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Dear Citizens and PSN Partners,

The Durham Community and the Durham Police Department must work together to reduce gun violence. One victim of a firearm crime is too many. I support all Project Safe Neighborhoods' initiatives that continue to work to halt the devastating cycle of gun violence by aggressively enforcing gun laws and communicating that "Gun Crime Means Hard Time."

I will continue to support the five elements of the PSN strategy: (1) Partnerships, (2) Strategic Planning, (3) Training, (4) Community Outreach and Public Awareness, and (5) Accountability.



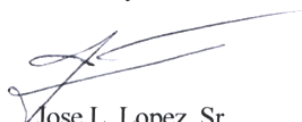
Chief Lopez addresses citizens at a recent Partners Against Crime meeting.

Partnering with federal agencies, working with the faith community, developing and expanding the North Carolina Child Response Initiative, conducting youth programs, targeting violent offenders, and collaborating with several local community agencies are just a few of the many strategies the Durham Police Department employs on a daily basis.

The citizens of Durham are very fortunate as our community was recently named a recipient of the United States Attorney General's Office Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative (CAGI) grant because of our community's proactive and aggressive anti-gang, anti-violence, and anti-gun strategies.

I am proud that the Durham Community and the Durham Police Department together support Project Safe Neighborhood strategies, and we will continue to move forward through trust and communication.

Sincerely,


Jose L. Lopez, Sr.
Chief of Police