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Statement by VA Press Secretary Curt Cashour Departure of VA Chief of Staff

Today VA announced that the department's Chief of Staff Vivieca Wright Simpson has elected to retire following the release of a VA Inspector General investigation on Wednesday.

VA also announced that it has opened a formal investigation into her actions identified in the IG report.

President Trump has made clear that he expects VA leaders to hold themselves and other employees accountable when they fail to live up to the high standards taxpayers and Veterans deserve.

VA will continue to review the IG report and its recommendations in more detail before determining possible additional personnel accountability actions.

Separately, VA announced that it has opened an investigation into allegations of email hacking. To be clear, while VA is still currently investigating these hacking allegations, we have thus far found no credible or conclusive evidence of a compromise to our email system or a user's account.

VA will announce a new chief of staff shortly.

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