

Information Item

Date: June 10, 2019

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

From: Catrina A. Thompson, Chief of Police and Tasha Logan-Ford, Assistant City Manager

Subject: National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) Maintenance and Violent Firearms Investigation Team

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



The Winston-Salem Police Department Forensic Services Division is responsible for maintaining the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN). NIBIN is a national database created by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) that contains digital images of seized cartridges fired from confiscated weapons as well as casings seized from crime scenes. Karen Watson, Forensic Services Supervisor, will present information to the committee.

The Winston-Salem Police Department formed a Violent Firearm Investigations Team (VFIT). VFIT members will utilize NIBIN daily as an investigative tool. Asst. Chief Natoshia Miles will present information on VFIT and introduce the team.

This presentation is to keep members of the City Council and the public informed. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments before the Public Safety Committee meeting. Please contact me at 773-7760 or cthompson@wspd.org.