

Community Safety Update

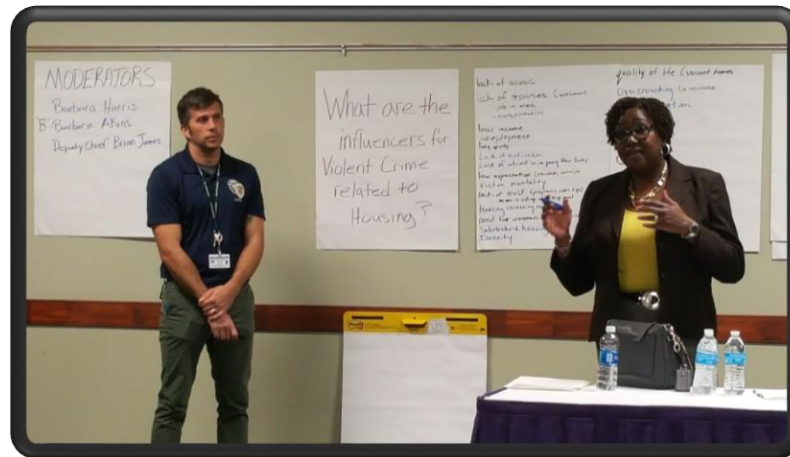
**Addressing Violent Crime through
Our Safer City Initiative**





The Safer City Initiative

- Launched Jan. 31, 2017
- A collaborative city-wide effort to address the underlying issues that contribute to violent crime
- Community stakeholders steer the efforts



Partnering to fight crime for a safer Greensboro





The Working Groups

2017

2018

Employment

Legislation

Employment

Youth

Public Safety

Youth

Housing

Housing

Gangs

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Successes

- Employment
 - Publicized incentives for businesses to hire people with criminal records
 - Began conversations with other agencies that assist with job placements
- Youth
 - Two GPD programs: Law Enforcement Explorers, and S.O.S.
- Housing
 - Community meetings in challenged neighborhoods
- Gun Stoppers
 - 34 firearms, 18 arrests, 101 felony charges, 24 cases solved





Challenges

Homicides

	2016	2017
Burlington	4	3
Charlotte Meck	43	87
Durham	38	28
Greensboro*	39	42
High Point	7	20
Winston-Salem	23	25

** One incident involving officer, determined non-criminal**

Opioid Deaths

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Overdose	70	73	141	364
Deaths*	11	9	21	64

Numbers not confirmed until ME's Office makes determination





The Future of Safer City

- Summit Reconvenes 2018
 - **Monday, Feb 5th, 6-7:30 pm**
 - Greensboro Coliseum
- New Groups Move Forward with Goals
 - **Housing:** Increase number of Neighborhood Watch Groups
 - **Employment & Legislation:** Host community collaborative Job Fair for local businesses and non-profits focused on hiring past offenders & identifying gaps in services
 - **Youth & Public Safety:** Find more people willing to be Mentors/Partner with United Way's Mentoring Matters program
 - **Gangs:** Create a culture that doesn't sustain or feed gangs



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