDENTIFY BACK UP!

ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR



BUDGETS

DAY TO DAY COORDINATION OF SECTIONS

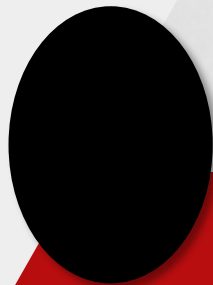
CHIEF OPERATOR



OPERATION OF WWTF

TECHNICAL EXPERT

**ASSISTANT CHIEF
OPERATOR**



**FILL IN FOR CHIEF OPERATOR
SUPERVISE OPERATORS**

TWO – IDENTIFY BACK UP!

MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT



**MECHANICAL MAINTENANCE
SUPERVISOR**



**ELECTRICAL
SUPERVISOR**



TWO – IDENTIFY BACK UP!

**SAFETY COMMITTEE
ADVISOR**



**SAFETY COMMITTEE
CHAIR**



**SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEMBER**



TWO – IDENTIFY BACK UP!



CANDIDATE

- **STRENGTHS**
- **CERTIFICATIONS**
- **TRAINING**

THREE – TALK TO YOUR EMPLOYEES!



- **CAREER GOALS**

- **WILLINGNESS**

- **CROSS TRAIN**

- **BACK UP**

FOUR – DON'T PROMISE ANYTHING

- **NEW SUPERVISORS**
 - **DPW DIRECTOR**
 - **COMMISSIONERS**
 - **SELECTMEN**
- **UNION CONTRACT**
- **BUDGETS**
- **PERFORMANCE**



FOUR – DON'T PROMISE ANYTHING

- **BE FAIR**
- **GIVE ALL STAFF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**
- **BE HONEST IN EMPLOYEE
EVALUATIONS**
- **LET THEM FIGHT IT OUT**



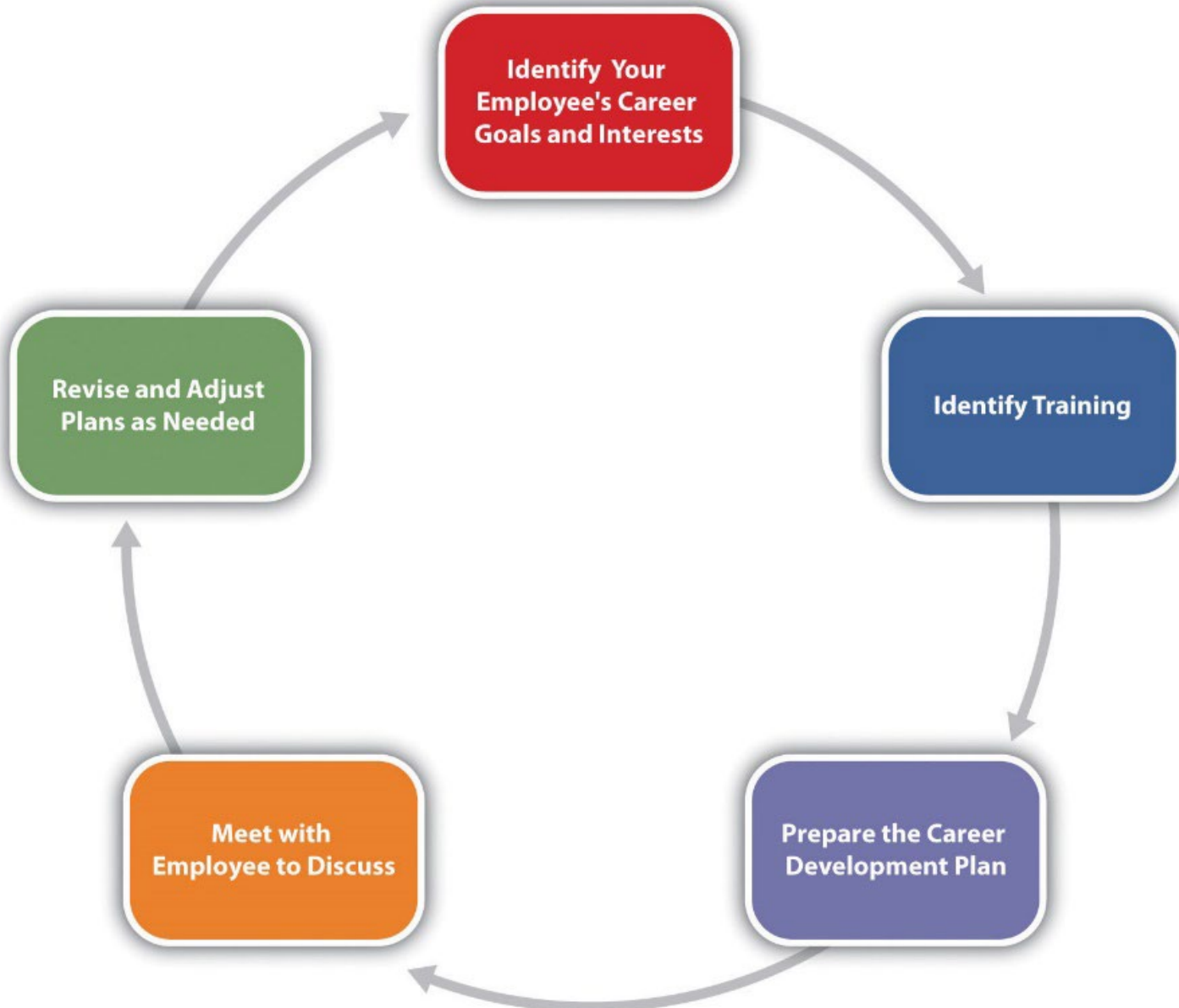
FIVE – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



DOCUMENTS THE

- **GOALS,**
- **REQUIRED SKILL AND**
- **COMPETENCY DEVELOPMENT**

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- **HAVE A FORMAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**
- **PERIODIC EVALUATION**
- **SET PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GOALS**



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- **TRAINING**
 - **FORMAL**
 - **INFORMAL**



FIVE – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



- **ACQUIRING A**
 - **DEGREE**
 - **WASTEWATER LICENSE**
 - **CERTIFICATION**

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- **WORKING WITH A MENTOR**
 - **15% HIGHER RETENTION RATE**
 - **BETTER POSITIONED TO MOVE UP**



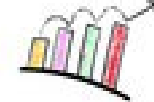
EXPERIENCE



ABILITY



GROWTH



ADVANCED TRAINING



SKILL



KNOWLEDGE



LEARNING

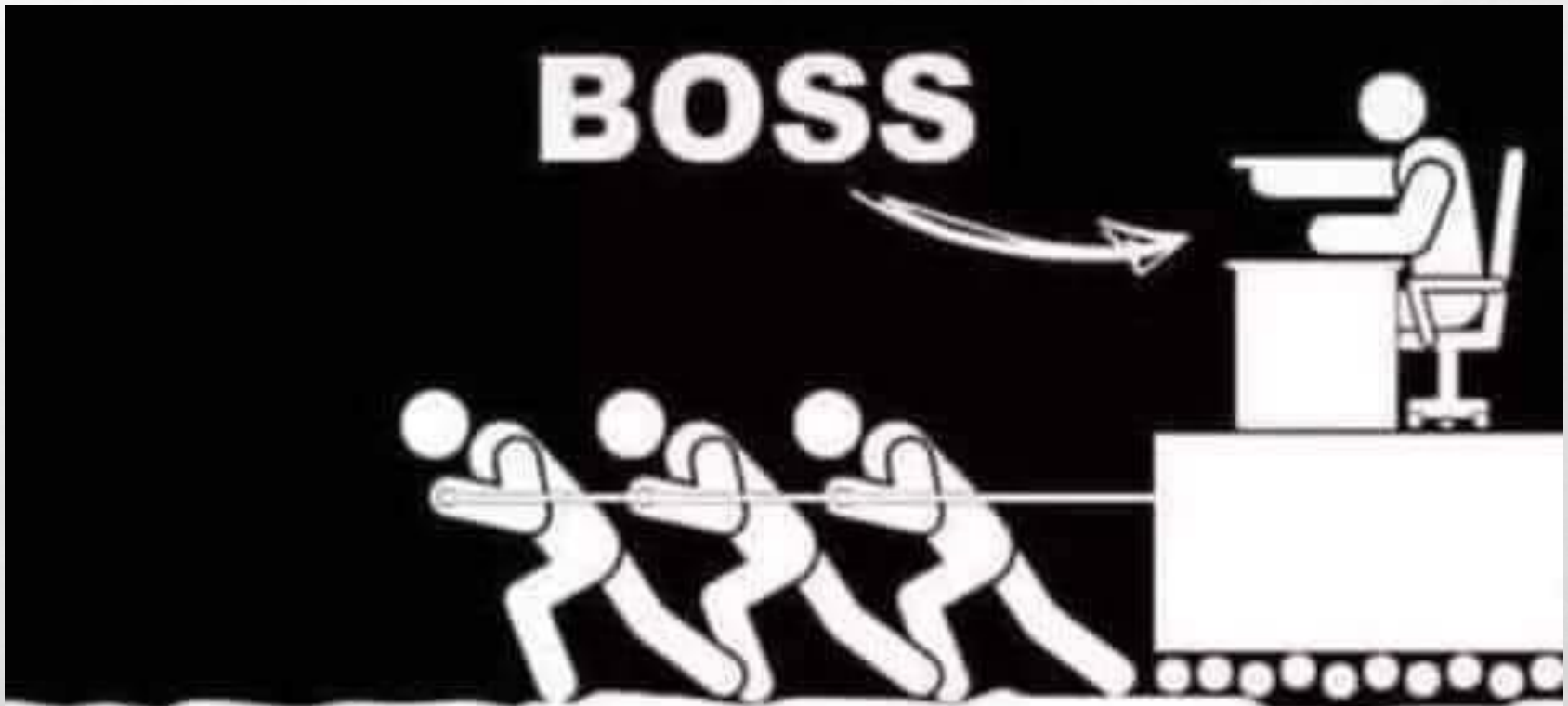
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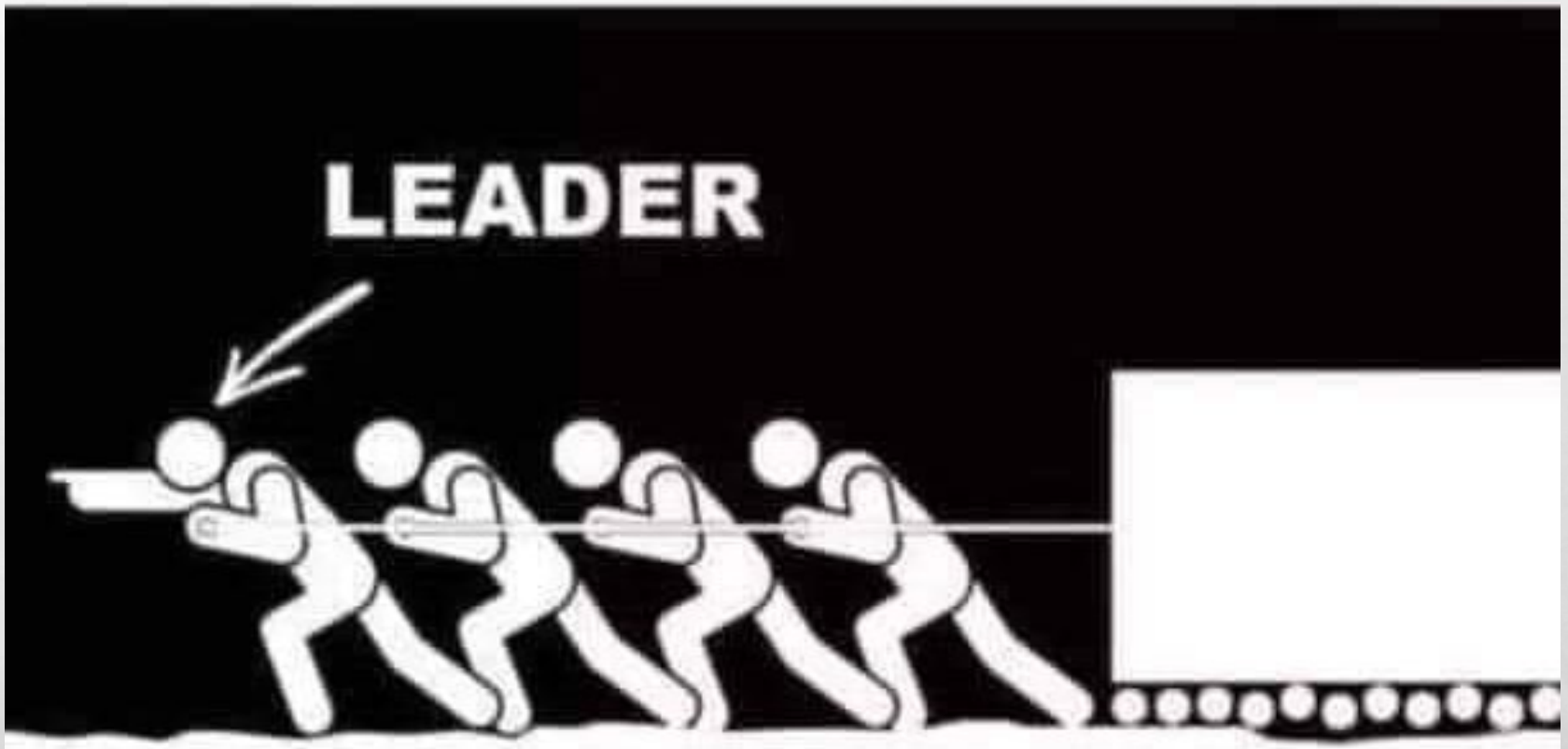
TRAINING



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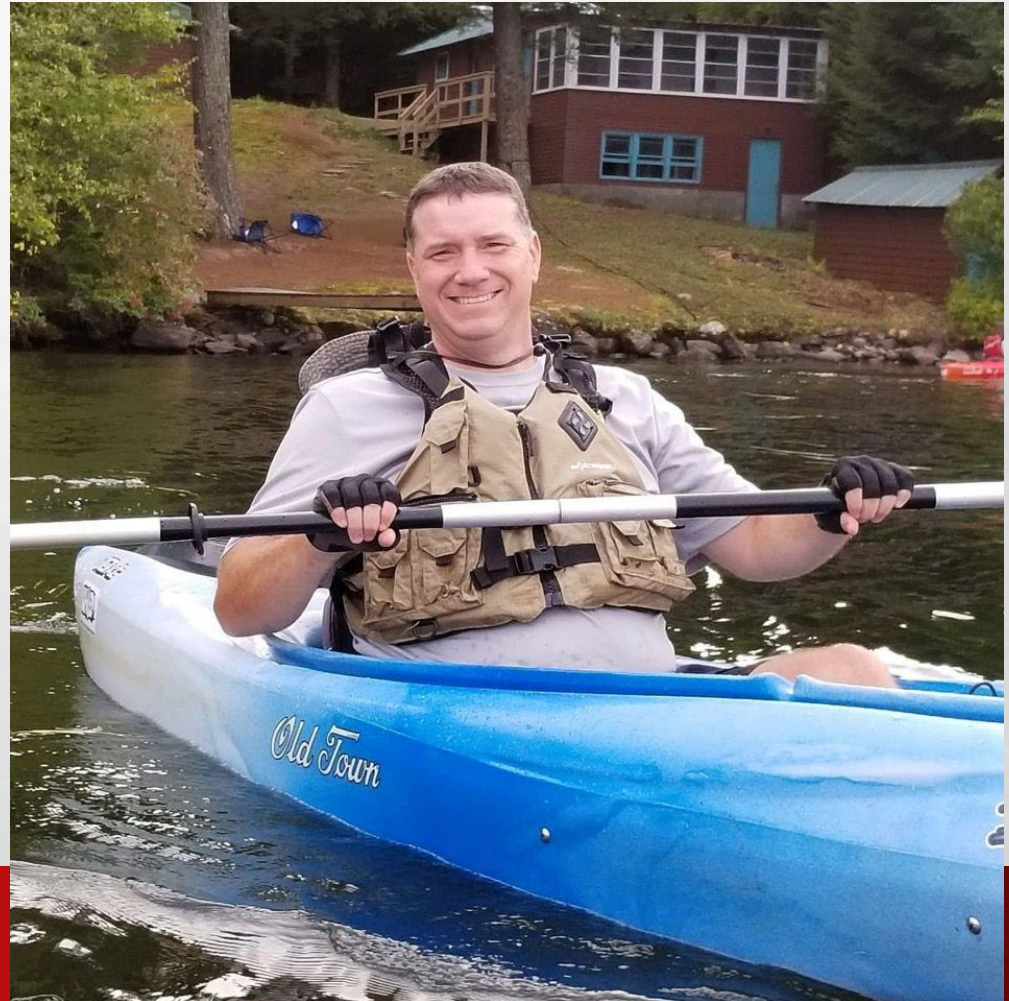


FIVE – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



SIX – TAKE A VACATION!

- **ASSIGN RESPONSIBILITIES**
- **CHANGE TO GROW**
 - **CONFIDENCE**
 - **KNOWLEDGE**
 - **SKILLS, &**
 - **ABILITIES**



SIX – TAKE A VACATION!

- **CHANCE TO TEST NEWLY ACQUIRED KNOWLEDGE**
- **DO THEY HAVE THE RIGHT STUFF?**
- **WILL THEY SUCCEED OR FAIL?**



SIX – OTHER OPPORTUNITIES!



- **PLANNED OPPORTUNITIES TO TEST SKILLS**
 - **ASSIGNMENTS**
 - **TEMPORARY DUTIES**
 - **ROTATIONS**



SIX – JOB ROTATIONS!





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SEVEN – RETURN AND RE-EXAMINE



- REVIEW EXPERIENCE
- LET THEM FAIL
- DON'T ASSIGN BLAME
- TAKE SUGGESTIONS

**Identify pitfalls
and solutions**

SEVEN – RETURN AND RE-EXAMINE

RINSE. WASH. REPEAT.



EIGHT – FINE TUNE YOUR HIRING PROCESS

- **ADD DUTIES AND SKILLS TO SJD**
- **RECLASSIFY**
- **REORGANIZE**
- **CREATE A NEW POSITION**
- **TARGETED HIRING**



NINE – DON'T FORGET YOURSELF!



TEN – STICK WITH YOUR PLAN!



- **MANY VIEW SUCCESSION PLANNING AS A NEGATIVE TASK**
- **BUT TRANSITIONS HAPPEN FOR ALL TYPES OF REASONS AND CAN ULTIMATELY HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON AN ORGANIZATION.**

TEN – STICK WITH YOUR PLAN!



**Employee
Morale**



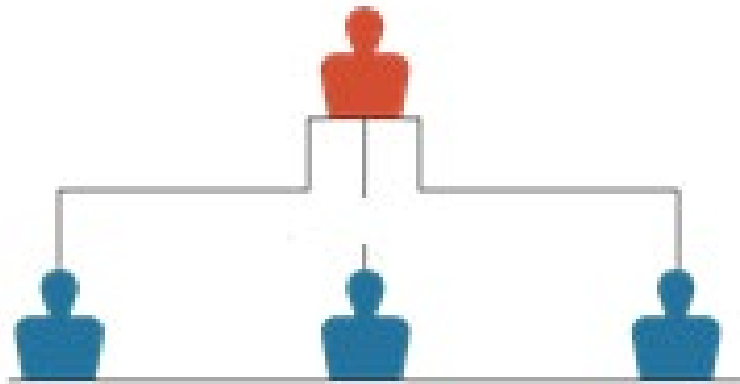
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**MANY ORGANIZATIONS TREAT SUCCESSION AS A
TIME-LIMITED EVENT RATHER THAN A TRANSITION,
WHICH IS SLOWER AND REQUIRES EFFORT**

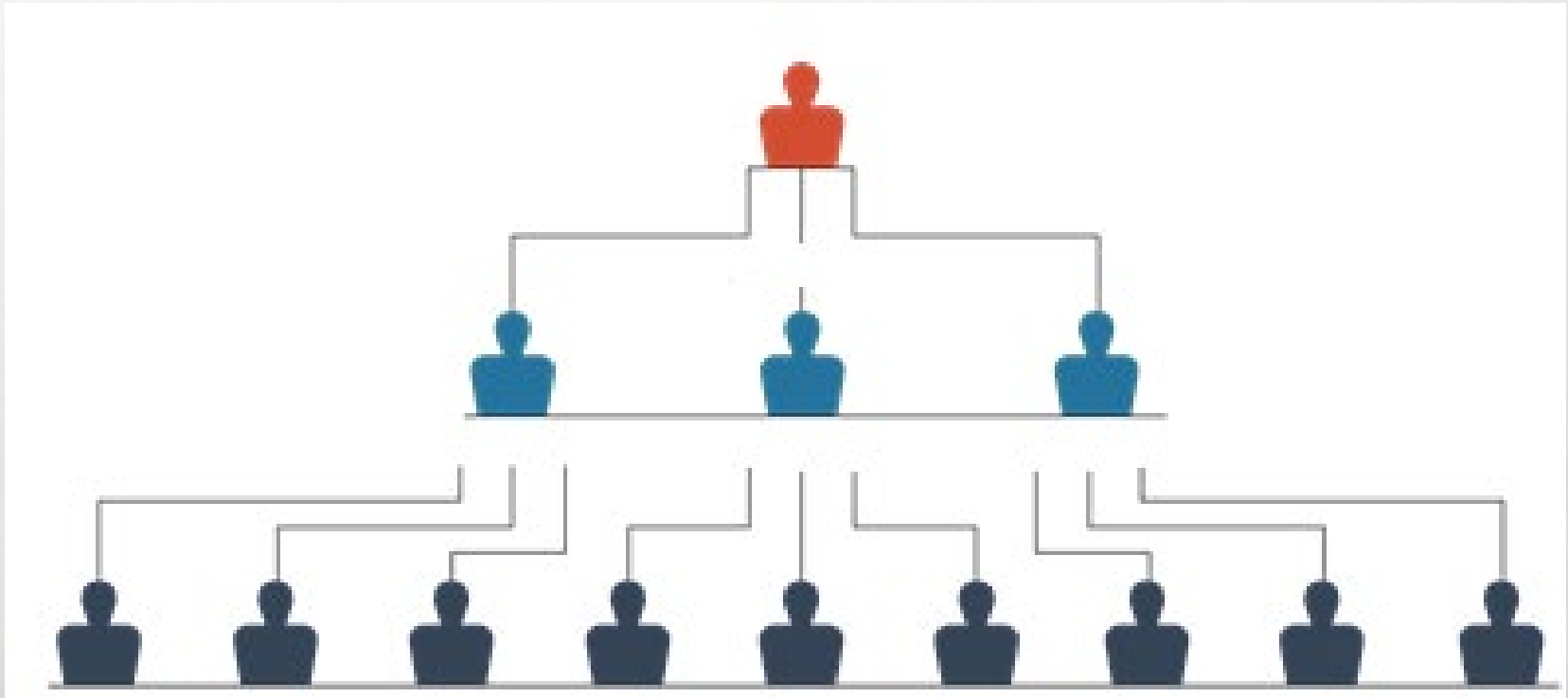
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