

Information Item

Date: December 13, 2021

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

From: Patrice Toney, Assistant City Manager
August Vernon, Emergency Management Director

Subject:
Information on NASA/FEMA National Level Tabletop Exercise 2022

Strategic Focus Area: Safe and Secure Community

Strategic Objective: No

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Winston-Salem/Forsyth County has been selected to be a participant in a unique, high-profile, national-level federal tabletop exercise. The NASA Planetary Science Division, Defense Coordination Office (PDCO), in partnership with the FEMA Response Directorate, will hold a 1.5-day tabletop exercise (TTX) with senior officials to exercise governmental response to a hypothetical asteroid impact threat and assess national preparedness. The Tabletop Exercise will be conducted Wednesday, February 23 and Thursday, February 24, 2022.

The City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County are important partners in this exercise and will actively participate. This is the first time a local government has participated in this type of exercise. The Office of Emergency Management has requested State Emergency Management Grant in the amount of \$20,000 to support the tabletop exercise and hire a vendor. This grant does not require a match. Also, the Office of Emergency Management has requested written proposals from three experienced, professional emergency management consultants in North Carolina and will be selecting one. Due to the very condensed timeline, this process will be rapidly expedited.