



Community Input Sought on Police Chief Recruitment Criteria

Public Forums and Online Survey Helps Inform Candidate Search

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-August 26, 2021-The City of Steamboat Springs is currently performing a national recruitment for the Steamboat Springs Police Department's next Chief of Police. As part of the search and selection process for the new top law executive, the city is asking for the community's input through two opportunities.

"The Steamboat Springs Police Department has made significant advances under Chief Christensen, and we want that positive community ethos to continue with the new chief," said City Manager Gary Suiter. "With a position of this importance, we want to hear from across the community on their desires and these two occasions are simply the first step in our search for the right candidate."

As part of the community input process, [Public Sector Search & Consulting](#) will facilitate two online community forums on Monday, August 30 from 5pm to 6:30pm and again on Friday, September 3, from 5pm to 6:30pm. Citizens can click on the following link, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3427408422>, to join the discussion on those days.



The process will solicit feedback on desired skills, attributes and experiences that will aid the selected candidate in being successful in the position. The information the community provides will greatly help shape the search.

If unable to attend one of the forums, a short online survey has been developed to share your thoughts. The [Police Chief Survey](#) is an anonymous survey seeking desired attributed for a new chief. Citizens can also call 916.789.9990 and leave a message with feedback.

The city hired Public Sector Search and Consulting Inc., a California-based search firm specializing in hiring government employees. The firm will recruit candidates from around the country, with an increased focus on organizations such as the National Black Police Association and the International Association of Women Police to ensure the city is considering applicants with diverse backgrounds. The search process is working toward having a new chief hired by the end of 2021.

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