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***CITY SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR CITIZEN
POLICE PLANNING TASK FORCE***

Springfield is accepting applications to fill volunteer positions on the 10-member Police Planning Task Force. Application forms are available in the City Manager's Office in City Hall, 225 Fifth Street. The deadline to apply is **January 30, 2012**. 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 February or March, 2012.

The positions currently open are two citizen-at-large representatives. One incumbent is eligible for reappointment, and the other position will be filled by a new applicant. The open terms will expire in 2016.

Background:

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.

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