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FIRE DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

[Kennewick, WA] – A recent communication was sent to the public by former Fire Chief Vince Beasley regarding his employment status with the City of Kennewick. We would like to provide the following information:

City Manager Marie Mosley has been working with former Chief Beasley for an extended period of time on performance and leadership concerns. A retirement option had been discussed but an agreement was not reached. Due to his actions, former Chief Beasley has effectively resigned his position as the Fire Chief for the City of Kennewick effective immediately.

Police Chief Ken Hohenberg/Deputy City Manager for the City of Kennewick will be the interim Fire Chief until the position is filled.

The most important thing for our community to know is that they can have the upmost confidence that the dedicated and professional men and women of the Kennewick Fire Department will continue to serve with distinction during this leadership transition and the entire City of Kennewick team remains focused on providing exceptional customer service to our community.

The City of Kennewick will be entering into a Fire Chief selection search immediately with the Western Fire Chiefs Association.

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