

City Manager Kenny Haskin confirmed to the Gazette on Tuesday that Police Chief Robert Harrison soon will retire and announced that Sgt. Kristi Bennett will be appointed interim chief.

Haskin made the announcement a day after the Gazette reported, based on information from three independent sources, that Harrison would be leaving the Police Department.

Haskin and Bennett, in her role as the Department's public information officer, initially declined to comment on the report.

The city will announce the date of Harrison's retirement at a later time.

Haskin praised Harrison's service record

Bennett has served with TAPD since 2005 and is known for developing the Department's youth development program PRIDE Academy.