

John Klum to take oath as new Portland Fire Chief

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PORTLAND, Ore. — On June 21, John Klum will take the oath of office and be sworn in as Fire Chief of Portland Fire & Rescue.

Klum has 30 years of service with Portland Fire & Rescue (PF&R), serving in a supervisory capacity for 24 of those years. John Klum - photo courtesy of portlandonline.com "Twenty-three years experience in Emergency Operations, as well as serving in staff positions in numerous capacities throughout PF&R, has helped diversify my experience," Chief Klum says. "I've learned how PF&R operates, and how to work with other bureaus and stakeholders in the City. Working with those bureaus, agencies and stakeholders has provided me with a comprehensive perspective on what PF&R contributes to overall public safety." Assignments in four of the five divisions within PF&R have allowed Chief Klum the opportunity to learn how each division and section operates. In those positions, he has learned what makes PF&R function, and how different sections provide services crucial to every day operations. Chief Klum holds Associate of Applied Science Fire Protection Technology degree, and is working towards his Bachelor's degree. In addition, Chief Klum is active in Oregon Fire Chiefs Association, International Association of Fire chiefs and the Fire Department Safety Officers Association. Chief Klum attributes much of his success to a willingness to take a leadership role in administration. Chief Klum looks forward to working with Fire Chief Dave Sprando on the leadership transition, to ensure continuation of high level emergency services.

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