2002 - 2006	An average of 45% of Durham's homicides for the years 2002 – 2006 are classified as "gang-related" according to the Durham Police Department (DPD). DPD also reported the largest number of gang-related homicides (15) between 2002 and 2004 among the 18 Southeastern jurisdictions reporting gang-related homicides. DPD's analysis of involvement of gang member in cleared crimes in the Bull's Eye area (generally described as North East Central Durham) found that validated gang members were involved in 39% of the solved violent offenses with guns.
Summer	A comprehensive assessment of gangs in Durham is undertaken with funding from the
2006	Durham Police Department (DPD) and the Durham County Sheriff's Office (DCSO).
	Durham adapts the Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
	Prevention (OJJDP) Comprehensive Gang Model.
September	The Comprehensive Gang Assessment is completed and submitted to DPD and DCSO.
2007	Authors are Deborah Lamm-Weisel and James C. (Buddy) Howell.
November	Assessment authors note that "Durham has made little progress in implementing the
2007	administrative structure of the Comprehensive Gang Model". Missing elements include a
	Project Coordinator, a Steering Committee, and an intervention team. The Juvenile
	Justice Institute at North Carolina Central University (NCCU) is designated to perform
	ongoing assessment of Durham's Gang Violence Prevention Program.
	A Steering Committee is formed in late November.
January	Raleigh/Durham is awarded \$2.5 million in funding from the U.S. Department of Justice
2008	through the NC Governor's Crime Commission for the Comprehensive Anti-Gang
	Initiative (CAGI). Raleigh and Durham evenly split the 3-year grant funding. Durham
	City/County funding was distributed as follows:
	Anti-Gang Program Administrator \$235,625
	Law Enforcement (City) \$385,750
	Prevention/Intervention (City) \$385,750
	Re-Entry (County) \$192,875
	Researcher (NC Central) \$50,000
2008 - 2010	Elements of Durham's CAGI grant are implemented. These elements include:
	-Suppression by law enforcement (efforts in the Bulls Eye area, data collection)
	-Prevention and intervention services by public/non-profit community (EDGE GED program, NC Child Response Initiative, Communities in Schools, Religious Coalition for a
	Non-Violent Durham)
	-Reentry services offered by local government entities
	-Evaluation
Summer	Project BUILD is initiated. Project BUILD consists of an Outreach Team, and Intervention
2009	Team and a Program Director.
July 2010	The 2010 GRS Community Indicator Report is completed and distributed internally.
April	The Gang Reduction Steering Committee is reorganized with Tom Bonfield and Mike
2011	Ruffin as co-chairs. Plans are developed to hire a full-time GRS Manager.
June	The tenure of Tim Henderson, Anti-Gang Program Administrator, ends.
2011	Durham Public Schools (DPS) creates a policy that prohibits identifying students as gang
	members.
	Project BUILD has lost grant funding. The City and County are working on an Interlocal
	agreement to keep the program open
August	Jim Stuit is hired as the Gang Reduction Strategy Manager. Funding for this position is
2011	authorized through a City/County Interlocal Agreement. The same agreement
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	authorized continued funding of Project BUILD.
October	Ann Oshel provides the Steering Committee with information about BECOMING, a
2011	program that will be funded for 6 years through a \$9 million Substance Abuse and
	Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) grant. The program has an
	intervention focus for increased literacy and graduation rates for youth age 16 – 21.
	Bud Lavery provides an update on Communities in Schools, and that program's focus on
	drop-out prevention and increasing graduation rates.
December	Ripley Rand, US Attorney for the NC Middle District, explains the partnership between his
2011	office, Project Safe Neighborhoods, and the Durham law enforcement community.
	Dr. Eric Becoats and Tina Ingram of DPS provide information on DPS efforts to reduce
	suspensions, drop-outs and truancy.
	DPD submits a report on DPD efforts to increase federal prosecution of gun crimes.
	DCSO reports that it has lost funding for GangNet positions, and is no longer using the
	software.
	Project BUILD submits an update and is requested to update the Steering Committee at
	each meeting.
February	Ann Oshel is a new Steering Committee member. Leon Stanback (interim DA) replaces
2012	Tracey Cline on the committee.
	Arnold Dennis of NCCU (CAGI research partner) presents the CAGI Evaluation Report.
	DPD discusses their Violent Incident Response Team and their continuing partnership
	with DCSO on responses to gun violence.
	Judge Morey provides information on bond guidelines, and Mayor Bell indicates that he
	hopes to bring up the bail and bond issue to the General Assembly.
	The GRS Manager provides an update to the Durham County BOCC at a work session.
	The GRS Steering Committee sponsors "Gangs and Faith – A Dialogue on Driver Street", a
Mayab	community forum attended by 132 individuals.
March 2012	The GRS Prevention/Intervention Team (PIT) is formed and begins meeting on a regular basis. The Gang Reduction Strategy Prevention/Intervention Team (PIT) is a group of
2012	individuals representing the nonprofit sector, youth serving organizations and
	community organizations that meets on a regular basis to collaborate, to discuss issues
	of common interest and to receive training on organizational development.
April	Law enforcement provides an update on the status GangNet.
2012	The Steering Committee examines a plan for data collection.
	Ripley Rand and Rob Lang (Anti-Gang Coordinator for U.S. Attorney) discuss the
	emerging trend of "focused deterrence policing" and the benefits of focusing on chronic
	offenders. Rob Lang and representatives of several organizations conducted a "call-in" in
	Durham where 14 offenders were summoned.
July	Jim Stuit provides the Steering Committee with an update of GRS Manager activities.
2012	DPS, the City and the County report on prevention/intervention funding strategies for FY
	2012-13.
	Continued funding of the Durham County Youth Home is being evaluated. The Youth
	Home has limited capacity (14) and higher costs per occupant (\$220/day) than the
	County jail (\$100/day.
	The Steering Committee reviews House Bill 673 (the North Carolina Street Gang Nuisance
	Abatement Act) scheduled for October 2012 implementation.
	The Steering Committee reviews and approves the 2012 Youth and Crime Community
	Indicator Report.

	The Mayor's Task Force on Violent Crime conducts a public forum at the Holton Center.
August	The 2012 Youth and Crime Community Indicator Report is presented to a City Council
2012	Work Session, a BOCC Work Session, and a joint City/County/School District Leadership
	Team meeting.
September	The GRS Suppression Team is organized, and is comprised of representatives from DCSO,
2012	DPD, Parole/Probation, the Division of Juvenile Justice, the District Attorney's office and
	CJRC. They will be working through the original recommendations assigned to
	suppression, completing the recommendations and updating them as necessary.
October	Heidi Carter, the new DPS Board Chair, replaces outgoing DPS Board Chair Minnie Forte-
2012	Brown on the Steering Committee.
	The Steering Committee reviews Durham Housing Authority's (DHA) Youth Crime
	Prevention and Safety Awareness Program as presented by Dallas Parks, CEO of DHA.
	DA Leon Stanback updates the Steering Committee on efforts to make the DA's office
	more visible and accessible to the community. DA Stanback also reported on a recent
	case of witness intimidation.
	Tom Bonfield updates the Steering Committee on the Connecting Youth effort that
	originated with an IBM Smart Cities grant and final report.
	Ripley Rand updated the Steering Committee on the Greensboro Latin King racketeering
	trial, expected to be the first of several gang racketeering trials in North Carolina.
December	Fred Foster Jr., the new BOCC Chair, replaces outgoing BOCC Chair Michael Page on the
2012	Steering Committee.
	Michelle Smith, a Senior Research Assistant for the National Gang Center, suggests that
	Durham has only partially implemented the Comprehensive Gang Model, and that
	Durham may be due for an update to its Gang Assessment document.
	Steering Committee members are given a presentation on improving services to
	Durham's youth of incarcerated parents. Jim Stuit is directed to form a sub-committee
	to study this issue and to explore a related Governor's Crime Commission Grant related to the effort.
	Staff from the Duke University Office of Durham and Regional Affairs presents the
	Steering Committee with information about the Enlaces Latino Youth Outreach Program
	that has shown steady growth and participation.
	DPD updates the Steering Committee on recent gang-related shootings In Durham.
February	The Steering Committee was updated on the activities and progress of the GRS sub-
2013	committee on improving services to children of incarcerated parents.
2013	Asst. District Attorney Tom Crosby reported on efforts by the DA's office to move as
	many gang crimes as possible to Federal Court.
	Larry Smith and Alonzo Jaynes of the Durham Police Department (DPD) provided
	information on recent Latino gang activity, and on DPD's efforts to resolve ongoing feuds
	by conducting Violent Incident Responses (VIR's) and "knock and talks".
	Jim Stuit submitted a report on Durham's adherence to the Comprehensive Gang Model
	as evaluated by the draft National Gang Center Model Fidelity Score Sheet.
May	Rev. Jerome J. Washington was welcomed as a new Steering Committee member,
2013	representing the faith community.
	Jim Stuit notified the SC that an application to the National Gang Center for technical
	assistance for an updated Gang Assessment was approved. Ellen Paddock, a Duke MPP
	intern, will be assisting with the project.
	The Youthful Offender Gun Crime "frequent flyer" list has been updated with mental

	health and other information.
	Durham Public Schools staff provided an update on truancy.
	Tom Bonfield led a discussion on City public safety funding, specifically funding for the
	GREAT program, currently funded at \$934,638. Several in attendance spoke in favor of
	continued funding; others noted that there is no evaluation or research indicating how
	effective the local program has been.
	Mengie Parker (NCCU) reported on gang assessments he competed in Caswell and
	Person counties.
	The continued vacancy in Project Build (outreach worker) was noted.
June	Kedrick Lowery presented a report from Project BUILD. The program has served 197
2013	youth to date and 67 are currently receiving services. Dr. Lowery noted that he will be
	resigning his position in July 2013, and a search committee is being formed to find a
	replacement t to administer the BUILD program.
	Jim Stuit provided an update on GRS Manager activities. Prevention/Intervention Team
	meetings have been well attended and are ongoing. DPD and law enforcement partners
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	conducted a Violent Offender Call-In on June 6, 2013, with 10 offenders, aged 17 – 22,
	attending.
	Michelle Young, Senior Research Associate with the National Gang Center (NGC), gave a
	presentation entitled "Conducting a Comprehensive Community Gang Assessment".
	NGC will be providing technical assistance for Durham's Updated Gang Assessment
	(UGA).
	It was noted by Tom Bonfield that the GREAT program will be funded at the requested
	level for FY 2013-14.
	Ellen Paddock, CJRC intern from Duke, provided information on her research project
	entitled "Juvenile Gang Membership and Self-Identification Study".
August	Two full-time Project BUILD outreach workers will be hired with funding from a GCC
2013	grant, and 1 part-time position will be funded by JCPC. Interviews for a Project BUILD
	director have taken place, and a final candidate has been identified.
	Ripley Rand reported that the NC Middle District is 6 <sup>th</sup> in the nation for gun crime
	prosecution according to a Syracuse study.
	Jim Stuit gave a status report on the Updated Gang Assessment, and provided findings
	from the Community Resident Gang Activity Survey.
	Stormy Ellis is the new grant-funded gang/gun prosecutor for Durham.
	DCSO is initiating the "Choices" program, which is similar to other "scared straight"
	programs across the county. It will serve ~ 20 youth, ages 11-16 once a month on
	Saturdays.
October	The Steering Committee received information on Step Up Ministry from Executive
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2013	Director Steve Swain, who hopes to replicate this jobs and life skills training model in
	Durham, placing 250 people in jobs with a \$750K budget, beginning July 2014.
	Michelle Young will begin her duties as Project BUILD Manager on October 14, 2013.
	Jim Stuit provided updates on activities of the Prevention/Intervention Team and the
	Suppression Team. He also reviewed progress of the Update Gang Assessment
	document.
	Tasha Jones (Chief Court Counselor) reviewed the merge of Juvenile Justice and Adult
	Correction.
	Jon Peter (DPD) provided information on the recent Drug Market Intervention.
December	Michael Page was elected chair of the Board of County Commissioners, and in that
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2013	position, replaces outgoing chair Fred Foster Jr. on the Steering Committee.
	Larry Smith (DPD) gave an update on the recent shootings that occurred on December 2,
	December 3 and December 9.
	Jim Stuit reported on the analysis of a staff perceptions survey conducted by the Durham
	Public Schools.
	Ellen Paddock (Duke Public Policy student/CJRC summer intern) presented findings from
	her Public Policy Honors Thesis, which explored how changes in juvenile gang
	membership impact government's public safety policy.
	Brian Lewis was introduced as the new gang/gun prosecutor.
	Co-chair Mike Ruffin is retiring in January, and this was his last Steering Committee
•	meeting. A search is being conducted for a new County Manager.
January	GRS Manager attends Steering Committee meeting in Tacoma, Washington, another site
2014	that has deployed the OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model. Meetings were held with
	Tacoma's Steering Committee Chair and Vice-Chair and with the Tacoma GRS Manager.
	Tacoma plans to send a delegation to Durham in April 2014.
February	The Steering Committee reviewed law enforcement data from the pending Updated
2014	Gang Assessment.
	Representatives from DPD and DCSO discuss gang data collection and the use of
	GangNet. DPD has mostly discontinued use of GangNet due to software restraints and
	administrative challenges, while DCSO uses it mostly in the jail. The GRS Suppression
	Team will meet in February 2014 with other area law enforcement agencies to discuss
	further.
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April	A contingent of visitors from Tacoma, WA was present for the meeting, including the
2014	chair and vice chair of the Tacoma Gang Reduction Steering Committee.
	With the assistance of an outside facilitator, those in attendance finalized
	recommendations and indicators for law enforcement, Durham Public Schools and
	service provision.
June	Wendell Davis (County Manager) is the new co-chair replacing Mike Ruffin.
2014	The Steering Committee finalized the 2014 Updated Gang Assessment with minor
	revisions. Plans are to post it on the County website and do a media release.
	Attendees are provided information on two Department of Justice grants that are being
	pursued.
	Faith community initiatives and challenges are presented by Rev. Washington.
	Law enforcement provides updates on recent gang-related activity.
August	Dr. Bert L'Homme, new superintendent of Durham Public Schools, joined the Steering
2014	Committee, replacing Dr. Eric Becoats.
2017	The Steering Committee received a report on Public Housing safety programs, and a
	report on validated gang members (STG designation) who returned to Durham County
	from correctional facilities in 2012.
	Durham PD provided updated information on YTD arrests of validated gang members,
	weapons seized and aggravated assaults involving multiple victims and firearms.
	Issues surrounding truancy were discussed, and a coordinating meeting on this topic will
	be planned for the near future.
October	A new member representing the JCPC (DeWarren Langley) was approved.
2014	The Steering Committee received a report on juvenile arrests/petitions (2010-2013) and
	also reviewed new data related to the Updated Gang Assessment recommendations.
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	Dr. Bert L'Homme presented information on a proposed Truancy Center.
December 2014	Brittany Edwards was introduced as the new gang/gun prosecutor, replacing Brian Lewis, who transferred to Cumberland County.
	Jim Stuit gave a presentation entitled "Progress in 2014/Persistent Challenges for 2015"
	DPD reported on a rash of shootings that occurred in November 2014, and on the number of validated gang members arrested year-to-date.
	Ann Oshel provided longitudinal data on youth enrolled in the BECOMING program.
F.L.	Brian Jones gave an overview of educational initiatives in the detention center.
February 2015	Dr. James (Buddy) Howell delivered a presentation entitled "Risk Factors for Gang Joining: How to Address These in the Comprehensive Gang Model"
2015	Michael Page gave an update on the <i>My Brother's Keeper</i> initiative
	Larry Smith reported on the number of gang members arrested and related charges in CY 2014
April	There was a panel discussion with 3 validated gang members who returned to Durham
2015	from prison: Topic was "Re-Entry Challenges and Solutions for Validated Gang Members
	Returning to Durham": Panelists were Brian Wiley, Umar Muhammad and Kenny Lunsford III.
June	Durham Public Schools reported on truancy reduction efforts (Future Forward Center),
2015	suspensions and graduation rates.
	Jim Stuit summarized the new <i>Durham Gang Crime Report (2009 – 2014)</i> which contains the most recent data available.
	Tom Bonfield summarized the recently released Department of Justice Violent Crime
	Report for Durham, which contains major recommendations in four areas.
	Kristin Uicker was introduced as the new Special Assistant serving Durham through the
	US Attorney's Office, Middle District.
October	Reports were received on Fayetteville's "Educating Kids about Guns" program, activities
2015	of the Prevention/Intervention Team and the Suppression Team. A summary report was
	given on a Risk and Needs Assessments and the clues they provide as to Durham's higher
	percentage of court-involved youth who are also gang involved.  DPS Superintendent reported on efforts to mitigate truancy, suspensions and drop-outs
	and the status of Future Forward Center.
	DPD reported on YTD arrests of validated gang members and on some recent shooting
	incidents.
December	Robert Brown (Director of NCCU's Department of Criminal Justice) was welcomed as a
2015	new Steering Committee member, and provided an overview the Department.
	Jim Stuit updated the committee on sub-committee activities and provided a list of
	anticipated reports to be delivered in 2016.  Dionne Hines provided an overview and update on the My Brother's Keeper initiative.
February	Community activities reported on were the Campaign4Change MegaEventure in January,
2016	the Go Mentor Program and the Criminal Justice Resource Center roundtable featuring
	Father Gregg Boyle of Homeboy Industries.
	The GRS Suppression Team met with NCDPS staff from Polk Correctional Institution and
	learned about the new validation procedures for gang members in prison.
	The Steering Committee received a report on Gun Crime and Gun Arrests in Durham
	(2010 – 2015) with a focus on numerical trends, age distribution of arrestees, drug
	charges, stolen weapon charges and repeat offenders.

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	Three Project BUILD clients spoke to the Steering Committee about their involvement in
A	the program and answered questions from the group.
April	Rob Shields gave an overview of ReCity.
2016	The Committee reviewed progress towards the 2009 recommendations (45) and the
	2014 recommendations (25), and looked at data for indicators.
	SRG staff from Polk Correctional Institution provided information on the new gang
	validation process for all NC inmates.
	Ann Oshel reported on Year 3 BECOMING longitudinal data.
June	Durham's new police chief – C.J. Davis, was welcomed to the Steering Committee.
2016	The Committee reviewed data on juvenile crime trends (2010 – 2015) and gang crime
	trends (2009 – 2015).
	Pam Peoples-Joyner visited the meeting on behalf of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County
	Gang Reduction Steering Committee. Jim Stuit attended a WSFCGRS meeting in May as
	part of an information/strategy exchange.
	Scott Proescholdbell presented information on the North Carolina Violent Death
	Reporting System.
	Bert L'Homme and Elizabeth Shearer spoke about the five-year Student Support Services
	Implementation Plan.
August	Anthony Scott (CEO of Durham Housing Authority) was welcomed as a new committee
August 2016	member.
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	Donnie McQueen (Torchlight Academy), Dianna Powell (Justice Served) and a contingent
	of former Raleigh gang members were present to provide information on the Raleigh
	gang truce, how it started, its current status and potential for replication in Durham.
	Barker French updated attendees on the East Durham Children's Initiative, which has
	been operational for 5 years.
	Robert Brown provided an update on the NCCU Department of Criminal Justice and the
	Juvenile Justice Institute.
October	Jim Stuit reported that Information sharing/partnership continues with Winston-
2016	Salem/Forsyth County Gang Steering Committee.
	Scott Proescholdbell and Josie Caves if NC Division of Public Health provide Durham-
	specific data on violent deaths and on the violent death "gang-like" variable.
	Syretta Hill provided information on StepUp Durham.
	Tina Ingram discussed the role of the school district's Director of Security.
December	Wendy Jacobs (newly elected chair – Board of County Commissioners) was welcomed as
2016	a new member of the Steering Committee.
	Jim Stuit provided a summary of GRS activities/accomplishments for 2016
	Cure Violence staff (including violence interrupters and peer support specialists) gave an
	overview of the Cure Violence/Bull City United effort that will be launched in the near
	future.
February	No reports or special speakers were scheduled for this meeting. Rather, GRS Steering
2017	Committee members took some time for discussion questions and long-term planning.
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	Topics included budget priorities, an increase in fights, drugs and weapons at some DPS
	sites and data gaps.
March	This was the 2 <sup>nd</sup> of two planning meetings. Topics included tracking employment
2017	provision outcomes and developing a structured communication strategy between law
	enforcement, the jail, state prisons and Probation.
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April 2017	Employment and related metrics was the focus of this meeting. Speakers included Rachel Porter (YouthBuild), Robin Heath (Criminal Justice Resource Center) and Erin Roesch (StepUp Durham).
June 2017	Roshanna Parker (CJRC) presented information on the newly-formed Durham County
June 2027	Local Reentry Council.
	Jim Stuit gave an overview of the recently completed report "Gang Crime Report (2009 –
	2016) Durham NC. Attendees discussed the findings.
August 2017	Attendees were provided information on findings of an ATF report on firearms recovered
	and traced to Durham.
	Anthony Marsh and Chief Davis discussed the formation and operational plan of the DPD
	Gang Unit.
December	Duke professor Philip J. Cook was present to discuss his research on gun acquisition
2017	through social networks, and to provide recommendations for keeping guns out of reach
	of gang members and other dangerous individuals.
February	Mayor Steve Schewel was welcomed as a new Steering Committee member.
2018	Presentations by Bull City United and Project BUILD
	Update from Polk C.I.
April	Employment focus with presentations by Reentry Council employment specialist
2018	Demetrius Lynn and Bull City YouthBuild manager Cory Rawlinson
	Sgt. Swartz reports on DPD's RMS Gang Activity Module
	Presentation by City of Durham Innovation Team (Josh Edwards/Ryan Smith)
June	The Durham Gang Crime Report (2009 – 2017) was presented and there were updates on
2018	prevention/intervention and suppression efforts.
August	Jim Stuit presented a comprehensive report on Project BUILD
2018	Rob Shields provided information on ReCity and how it facilitates networking among
	youth-serving nonprofits
	Gudrun Parmer reported on agencies to be funded by the Juvenile Crime Prevention
	Council
October	New members Gail Harris and Stelfanie Williams welcomed.
2018	Durham Public Schools presented information on strategic plan, student services and
	school safety.
	NCCU provided update on the Juvenile Justice Project and other initiatives.
	Duke University provided information on the Duke Regional Affairs Office
December	Sheriff Clarence Birkhead welcomed as new member
2018	Panel discussion on gang suppression, gang suppression units (RPD/DPD)
	Report on court involved juveniles (FY18)
e.t	Report from Probation/Parole on supervision, SRG's
February	US Attorney (NC Middle District) Matthew Martin explained the role of US Attorneys and
2019	outlined MDNC priorities.
	Reports from Bull City United and Project BUILD
	Report from City of Durham Innovation Team initiatives
	DPD reports on number of validated gang members and aggravated assaults with
	multiple victims

## Timeline of Events - Durham's Gang Reduction Strategy

April	Meeting cancelled due to explosion in downtown Durham
2019	
June	Continued discussion on restarting Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) in Durham County
2019	Report on Juvenile Crime Prevention Council funding priorities
	Updates on 2020 gang assessment and 2019 Felons with Firearms in Durham report
	Request from Project BUILD for Steering Committee members to appoint individuals to
	the Project BUILD Intervention team
August	Supt. Mubenga updates on school safety
2019	Jim Stuit reviews report on Felons with Firearms in Durham NC
	Continued discussion on Project Safe Neighborhoods
October	Sheriff Birkhead updates on SRO program, DA Deberry updates on school-based
2019	referrals, DJJ updates on school-based offenses
	Jim Stuit previews plans for the 2021 Comprehensive Gang Assessment
	Report on collaboration efforts with Forsyth, Randolph and Vance counties
December	Phil Cook (winner of 2020 Stockholm Prize in Criminology) presents information on effort
2019	by Chicago PD Bureau of Detectives to improve shooting investigations and on research
	that supports assigning a higher priority to nonfatal shootings
	Discussion on courthouse security concerns
	Presentation of tasks for 2021 Gang Assessment
February	Representatives from the National Gang Center were in attendance
2020	Chief Davis provided a "Gang Unit Update"
	Durham County Sheriff's Office shared some recent intel information
	DA Satana Deberry gave an overview of District Attorney Office operations
	Reports, updates from Project BUILD and My Brother's Keeper