



**NEWS ADVISORY**

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## **Department of Justice Investigation Ends with Agreement to Reform Police Department's Response to Sexual Assault**

The U.S. Department of Justice and the City of Missoula announced an agreement on Wednesday, May 15, that ends the year-long investigation of the Missoula Police Department's handling of sexual assault cases.

Mayor John Engen and Police Chief Mark Muir participated in a telephone news conference with representatives of the U.S. Department of Justice, in which they agreed to implement and revise policies to ensure that sexual assault cases are handled fairly and effectively. Deputy Assistant Attorney General Roy L. Austin Jr. praised Mayor Engen and Chief Muir for their cooperation and leadership in a genuine effort to ensure that Missoula is a model community in protecting women's safety and rights.

Read the Department of Justice's news release here:

<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2013/May/13-crt-560.html>

Read the agreement between the Department of Justice and the City of Missoula here:

<http://mt-missoula.civicplus.com/Archive.aspx?ADID=6841>

Read the Department of Justice letter concerning the investigation here:

<http://mt-missoula.civicplus.com/Archive.aspx?ADID=6842>

Read Mayor Engen's remarks here:

<http://mt-missoula.civicplus.com/Archive.aspx?ADID=6843>

Read Chief Muir's remarks here:

<http://mt-missoula.civicplus.com/Archive.aspx?ADID=6844>

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