



Office of Mayor Keith Wilson
City of Portland

Mayor's Appointment: Robert Day, Chief of Police

February 19, 2025

In accordance with Portland City Charter Section 2-401 (g), I am pleased to bring before the City Council my nominee for Chief of Police: Robert Day. The Chief of Police is responsible for leading the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) and ensuring alignment with the City's vision, mission, and strategic objectives. The role requires high-level decision-making, community engagement, financial oversight, policy development, and deep collaboration with City leadership and external stakeholders to maintain public safety and advance modern policing strategies. Having reviewed Mr. Day's qualifications, he has demonstrated the value of his diverse experience in providing strong leadership within the bureau, improving public safety through a variety of initiatives, and strengthening the relationship between the bureau and the community it serves.

Statement from Robert Day

"It is a privilege to serve as the Chief of the Portland Police Bureau. Under my direction, PPB has adopted the following goals: transforming the dynamic between police and the people we serve; reducing crime and the fear of crime; and organizational growth and development. We recognize safety, and the feeling of safety is a core value of any community, and we all experience it in our own way. One message has been clear to me: Portlanders want a relationship with their Police Bureau. We desire the same with them. We also know that police cannot solve everything and it's going to take a collaborative, holistic approach with all of us coming together. I am proud to see PPB leading Portland's renewal to be a city where everyone can live, work, play and thrive."

Nominee Qualifications

Robert Day joined the Portland Police Bureau in 1990 and has served as an officer, sergeant, lieutenant, captain, precinct commander, assistant chief, and deputy chief over the last 30 years. He led multiple assignments and teams within the bureau, including the Training Division, Critical Incident Command, Crowd Management, and the Operations Branch. Most recently, Robert was appointed as interim Chief

of Police in September of 2023 and was formally appointed as permanent Chief of Police in April of 2024. He has been recognized for his innovative ideas in crime reduction strategies and his commitment to strengthening relationships and communication with community members.