

## **Public Safety Advisory Committee**

### McKenney Recommendations

#### **Plan A**

Do nothing...

Encourage Great Falls residents to...

\* Purchase a fire extinguisher.

\*Purchase a first aid kit.

\* Take a class in self-defense.

\* Additionally, expect to pay higher property insurance premiums.

**OR**

#### **Plan B**

**1) Encourage a local Great Falls advocacy organization to support public safety. And take a community leadership role in promoting the solutions.**

**2) Increase public safety personal**

#### Municipal Court

1 - Jury Clerk

1 - Court Room Clerk

#### City Attorney

1 - Prosecutor

1 - Victim/Witness Coordinator

#### Great Falls Fire Rescue

16 – Firefighters (a 2<sup>nd</sup> company at the downtown Fire Station)

1 - Fire Prevention Personnel

#### Great Falls Police Department

14 - Patrol Officers

2 – Investigator

2 - Dispatchers

#### **3) Public Safety Funding**

a. Increase the tax base by encouraging primary sector industry.

b. Consider a quicker exit plan when using economic development tools such as tax abatements and TIF districts.

c. Continue with grants & shifting limited property tax funds to public safety.

d. *Last resort* – Ask local citizens for a public safety levy. Possibly early 2026.