

Information Item

Date: February 12, 2024

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Assistant City Manager Patrice Toney
Chief of Police William Penn

Subject:
WSPD 2023 Year Review

Strategic Focus Area: Safe and Secure Community

Strategic Objective: Ensuring Community Safety through Programs and Initiatives

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: Yes



Last year, 2023, was a benchmark year for WSPD. Despite a record year for homicides, we had an overall decrease in Part 1 violent crimes and the WSPD has implemented various programs and initiatives to ensure our community is safe. Although the agency faces a shortage of officers, the staffing net gain/loss has greatly improved over the past five years and indicates an encouraging trend.

