

NOTES

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Ann E. Wall, City Manager

DATE: August 4, 2021

SUBJECT: Materials for Your Information


Please find attached the following materials for your information:

1. A memo from Mark Holtzman, Chief of Police, regarding Traffic Safety Taskforce update
2. A memo from Mark Holtzman, Chief of Police, regarding Greenville Police Department Gang Unit being selected as the 2020 Gang Unit of the Year

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Attachments

Memorandum

To: Ann Wall, City Manager
From: Mark Holtzman, Chief of Police 
Date: August 2, 2021
Subject: Traffic Safety Task Force Update

Attached is the quarterly update of the Task Force, showing items completed and in progress from April - June 2021.

Quarterly meetings have returned to in-person. As a reminder, the key partners on the task force are GPD, ECU PD, Vidant PD, Vidant Injury Prevention, DOT, and Public Works.

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Traffic Safety Progress Report
April-June 2021

Action Item	Work Completed	Work Scheduled but Not Completed	Circumstances Preventing Completion
Enforcement / Crash Reduction			
Crash Data	- Jan-June '20 vs. Jan-June '21: As Covid restrictions have decreased, there has been an anticipated climb in crashes		
Crash Locations	- Ongoing review of top crash sites to determine if enhancements should be implemented - Focused patrolling and use of message boards around crash site intersections		
Delineator Installation		Design complete and equipment ordered for the following delineator/curbing systems locations: • Greenville Blvd and Kirkland • Arlington and Mulberry • Memorial and Peed	- Funding challenges and delays related to Covid-19
Speed	- Use of Lidar Radar & a team approach for more effective enforcement of speed - ECU assisting with focus on 10th St and around campus area	- Kristen Dr: speed cushion installation	- Waiting on markings installation scheduled week of July 19
Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety			
Pirate Pathways		- Logo design complete and approved	- On hold until the fall because of Covid-19
Crosswalks	Crosswalk Installations/Updates: - 10th and Anderson: Installation complete - Treybrooke and 5th: ECU side of sidewalk complete - 14th St between Hasket Way and Berkley Rd: Sidewalk and fence work is complete. Anchor locations have been marked. - Elm St and Greenway Crossing: New signage installed	Crosswalk Installations/Updates: - Treybrooke and 5th: NCDOT coordinating Treybrooke side of sidewalk installation with apartment	Crosswalk Installations/Updates: - Funding challenges and delays related to Covid-19

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Lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Treybrook and 5th: order submitted to GUC - Kearney Park: order submitted to GUC 	
Accomplishments		
Vision Zero	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Greenville Vision Zero team completed Vision Zero Leadership Institute with the UNC Highway Safety Research Center 	
Priorities for July-September 2021		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speed Reduction for High Risk Locations: 1) Greenville Blvd 2) Arlington 3) Memorial 4) 10th Street - Crosswalks: 1) Moyewood (upgrades) 2) Study crosswalks on Memorial Blvd - Education: Bicycle safety and crosswalk/delineator changes/upgrades - Installs/Engineering Changes: Installation of movable speed boards as needed 		

Memorandum

To: Ann Wall, City Manager
From: Mark Holtzman, Chief of Police 
Date: August 3, 2021
Subject: North Carolina Gang Unit of the Year

I am pleased to announce that the Greenville Police Department (GPD) Gang Unit has been selected as the 2020 Gang Unit of the Year by the North Carolina Gang Investigator's Association. The unit will be recognized later this month at a ceremony in Winston-Salem.

Formed in 2006, the Gang Unit currently consists of one Sgt. and 6 officers, including a K9 handler. The unit also has designated Gang Intelligence Analysts and utilizes officers from the GPD Drone program. Gang Unit officers also developed a presentation that is shown to all GPD sworn new hires, providing them with general introductory knowledge and understanding of gangs and how to identify gang members and gang related activity.

Additionally, members of the unit conduct gang education and prevention presentations for the community. Some examples include presentations to the Greenville Area Property Manager's Association (GAPMA), ECU criminal justice program, and the Center for Family Violence Prevention.

The Gang Unit also employs various data driven crime fighting strategies in partnership with criminal justice and community partners. One partnership was with the City of Greenville's Code Enforcement Division where the Gang Unit employed CPTED strategies to address illegal car shops, abandoned houses, and land parcels with overgrown foliage. These efforts enhanced public safety and quality of life in areas severely impacted by criminal street gangs. Furthermore, they continue to focus on gun violence initiatives by seizing weapons and removing them off the streets and arresting violent offenders.

Please join me in congratulating the Greenville Police Department Gang Unit for being recognized and acknowledged for all of their hard work and dedication in making Greenville a safer community while providing high-quality service to its citizens and visitors alike.

The Greenville Police Department exists to enhance public safety and quality of life, in partnership with ALL people in OUR community, by preventing crime with honor and integrity.