

# Firearms Education Training Center



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# Purpose of Today's Discussion

Provide an update on the status of the Firearms Education Training Center (FETC):

- Facility Use
- Interim Plan for operations
- Use Agreements
- Next Steps

# Collaboration

Ongoing meetings have occurred with:

- Wake County (County Manager, County Attorney, Finance, Budget & GSA)
- Sheriff's Office
- N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

# Facility Use

User Group Access to the Facility includes:

- Wake County Sheriff's Office
- Other Law Enforcement Agencies
- Public (Non-law enforcement)

# Interim Operations Plan

- Wake County Sheriff's Office
  - Schedule & oversee Law Enforcement Agencies
  - Conduct law enforcement training exercises
  - Manage schedule within allocated hours
- N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC)
  - Manage, operate and schedule public use of the range (Non-law enforcement)
  - Manage schedule within allocated hours

# Agreement: Wildlife Resources Commission

- County provides in-kind use of the facility to WRC
- WRC plans to provide recreational public use of the range at no cost to the public, but may charge reasonable fees in the future
- Proposed date to reopen to the public is March 15, 2020
- Initial agreement will be up to 12 months

# Agreement: Wildlife Resources Commission

## WRC Responsibilities:

- Manage the public use for recreational and educational programs
- Operate the range while promoting and maintaining a safe environment
- Enforce the rules of the Operations Plan/SOP
- Provide staffing, equipment and supplies to operate the range
- Ensure the compliance of financial reimbursements and cost accounting as required by State and Federal Law

# Agreement: Wildlife Resources Commission

## Public Use & Safety:

- WRC will issue a range pass to all public users
- Each first-time user is required to:
  - View safety video
  - Attend a brief orientation of the facility operations and rules
  - Sign a range waiver
  - Receive a pass (with photo)



# Agreement: Wildlife Resources Commission

## Wake County (GSA) Responsibilities:

- Administer the WRC contract
- Provide facility maintenance, including utilities, janitorial, security, environmental lead remediation and exterior maintenance.
- Provide documentation on maintenance & utility costs to WRC on a monthly basis
- Convene Core Facilities Committee (Wake County, Sheriff's Office and WRC) on a quarterly basis

# Agreement: Law Enforcement

- Execute Agreement with Wake County Sheriff's Office for use of the facility
- Initiate License agreements with all Law Enforcement Agencies
  - County will maintain current fee schedule for law enforcement agencies
  - Sheriff's Office will oversee schedule
  - GSA will administer the annual agreements & coordinate the account receivables

# Next Steps: Long-Term Recommendation

- Retain Consultant Services
  - Industry Best Practices
  - Engage Stakeholders
  - Balance of Public & Law Enforcement Use
  - Staffing and Scheduling
  - Operating Costs
  - Building Maintenance
  - Fee Schedule
  - Evaluate Partnership with WRC or a future provider
- Bring Recommendations back to the Board for review
- Board to Approve future multiyear agreement(s)

# Schedule & Next Steps

- Feb 17, 2020: Board of Commissioner's Meeting (N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission Agreement)
- March 15, 2020: Firearms Education and Training Center reopens to the public
- July 1, 2020: Retain Consultant Services