

## New Officer Hire



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**GREAT FALLS, Montana** – The Great Falls Police Department extends a warm welcome to its newest officer, Kristi Carlson. She is to be sworn in by Judge Nancy Luth on Monday, April 2nd, 2012, at 9:00 in morning at the Great Falls Municipal Court located in the Civic Center. She will be presented badge 299 by GFPD Chief of Police David Bowen following his administration of the “Police Officer Code of Ethics.”

Lt. Jack Allen, in charge of the GFPD hiring process, says, “Our candidates receive intense scrutiny and emerge from rigorous and stringent testing, consisting of: the Montana Law Enforcement Testing Consortium (MTLETC) written and physical abilities tests, followed by B-PAD (a video-based scenario test), an oral interview panel, a thorough background check, medical, psychological, and drug screenings, and administrative review. Only then are they considered qualified to be offered a position with our agency, with a final endorsement by the Great Falls Police Commission.”

Kristi will bring the Great Falls Police Department back to full strength of 85 sworn officers. She will begin with several days of orientation in the Support Services Bureau of the GFPD, and will then begin 12 weeks at the Montana Law Enforcement Academy (MLEA), Basic Session #147, on April 9th, 2012. This will be followed by 14 weeks of FTO (Field Training Officer) training in the GFPD Patrol Bureau. Upon successful completion of this training she will be certified to respond to calls for service without direct supervision, approximately 6 months into their 12 month probationary period.

### **Kristi Carlson**

Kristi Carlson is a resident of Great Falls and has two children. Much of her family lives in Washington State and she also has many friends in Montana and South Dakota. Kristi graduated from North Mason High School in Belfair, WA and graduated from college at the Seattle Community College in 2003 with an Associates of Art

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Prior to being hired as a Great Falls police officer, Kristi's most recent employment was with the Great Falls Chiropractic Clinic.

Kristi is ready and well-prepared to take on her new role. She says she wants "to assist in creating a safer city for my own children and family members and the citizens of the community" She is also wants "to experience the feelings of honor and pride within the department." The Great Falls Police Department is also excited to have Kristi as or newest officer and welcomes her into the Great Falls police family.

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