

I would like to confirm that policies have been established to ensure more stringent control over access to firearms, and the radio system is gradually being updated to address existing deficiencies.

However, I want to bring to your attention some ongoing challenges the Veterans Affairs Police Service (VAPS) at the Dwight D. Eisenhower VAMC is facing.

As of October 16th, the investigation regarding Chief [REDACTED], Major [REDACTED] and Lieutenant [REDACTED] has concluded, yet the Director has yet to make a decision. This prolonged uncertainty has immensely affected our operations, as we have been unable to fill these critical positions. Currently, we are operating at 37.5% adjusted staffing, a situation that has persisted for over a year. Unfortunately, we have not received the promised support from our VISN Leadership and OSSO in Washington D.C. This has also led to frustration among our staff, including our Assistant Director.

Key decisions, including our organizational chart, remain pending on the Director's desk, significantly impacting our service line. Many of my colleagues and I are feeling drained and overlooked in light of these ongoing issues. Regrettably, there have been instances where the Director of this VAMC has not been truthful in communications with our Police Service.

I appreciate your understanding of my frustrations, as I am deeply committed to the mission of the VA. It is disheartening to witness the challenges faced by our dedicated staff without any actionable resolutions. Even representatives from the OIG who conducted the investigation have acknowledged our request to be removed from the Director's control as valid.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

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