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**APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR SPRINGFIELD POLICE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The City of Springfield is accepting applications to fill volunteer positions on the 10-member Springfield Police Advisory Committee. The two positions currently open include one representative from the Faith community, and one representative from the Minority community. The terms of the applicants chosen will expire in July 2019. The deadline to apply is June 19, 2015.

Preliminary reviews of all interested candidates will be taken by a subcommittee of the current task force during the week of June 22nd. Interviews of the applicant finalists will be conducted by the City Council on July 6, 2015, and appointments will be made at a City Council meeting on July 20, 2015.

Copies of the application form are available at the City Manager's Office in City Hall, 225 Fifth Street.

Background:

The Committee was initially established in 1994 as the Police Planning Task Force, charged with developing 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. 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. In 2014 the name of the group was changed to the Springfield Police Advisory Committee.

Membership consists of four neighborhood and citizen-at-large representatives, one School District #19 representative, one Willamalane Parks and Recreation District representative, one Faith community representative, one Minority community representative, and two business community representatives.

The City Council strongly recommends all applicants attend at least one task force meeting prior to the appointments. The next meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2015 at the Springfield Police Department. The group generally meets on the first Thursday evening of each month.

For more information, call Michael Harman at 726-2347.