

Public Safety Advisory Committee – Recommendations
Fulfilling the resolution

1. Most important:

- Police

2. Priorities for the departments:

- Police
 - Patrol officers
 - SROs
 - Dispatchers
 - Community engagement
 - Published crime blotter
- Court/Legal
 - Jury Clerk
 - Victim Awareness Advocate
 - Public education
 - Volunteer program
- Fire
 - Firemen
 - Training center
 - School programs
 - Community engagement

3. Strategies for funding priorities:

- Reevaluate TIF districts, including:
 - i. Terminate districts that are not performing within a reasonable amount of time
 - ii. Sunset districts within a reasonable time frame
- Reevaluate tax abatements, including:
 - i. giving them to a business that regularly protests its property taxes
- Staggered levies – at minimum every two years - with the departments split:
 - i. Court/Legal
 - ii. Police
 - iii. Fire
- Pursue rescinding the 7 mill library funding from 1993
- Explore other available funding mechanisms allowed by law

4. Strategies to engage a broad spectrum of the community:

- Public Safety survey/poll
- Communication strategist
- Promote and encourage an independent citizens advocacy group
- An annual Great Falls Citizens Council – Council of Councils - forum focused on public safety

- Update the Safety in the Falls website to remove outdated information and to include department testimonies and current information.

Position statement or recommendation to Representatives Wendy McKamey and George Nikolakakos:

- Pursue funding for state mandated LE reporting requirements