

Information Item

Date: January 11, 2021

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

From: Tasha Logan Ford, Assistant City Manager
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Subject:
Information Regarding the Gun Crime Reduction Unit for the Winston-Salem Police Department (GCRU)

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 Gun Crime Reduction Unit (GCRU). The Gun Crime Reduction Unit (GCRU) has been established to reduce gun violence across our City while reducing the workload on Patrol Officers to thoroughly investigate firearm-related crime, including but not limited to Shootings, and Discharging Firearms into Occupied Dwellings and/or Vehicles. Additionally, GCRU works in a proactive fashion to identify those responsible for gun violence and works to develop prosecutable cases at both the state and federal levels. GCRU also serves warrants on violent offenders whose apprehension does not require other specialized units.