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# LOCAL NEWS

## Promoted to Fire Chief

### Sara Boone rises from the ranks

The first female African American firefighter in Portland history has been promoted to become Fire Chief for Portland Fire and Rescue, another glass ceiling shattered.

Fire Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty appointed Division Chief Sara Boone as Fire Chief of Portland Fire and Rescue last week. She has been with the department for 24 years, rising through the ranks from entry-level firefighter.

Boone spent the majority of her career in emergency operations before transitioning into assignments as the Bureau's Safety Chief, Logistics Deputy Chief, and currently, the Division Chief of Medical Services and Training.

"Chief Boone impressed our interview panels with her commitment to community, her technical knowledge, her passion for the fire service, and her leadership style," said Commissioner Hardesty. "Chief Boone is well-respected throughout the bureau and we have a great collaborative relationship. I know that she has the vision and experience to lead the bureau as it takes on new challenges. I am confident that she will make sure our city is safe and cared for under her watch."



Sara Boone is the first black Fire Chief for Portland Fire and Rescue. Her promotion from Division Chief was made last week by Fire Commissioner and City Council member Jo Ann Hardesty.

In 1995, Chief Boone became the first African-American female firefighter to enter the ranks of Portland Fire & Rescue since its inception in 1883 and will become the first African-American Fire Chief for the city. Chief Boone was raised in

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A recent groundbreaking ceremony at northeast Portland's Madison High School begins two years of construction as the school undergoes a major remodel thanks to a 2017 bond approved by voters. The construction of the new Kellogg Middle School in southeast Portland also broke ground this past month.

## Madison High Remodel Begins District lines up summer construction projects

This summer marks the beginning of a number of Portland Public School modernization and construction projects, including the renovations to northeast Port-

land's Madison High School and the construction of Kellogg Middle School in southeast Portland, thanks to a large bond approved by voters in 2017.

Madison High School is set to close for two years starting this fall after it undergoes major mod-

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