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## Houston Fire Department

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# FIRE CHIEF TO BE SWORN INTO OFFICE

## Today

Samuel Peña, who was named the 39<sup>th</sup> Fire Chief for the Houston Fire Department earlier this month, will be sworn into office Today, December 19, 2016, at 3 p.m. in the City Hall Legacy Room.

Chief Peña has been a member of the American Fire Service for 22 years. He was chosen as Fire Chief for his wide experience in both medical and firefighting fields. He began his career as a firefighter with the El Paso Fire Department in 1994 and rose through the ranks serving as a paramedic, media spokesperson, advanced medical coordinator, a member of the Combined Search and Rescue Team, Hazardous Materials & Special Rescue Task Force, as well as the Training Chief for the El Paso Fire Academy.

Chief Peña has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Texas at El Paso and also served four years as an air-control specialist with the U.S. Air Force.

Chief Peña is married with two sons and a grandson.

Prior to Peña's appointment, Assistant Fire Chief Rodney West was acting Interim Fire Chief following Chief Terry Garrison who accepted another position in his home town of Glendale, Arizona in October of 2015.

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