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Capitol Police statement

RICHMOND -- The Division of Capitol Police announced Wednesday that Robert A. Stamm was separated from his employment with the division, effective immediately.

Stamm was placed on paid administrative leave Feb. 6, when the division began a review of a possible violation of division and state policies.

Because it is a personnel matter, the division will have no further comment regarding the review's findings.

"What I can say is that this review was conducted with the dual aims of being not only fair but thorough," said Col. Anthony S. Pike, the Capitol Police chief. "We have worked hard to become a fully accredited law enforcement agency, and we are committed to upholding the principles of fairness and professionalism."

The review followed provisions in the Capitol Police General Orders Manual governing administrative inquiries and disciplinary procedures. The administrative review section lays out the process for conducting inquiries in a thorough and impartial manner, and the disciplinary procedures are designed to protect the well-being and rights of employees, assure safe, efficient government operations and assure legal compliance.

The division also complied with the Virginia Law-Enforcement Officers Procedural Guarantee Act, which lays out seven specific code areas that must be followed during the course of a personnel review of this nature. That

section of state law guarantees certain rights for officers, including written notifications during the division review as well as the opportunity to respond orally and in writing to division findings.

"The Division of Capitol Police traces its heritage back more than four centuries, and we take employee conduct very seriously," Pike said. "We will continue to commit ourselves to providing law enforcement services to our community with the utmost professionalism."

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