



*City of* **GREENSBORO** *North Carolina*

# Downtown Safety Improvement Recommendations

November 18, 2014





## **Manager Directed Action Steps**

- Evaluate incident information and public/Council feedback to determine current issues and needs
- Work with team to develop immediate, mid, and long term strategies to enhance safety
- Overall goal is to keep Greensboro and Downtown safe, vibrant, and economically viable



## **Four Recommendation Categories**

1. Police Response Enhancements
2. Stakeholder Partnership and Outreach Enhancements
3. Infrastructure Review and Enhancements
4. Entertainment Facility Use Ordinance Revisions



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# **Downtown Safety Enhancement Recommendations**

**Greensboro Police Department  
November 18, 2014**





## **Basis of the Recommendations**

- Challenge assumptions/beliefs about downtown safety
- Provide factual crime statistics
- Need for immediate actions to reduce fear
- Short and long term planning to respond to current concerns and future growth



## Assumptions/Beliefs

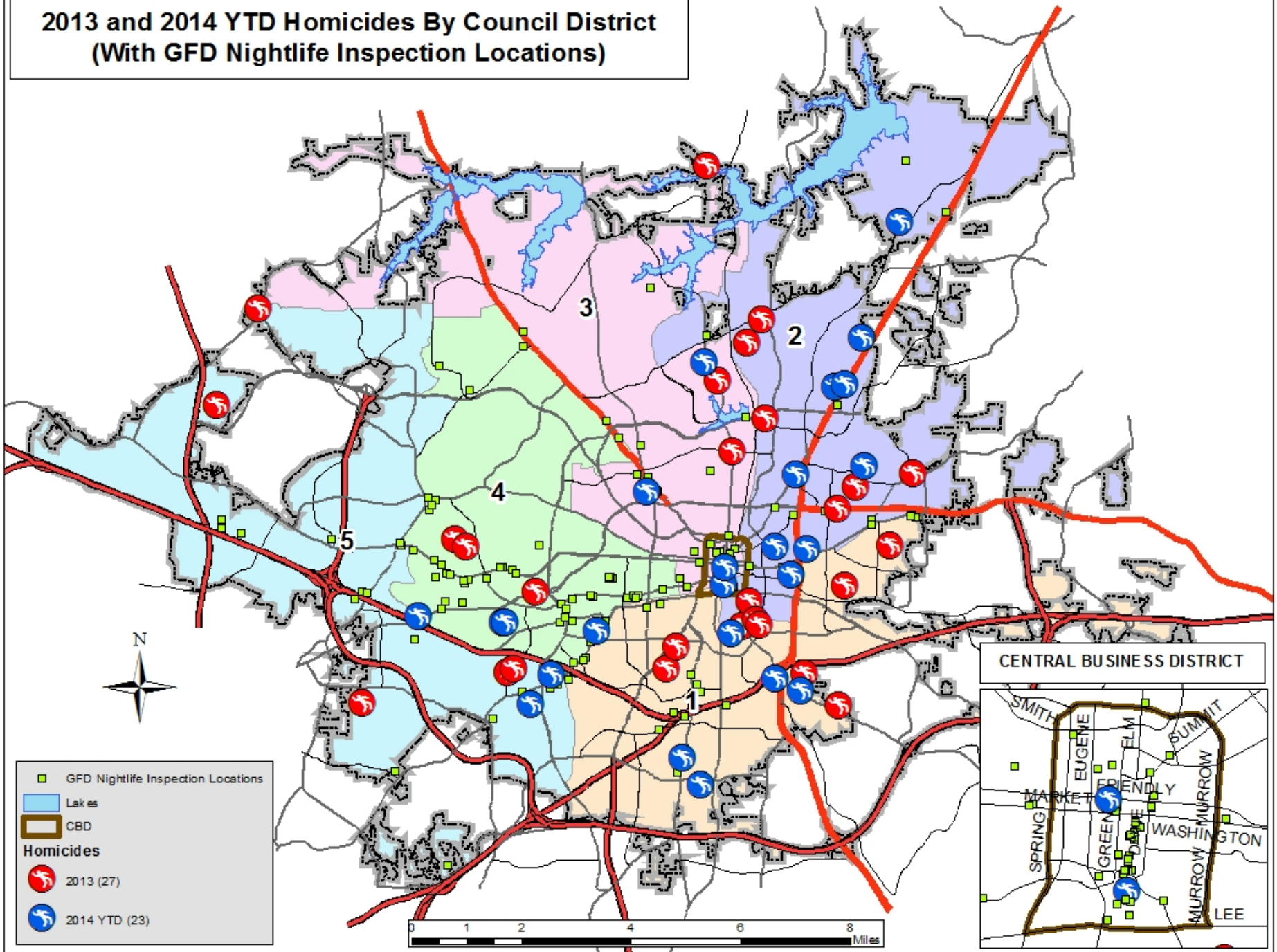
- Four separate populations during a 24 hour period:
  - workers, residents, arts and entertainment, and clubs
- Greensboro has become a “regional downtown”
- After 10 pm, some individuals loiter and are not inside clubs or restaurants
- **“It’s not safe to come downtown.” (Not True)**



## Crime Statistics

- Crime is down in the City as a whole
- In 2014, downtown accounted for 3% of Part 1 Offenses
- For all homicides occurring from 11 pm to 4 am, since 2010, downtown accounted for 4%. Both those deaths occurred in 2014.
- Map of City and downtown homicides, and overlay of entertainment facilities (next slide)

# 2013 and 2014 YTD Homicides By Council District (With GFD Nightlife Inspection Locations)



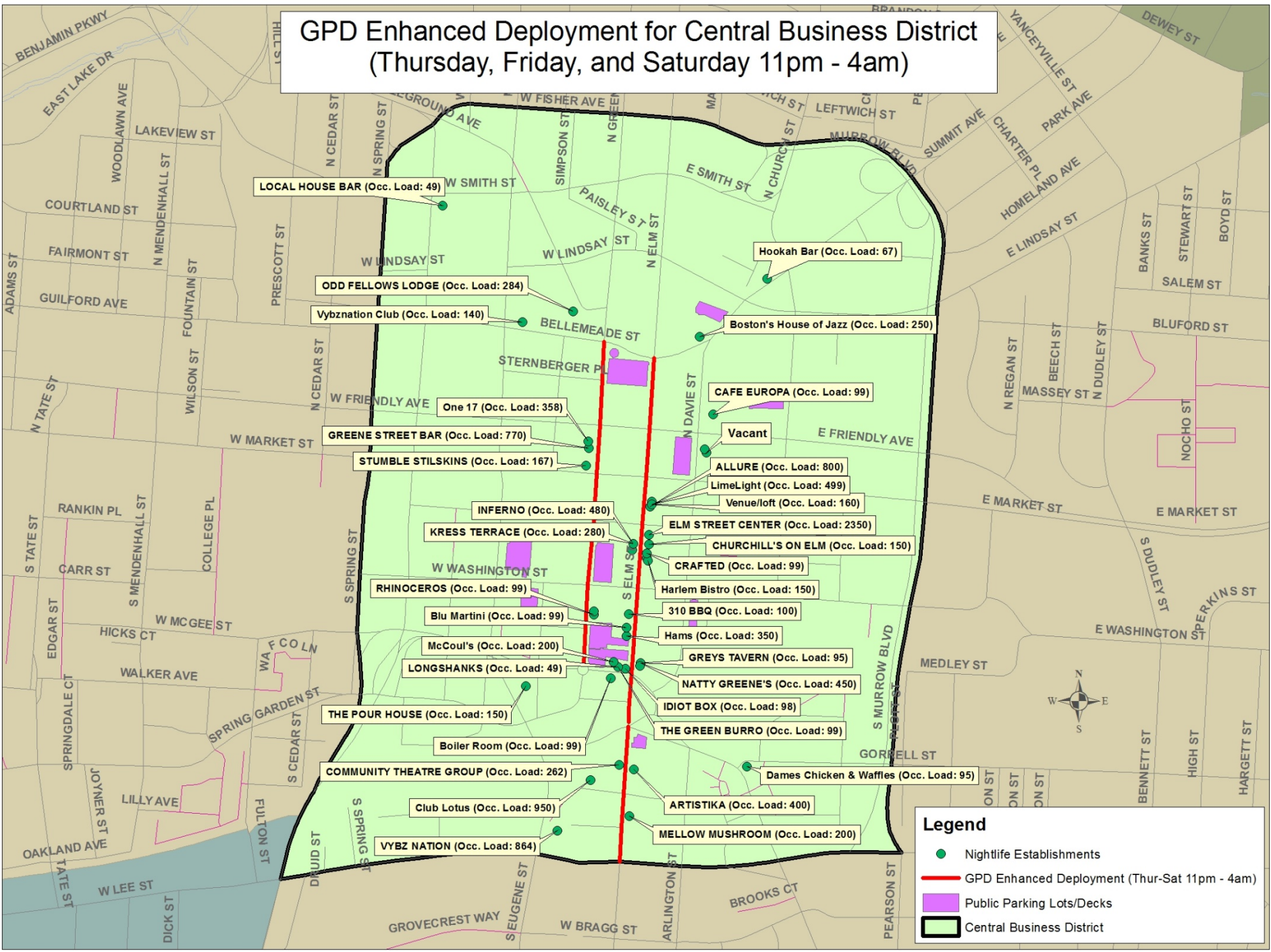




## Immediate Actions

- Swift enforcement of disturbance violations, swift removal of violators
- Increase uniformed police staffing from now to mid-January 2015 (map on next slide)

# GPD Enhanced Deployment for Central Business District (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 11pm - 4am)



**Legend**

- Nightlife Establishments
- GPD Enhanced Deployment (Thur-Sat 11pm - 4am)
- Public Parking Lots/Decks
- Central Business District



## Immediate Actions

- ABC/Fire enforcement will conduct walk through inspections of Entertainment Facilities once per week for alcohol or overcrowding
- Conduct a review of existing lighting downtown (GDOT)
  - Determine and repair outages
  - Identify areas that need additional street lighting
- Create New Center City Safety Team (CCST)



## Center City Safety Team

- CCST Purpose: To evaluate information and collectively recommend mid and long-term enhancements for City consideration
- CCST Members: Various departments and key stakeholders
  - GPD, GFD, Planning, Housing, GDOT, CMO representative, Human Relations, Downtown Stakeholders, etc.
  - Team will be trained on Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED)



## Center City Safety Team

- CCST Initial Tasks:
  - Further Review Downtown Street lighting needs and options
  - Evaluate use of surveillance cameras or City owned Cameras
  - Ongoing review of existing Entertainment Facility Use Ordinance
  - Develop locally sustainable Security Training



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# Entertainment Facility Use Ordinance Revisions

Office of City Attorney  
November 18, 2014





Proposed Modifications  
to the Current  
Entertainment Facilities Ordinance



## North Carolina General Statutes

### Article 8.

### Delegation and Exercise of the General Police Power

#### **§ 160A-181. Regulation of places of amusement.**

- A city may by ordinance regulate places of amusement and entertainment, and may regulate, restrict or prohibit the operation of pool and billiard halls, dance halls, carnivals, circuses, or any itinerant show or exhibition of any kind. Places of amusement and entertainment shall include coffee houses, cocktail lounges, night clubs, beer halls, and similar establishments, but any regulations thereof shall be consistent with any permits or licenses issued by the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission. (1917)





## **Recommended changes**

1. All clubs with occupancy **over 100** persons shall comply with Greensboro Police Department's Security Manual
  - a. All Security certified "Unarmed Security" NCGS Chapter 74C
  - b. Minimum Security Staff requirement based on number of patrons
  - c. Clearly Marked Security Staff
  
2. All clubs with occupancy **over 100** persons shall hire one Armed Security guard as defined by NCGS Chapter 74C
  
3. All clubs with occupancy **over 400** persons shall hire two Armed Security guards as defined by NCGS Chapter 74C



## **Recommended changes**

4. Require the use of metal detectors or electronic wands to check patrons upon entry
5. Require the use of video or camera recording of all entrances and exits
6. Require exterior lighting at the club sufficient to light entrances, exits, adjacent parking lots used by patrons, and adjacent sidewalks used by patrons



## Recommended changes

7. All clubs with occupancy **of less** than 100 persons shall comply with Greensboro Police Department's Security Manual upon the occurrence of a single act of violence
8. Act of violence shall mean and refer to any physical attack by one or more persons upon another causing death or injury which requires immediate medical treatment or any physical injury that results from the use of a weapon or other instrument or device.
9. Require " 2 am to 6 am " clubs to comply with EFUO



## **Recommended Changes**

**Chapter 30** of the Land Development Ordinance

to

**Chapter 18** of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances  
and enforce pursuant to the nuisance power of  
the City of Greensboro