

Resolution... Broad Priorities

1) Recommend Broad Priorities for Public Safety

A responsive and effective public safety team. With community support and engagement.

2) Recommend Priorities for Police, Fire, Court, and Legal Departments.

Police – Visible, initiative-taking crime prevention, arrive quickly on scene.

Fire – Prevention education, arrive quickly on the scene. Life safety including first aid.

Court – A timely and effective resolution of legal matters.

Legal – Similar to the court – A timely and effective resolution of legal matters.

Increase personnel in all departments.

Municipal Court

1 - Jury Clerk

1 - Court Room Clerk

City Attorney

1 - Prosecutor

1 - Victim/Witness Coordinator

Great Falls Fire Rescue

16 – Firefighters (Staff a 2nd company at the downtown Fire Station)

1 - Fire Prevention Personnel

Great Falls Police Department

14 - Patrol Officers

2 – Investigator

2 - Dispatchers

3) Recommend Strategies for Funding Public Safety Priorities

- 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.

4) Recommend Strategies to engage a broad spectrum of community members and businesses.

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