

City's Top Traffic Cop Quits

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Moscow traffic police chief Sergei Kazantsev has submitted his resignation to President Dmitry Medvedev, Interfax reported Wednesday, citing an unidentified law enforcement source.

Kazantsev, born in 1953, has to go because he is about to cross the age limit for his job, the source said.

Kazantsev, a St. Petersburg native, has worked in the Moscow traffic police force since 1974 and was appointed chief in 2001.

Drivers have called for his resignation several times, most notably in March when traffic police officers created a “human shield” from several cars they pulled over in order to detain a petty thief on the run.

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