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Attorney General's Office to Offer Sunshine Law Workshop August 9

At the request of City Manager Greg Burris, a free workshop pertaining to the Missouri Sunshine Law will take place 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 9 at the Springfield Police Special Response Team (SRT) classroom. The address is 216 West Central, Springfield, Mo. 65802. Staff from the City, County, City Utilities and others will participate.

The Sunshine Law presentation will be conducted by Tom Durkin -- public education director for the Missouri Attorney General's Office. Also presenting will be John Korasick, Office of the Secretary of State. Korasick will provide information about the state records retention law. The public is invited to attend, along with all interested elected officials and members of boards and commissions.

"With the changes in technology, I want to be sure the City, and our public partners, are up-to-date with Sunshine Law requirements, how the Sunshine Law is being applied given modern technologies, and also learn about ways organizations are able to successfully and efficiently archive public information," Burris said. "We want to make sure we are providing transparent services, balanced with reasonable taxpayer costs for archiving."

The workshop is part of an on-going effort by Attorney General Chris Koster to provide government officials with the support they need to be well informed in conducting their business in a way that brings transparency and fairness to all aspects of government.

For additional information regarding this meeting contact Tom Durkin at the Missouri Attorney General's Office at (573) 751-8843 or Springfield City Attorney Dan Wichmer at Dwichmer@springfieldmo.gov.

The Attorney General's Office also offers a free booklet containing a summary of the Sunshine Law, frequently asked questions, interpretations of the law and sample forms for public governmental bodies. If you would like to order publications, call 573-751-8844 or submit your request online at ago.mo.gov.