

Great Falls Police Department Advisory Board

The Great Falls Police Department Advisory Board advises the Police Department on community relations, planning, police programming and public education. The Board was created by Resolution 9555 which was adopted by the City Commission March 7, 2006.

Mission

To represent the Great Falls' community to the Great Falls Police Department as advisors for the Chief of Police. The board will have a number of duties as they relate to police/community relations, planning, police programming and public education.

Compensation

No member of the Board shall receive compensation for services performed.

Duties of the Board

1. The duties of the Board shall include, but not be limited to, advising and making recommendations via the Chief of Police on issues concerning public safety and police services within the City, such as:
 1. The enhancement of police-community relations;
 2. To review and provide a community perspective and recommendations concerning procedures, programs, and the effectiveness of the police service;
 3. To promote public awareness of the City's police services and programs including, but not limited to, business and residential community safety, crime prevention programs, and general police activities;
 4. To hold public meetings from time to time to solicit public input regarding police services and programs;
 5. To serve as a liaison between the Police Department and the Community;
 6. To encourage individuals and community groups to assist the Police Department in the implementation of police programs and services; and
 7. To review and make recommendations concerning such other and further matters as may be referred to the Board, from time to time, via the Chief of Police, by the City Manager, the City Commission or the Chief of Police.
2. The Board shall make an annual report to the City Manager, Mayor and City Council regarding its activities.
3. Notwithstanding, the duties of the Board shall have no power or authority to investigate, review, or otherwise participate in matters involving specific police personnel or specific police-related incidents. The Board in no way shall receive or stand in review of complaints initiated against personnel of the Police Department, nor play any role in civil or criminal litigation.

Membership

The citizen advisory board made up of fourteen representatives which will be recommended from:

- Each neighborhood council
- Malmstrom Air Force Base
- The Native American Local Government Commission
- Two individuals representing different minority groups
- A youth, chosen (for their leadership abilities) by the Great Falls School District.

Meeting Schedule

The Board shall have at least one regular meeting every two months on such day of the month and at such time as may be determined by the Board. Special meetings may be held as often as the Board deems necessary. All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public, except as otherwise provided in the Montana Open Public Meeting law. (2-3-203), 2005 MCA.

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