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Hayward reaches decision on Fire Chiefs

Mayor Hayward announced today that he has dismissed Matt Schmitt and Joe Glover from their employment with the City due to a loss of confidence in their ability to lead the Pensacola Fire Department.

The decision followed an investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding fire department management practices. After a review of the investigation, Mayor Hayward determined that the findings of fact that emerged were sufficient to warrant the dismissal of both individuals.

Mayor Hayward has appointed David Allen as Fire Chief. David has been with the Pensacola Fire Department for 28 years and currently serves as Acting Interim Fire Chief. His appointment will be presented to the City Council for consent at the June council meeting.

In making the announcement Mayor Hayward said, "These are never easy decisions to make but I have the responsibility to ensure that the men and women of the Fire Department have leaders that can bring out the best in them and in the department. I believe that my decision is a step in that direction."

The investigative report will be available on the [City website](#) at 4pm.

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