

Safer City Summit: Overview

The Greensboro Police Department and the City of Greensboro will host a Safer City Summit: Addressing Violent Crime on January 31 from 6-8 pm at the Greensboro Coliseum's Special Event Center.

Our hope is to engage organizations from across the city delve into the underlying issues that lead to violent crime. We will discuss the current trends, locally and nationally, on violent crime and create working groups that will help utilize their current work to be more intentional with our efforts to decrease violence. It will take a community to address this ongoing issue and make lasting change. We've invited elected officials from all levels, non-profits, foundations, faith leaders and residents.

Light refreshments will be served and the event will take place regardless of inclement weather.

Goal: To create 5 working groups, comprised of community leaders and partners that will identify between 2-4 actionable items within their respective domain that could reduce violent crime. Then each working group will elect a leader and work on these actionable items, track their progress and attending smaller meetings over the course of a year. Each working group will also have community moderators and a police department commander assisting to help guide the process for productive conversation.

Working Group Topics:

- Public Safety
- Youth Outreach and Services
- Housing
- Employment
- Legislative Concerns: Legal issues, State Statues

Follow up from the Summit –

- A week after the Summit, GPD will do specific reach out with consistent communication with Group Leaders: send contacts, assignments and expectations
- List serves will be created and sent to the leaders, others are welcome to join even if they couldn't make the initial meeting. Please plan independent meetings for your working groups. We can assist with free space, taking notes, organization and data.
- Setting Leader Meetings: 2 mo (March 7) , 4 mo (May 9) , 6 mo (June), 12mo (Jan 2018)
 - What will be done at the first meeting:
 - Breakdown of goals
 - Using resources
 - Working with existing initiatives
 - Using online site for data collection: Slack

The Safer City working groups can continue to collaborate through an app called Slack. This app allows for file sharing and communication between and among teams (called 'channels' on the app). Here's a quick overview of what the tool has to offer:

<https://slack.com/is>



2 mo & 4mo Example agenda: Meeting time: 1 hour; Location TBD

Opening and Welcome (10 mins)

Reminder of overall purpose and update on crime (5 mins)

Updates on working groups – leaders only: 5-8 mins each (25-40 mins)

- Public Safety & Communication
- Youth Outreach and Services: Non-profit Consortium Collaborative Project
- Housing
- Employment
- Legislative Concerns: Legal issues, State Statutes

Closing and Next steps: 5-10 mins