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# LOCAL NEWS



New Portland Police Chief Chuck Lovell attends a news conference Monday announcing his appointment to the top of command. He replaces Chief Jami Resch who suddenly stepped aside stating that Lovell was the better person to build community trust as police chief because of his strong ties with the black community. (AP photo)

## Rising to the Top

### Lovell named police chief to build trust

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A black Portland police lieutenant and former resource officer at Jefferson High School who

earned praise for building bridges in the black community during his tenure at the school, was suddenly named Portland's new police chief on Monday.

Chuck Lovell, an 18-year-veteran of the Police Bureau, replaces Chief Jami Resch who announced at a news conference that she was stopping aside from the top command position in favor of Lovell,

saying he was the better person to build community trust as chief because of his record of success building ties with the black community.

The promotion was endorsed by Mayor Ted Wheeler and followed 11 days of massive protests in the city calling for police reforms to

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A group of young marchers in Portland move toward the Burnside Bridge on Saturday to protest racism and police violence against African Americans after the death of George Floyd, a black man who died in police custody in Minneapolis. (AP photo)

## After Protests, Mayor Re-Assigns Officers

### Armed police pulled from Portland schools

Following massive marches to protest racism by police and officer involved deaths of African Americans in Portland and across the country, Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler announced Thursday he was removing police resource officers from the city's public

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