

CITY OF HIGH POINT

AGENDA ITEM



TITLE: Police Departmental Overview	
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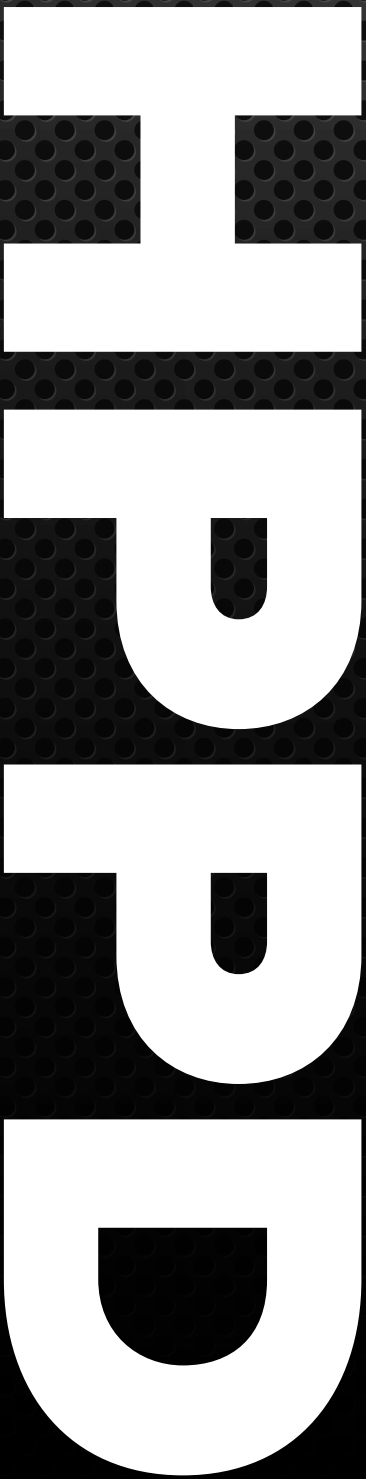
PURPOSE: Staff will provide an overview of the Police Department.

BACKGROUND: N/A

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION / ACTIONS REQUESTED: Information only.





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Reflecting on 2023, I am proud of the achievements and progress the High Point Police Department has made in many different areas. Fighting crime will always be our top priority. It is a relentless task, and it takes a consistent effort to be successful. It all starts with the people of the High Point Police Department. Every day, they work to prevent violence, pursue impact violent offenders and keep our roads safe, all while handling calls for service that vary day by day and minute by minute.

In 2023, violent crime dropped by 15 percent. This drop is the fourth consecutive year violent crime has decreased across High Point. Property crime dropped by 8 percent in 2023. Our officers also answered more than 130,000 calls for service and seized more than 500 illegal firearms.

The High Point Police Department is a proactive crime-fighting agency, but our community engagement efforts are another way we connect with and serve the city we protect. Programs including Angels in Blue, Police Assisting Little Schools (PALS) and Community Day all help us build relationships with community members and partners.

All of this hard work and success come as we face staffing shortages. Staffing is a struggle for law enforcement agencies across the country. Our team continues to work to recruit the best people who care about fighting crime, engaging the community and high-quality training. We are excited for all men and women starting careers with the High Point Police Department in 2024.

Our commitments to crime-fighting and community engagement will remain the same as we begin a new year. We will continue to focus our efforts on individuals who drive impact crime and jeopardize the safety of our community members. We will continue to get illegal firearms off the street and out of the hands of criminals. We will enforce traffic laws that promote safe travel for residents and visitors. We will continue to focus community engagement efforts on youth, education and community interests. We will continue to work with community partners to reach people across our city. We will continue to make High Point a safe city.

Curtis H. Cheeks, III



HPPD LEADERSHIP

Leadership and employee development are the foundations on which HPPD is built. Our leaders will exhibit a top-down approach that clearly reflects the department’s mission and strategic plan. Leadership will be expected to focus on crime-fighting as our number one priority, followed by consistent efforts to enhance our community engagement, train effectively and efficiently and ensure policy exhibits professionalism and best practice. Leaders are expected to help develop employees at all stages of their careers. Employee potential should be recognized and cultivated to promote growth and well-rounded skill sets that benefit both the employee and the agency. The ultimate goal is for employees to have long-term careers with the High Point Police Department.

HIGH POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION BY NUMBERS

DIVISION	SWORN	CIVILIAN	TOTAL
CHIEF’S OFFICE	2	2	4
INVESTIGATIONS	35	17	52
PATROL	129 (22 in training)	0	151
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	20	6	26
SUPPORT SERVICES	6	21	27
TOTAL	214	46	260

EXECUTIVE TEAM



STAFFING & TRAINING

Training begins upon employment and continues throughout one's career. HPPD's training embraces best practices and focuses on relevant and progressive instruction. Training hones our skills, makes us a better department and prepares us for the challenges we may face.

44,319

TRAINING HOURS

143.42 AVERAGE HOURS PER EMPLOYEE



City of High Point Population

114,124
0.43 Officers per
1,000 Community
Members

Average Sworn Staffing

75% Capacity
10 Retirements
21 Departures
31 New Hires
35 Vacancies



Education

High School 28%
2-Year Degree 13%
4-Year Degree 51%
Master's Degree 8%

Demographics

WM: 62%
WF: 23%
BM: 7%
BF: 6%
AF: 1%
AM: 1%
HF: 1%

**Demographic numbers do not include the people currently in training.*



POLICE BEATS

CALLS FOR SERVICE BY BEAT

BEAT	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
BEAT 1	25,945	19%
BEAT 2	23,230	17%
BEAT 3	24,471	18%
BEAT 4	17,459	13%
BEAT 5	21,563	16%
BEAT 6	19,638	14%
UNVERIFIED/OTHER	3,530	3%

TOTAL 135,836

TOP 10 SELF-INITIATED (PROACTIVE)

Traffic Stop	22,741
Special Check	16,838
School Safety Check	9,131
Criminal Process	3,279
Community-Related	2,544
Suspicious Vehicle	2,420
Follow Up	2,414
Field Contact	1,496
Foot Patrol	1,285
Selective Enforcement	1,139

TOP 10 CALLS FOR SERVICE

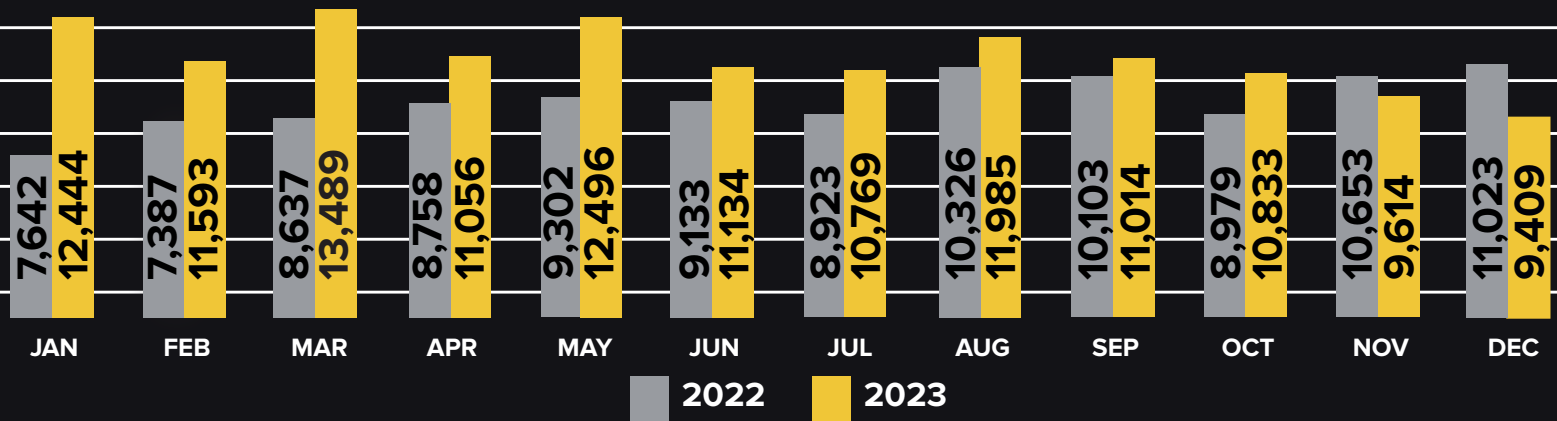
Traffic Stops	22,753
Special Check	16,848
School Safety Check	9,162
Follow Up	6,182
Criminal Process	4,951
Assistance	4,387
Suspicious Vehicle	3,483
Traffic Crash – PD	3,377
Non-Residential Alarm	3,166
Investigate	3,042

CALLS FOR SERVICE

January	12,444
February	11,593
March	13,489
April	11,056
May	12,496
June	11,134
July	10,769
August	11,985
September	11,014
October	10,833
November	9,614
December	9,409

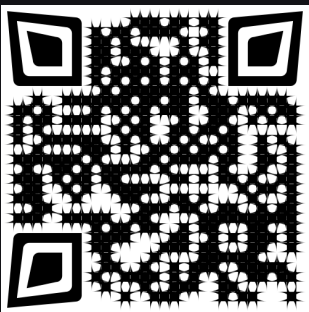
2022/2023 CALLS FOR SERVICE BY MONTH TREND COMPARISON

2022 AVG. PER MONTH = 11,319 | 2023 AVG. PER MONTH = 9,335 | CALLS FOR SERVICE UP 21%



WHAT'S YOUR INCENTIVE?
OURS IS UP TO \$5,000

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CRIME STOPPERS
OF HIGH POINT



VIOLENT CRIMES

Since the late 1990s, the High Point Police Department has driven down violent crime through its Focused Deterrence Strategy. This approach began in 1998 and centered around addressing violent repeat offenders. The High Point Police Department, combined with community support, reduced violent crime dramatically within the first year. However, the effort has spawned other problem areas, such as street-level drug dealing and domestic violence offenders. Numerous police departments nationwide have adopted this strategy and implemented the focused deterrence concept in their jurisdictions to help deter and prevent crime.

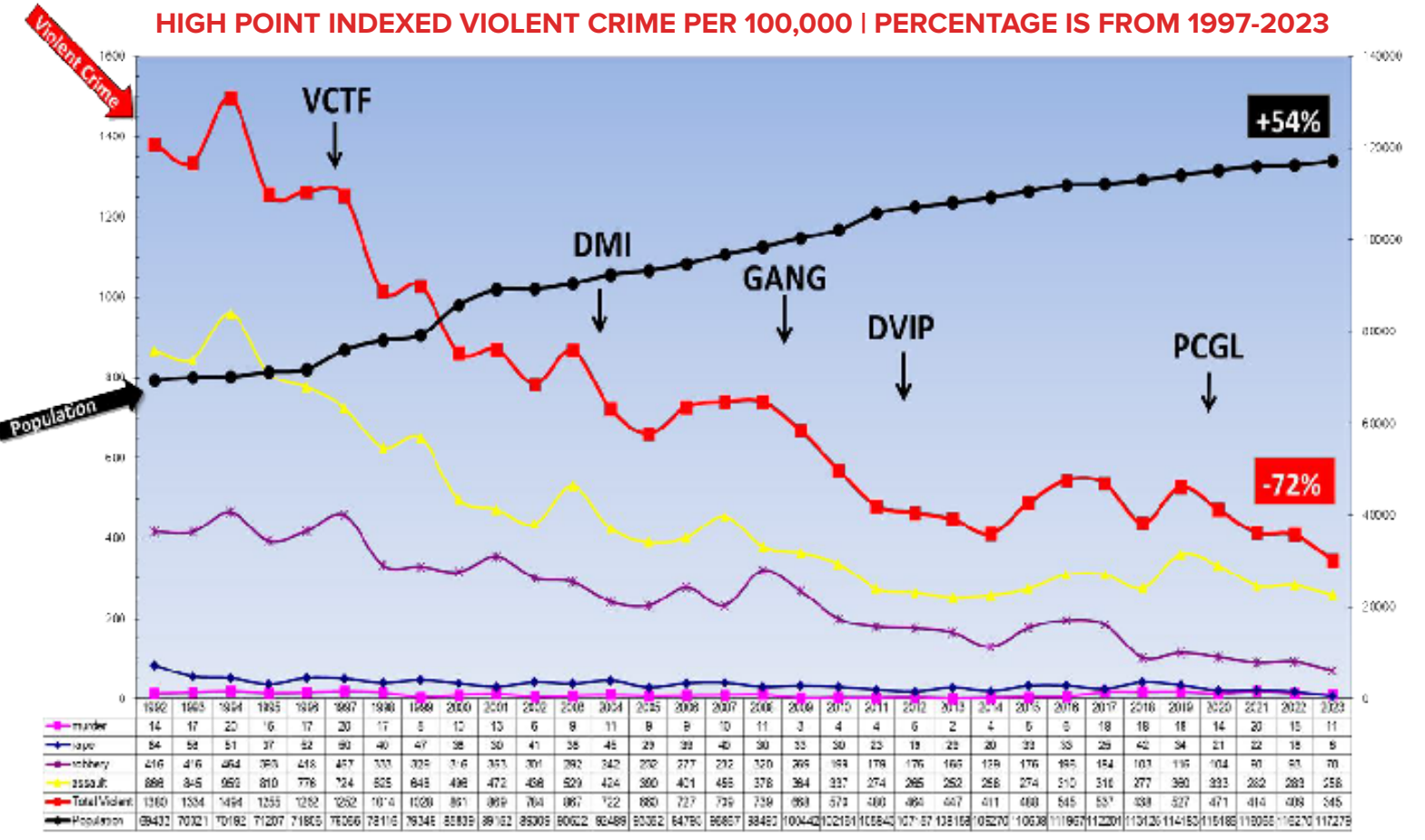
IMPACT PROPERTY CRIME

IMPACT PROPERTY CRIME	2023	2022	% CHG
TOTAL BURGLARY	417	491	-15%
TOTAL LARCENY	2,096	2,261	-7%
(Total shoplifting numbers from larceny)	(670)	(646)	(4%)
(Total auto/auto accessory numbers from larceny)	(513)	(799)	(-36%)
TOTAL MVT	277	286	-3%
TOTAL PROPERTY CRIMES	2,790	3,038	-8%

IMPACT VIOLENT CRIME

IMPACT VIOLENT CRIME	2023	2022	% CHG
CRIMINAL HOMICIDE	12	15	-20%
MANSLAUGHTER	1	2	-50%
RAPE	7	21	-67%
ROBBERY	82	107	-23%
(W/Firearm)	(43)	(55)	(-22%)
AGG ASSAULT	303	330	-8%
(W/Firearm)	(84)	(99)	(-15%)
(Shooting into dwelling)	(55)	(75)	(-27%)
TOTAL VIOLENT CRIMES	405	475	-15%

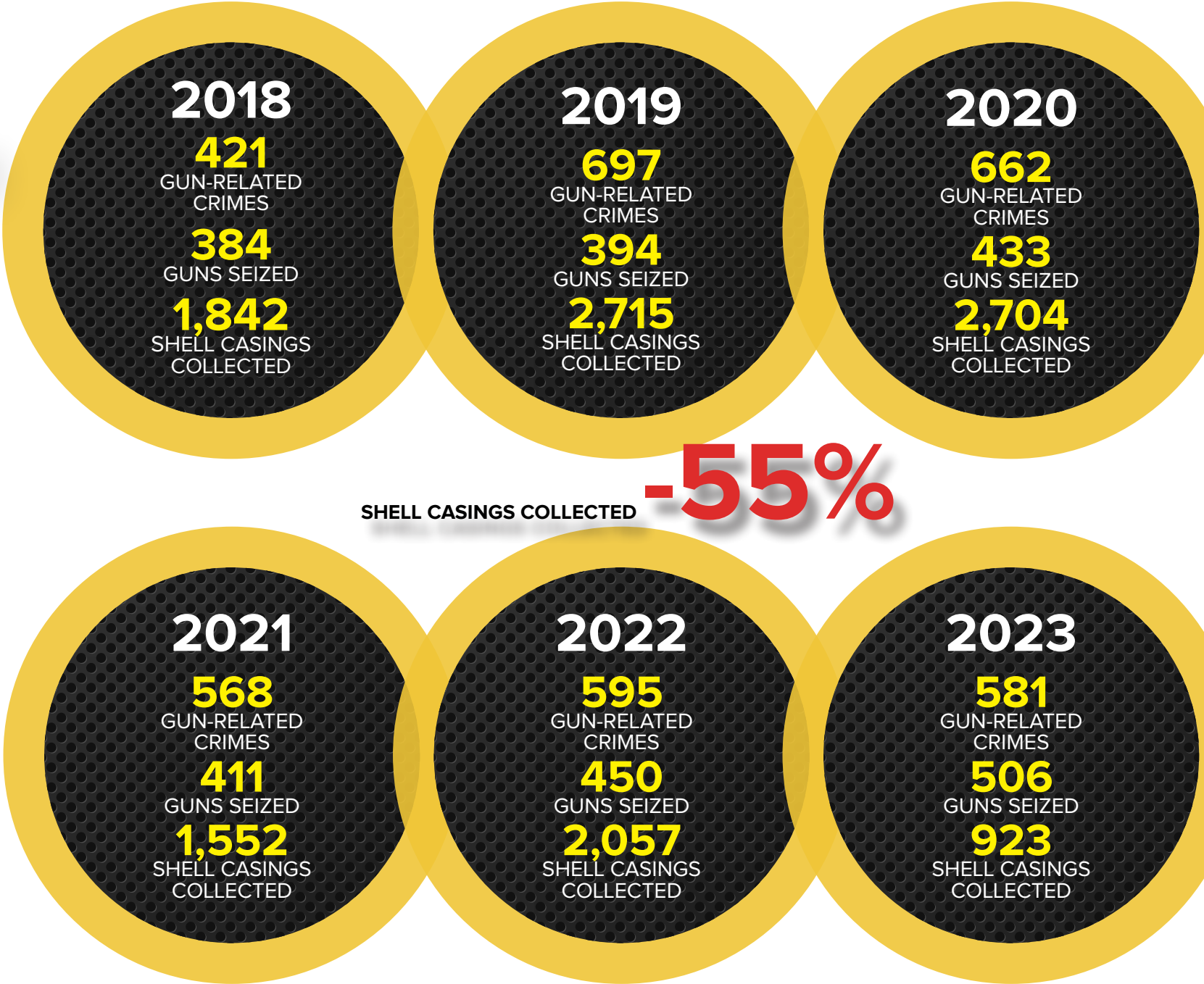
IN 2023, VIOLENT CRIME
DECREASED. -15%



GUNS | 2017-2023

WHERE ARE THE GUNS BEING LOCATED?

LOCATION	2023 TOTAL	2023 % OF
HOUSE	159	31%
TRAFFIC STOP	152	30%
VEHICLE	95	19%
OTHER	48	9%
PERSON	37	7%
BUSINESS	9	2%
SURRENDER	6	1%
TOTAL	506	



COMMUNITY DIVISION

Events and Programs

- HPPD Angels in Blue
- Community Day
- Fallen Officers Memorial Week
- Women's Empowerment Institute (WEI)
- Improving Police and Community Teamwork (IMPACT)
- HPPD/HPU Youth Leadership Academy
- Police Assisting Little Schools (PALS)
- Housing Authority Youth Camp
- Battle of the Badges Charity Softball Game
- National Night Out
- Command Retreat
- HPPD's Citizens Academy
- HPPD Blood Drives
- Holiday Parade
- Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive
- Housing Authority Toy Drive
- Active Shooter Presentations
- Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics NC
- Triad Chill Polar Plunge for Special Olympics NC
- Coffee With a Cop
- Bike Rodeo



LINK HIGH POINT
A TECHNOLOGY-DRIVEN & PROACTIVE CRIME-FIGHTING TOOL
TO KEEP THE COMMUNITY SAFE



The High Point Police Department's Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC) is another tool to connect officers and community members. Officers can gather information more quickly while responding to critical incidents by sharing information and video footage. The RTCC will also help detectives as they work to identify suspects and solve cases.

THIS TEAMWORK WILL HELP KEEP HIGH POINT A SAFE CITY!

**Scan the QR code to talk to HPPD about this program.*





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