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News Release

For Immediate Release

Police Citizens Phone Survey

Missouri State University (MSU) will be conducting a telephone survey of citizens commencing January 25. The survey will ask the same questions the annual Police Citizens Survey mail out has included in previous years. Due to budget cuts, the mail out survey was not funded this year. MSU will be providing the telephone survey and report results at no cost. Citizens will be asked questions on crime in their neighborhood, rate services received and provide any comments. Your cooperation is appreciated.

For more information, contact: A/Major Faye Barksdale, 864-1733.

Their challenge will be to generate a methodology that creatively engages as many students as possible and collects, assembles, and presents meaningful findings to City leaders. Results from the visioning contest will be provided to the planning groups that will work this spring and summer on the long-range strategic plan.

Each team will be asked to submit a narrative summary of their results, along with a description of their methodology. Their reports will be due by March 31, 2010. Each team that completes the process will then be asked to make a 10-minute presentation to the City Council at a meeting to be scheduled in April. The presentations will run on CityView, the City’s government access channel, and be videostreamed on the CityView Web site.

The City Council will pick one or more winning teams, which will be recognized at a public ceremony and will receive a token award in appreciation for their efforts.

The City is in the process of gathering community input in several other ways. City Manager Greg Burris is continuing to hold Listening Tour meetings with community groups. An online survey to provide input will be posted through the end of February at: listen.questionpro.com

In addition, any citizens interested in serving on one of the work groups for the strategic planning topics are encouraged to submit a volunteer application by 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 5, 2010. The application is available online at: www.springfieldmo.gov/planninggroups.

Copies of the application also are available for those without computer or Internet access by calling 864-1010 or picking up a copy at the Busch Municipal Building, 840 Boonville Ave., between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

Each of the 11 planning groups and the Strategic Plan Coordinating Committee will reserve several spots for interested citizens who will join the other members of the work groups asked to serve because of their professional experience or expertise on each topic.
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