

## Information Item

**Date:** August 9, 2021

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

**From:** Damon Dequenne, Assistant City Manager  
Catrina Thompson, Police Chief

**Subject:**  
Winston-Salem Police Department: Initiatives to Reduce Violence with Firearms

**Strategic Focus Area:** Safe and Secure Community  
**Strategic Objective:** Reduce Crime and Fear of Crime  
**Strategic Plan Action Item:** No  
**Key Work Item:** No



Staff will present information to the Public Safety Committee regarding the Winston-Salem Police Department's efforts to reduce firearm related violence across our City. Initiatives involving the Gun Crime Reduction Unit (GCRU), Violent Firearm Investigations Team (VFIT), ShotSpotter Technology, and the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) will be discussed. Additionally, partnerships at the Federal, State and Local levels to assist with reducing firearm violence will also be discussed.