

Information Item

Date: March 15, 2021

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

Tasha Logan Ford, Assistant City Manager

From: Catrina A. Thompson, Chief of Police

Subject:

Winston-Salem Police Department Aviation Unit – small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS)

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 Aviation Unit – small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS). The WSPD Aviation Unit has been established to provide aerial photography capability for documentation of crime scenes and Police response incidents across our City. The Aviation Unit will utilize the capabilities of this system to document crime or traffic incident scenes, document adverse weather impacts, assist with missing person cases and large event monitoring, assist WSFD with photography of fire and/or HAZMAT events, and for training documentation.