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CITY SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR CITIZEN POLICE PLANNING TASK FORCE

The city of Springfield is accepting applications to fill volunteer positions on the 10-member Police Planning Task Force. The positions currently open are two citizen-at-large representatives. One incumbent for the at-large positions is eligible to reapply, the other will be filled by a new applicant. All currently open terms will expire in 2016.

The task force was initially established in 1994 to develop a long-range plan for providing police services in Springfield. The plan was completed and adopted by the City Council in April 1996 and was updated in 2002 and 2010. The resolution adopting the original plan included a provision that the task force be continued for the purpose of providing citizen input to the Chief of Police on long range plan implementation strategies, and development of police department operational policies and procedures.

Membership consists of six neighborhood and citizen-at-large representatives, one School District #19 representative, one Willamalane Parks and Recreation District representative, and two business community representatives. The group generally meets on the first Thursday of each month.

Application forms are available in the City Manager's Office in City Hall, 225 Fifth Street. The deadline to apply is **Friday, July 26, 2013**. Interviews of all interested candidates will be taken by a subcommittee of the current task force, and appointments will be made at a City Council meeting in September 2013. For more information about the Police Planning Task Force or future meeting information, call Michael Harman at 726-3729.

What: Applicants sought for Springfield's Police Planning Task Force

Where: Applications should be dropped off in the City Manager's Office, City Hall

When Deadline for applications is Friday, July 26, 2013