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***SPRINGFIELD ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
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 deadline to apply is November 7, 2008.** The positions currently open are citizen-at-large representatives and the term of the applicant chosen will expire in December 2012. The City Council strongly recommends all applicants attend at least one task force meeting prior to the appointments. The next meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2008 at the Springfield Police Department. Application forms are available in the City Manager's Office in City Hall, 225 Fifth Street. 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 December.

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. 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 monthly.

For more information about the Police Planning Task Force or future meeting information, call Michael Harman at 726-3729.