

**Hampton Roads Mayors and Chief Administrative Officers
Violence Prevention Roundtable Work Session**

**March 30, 2023
11:30 AM**

**The 757 Room
(Located Behind the Reception Area)
The Regional Building
723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23320**

1. Call to Order

2. Submitted Public Comments (Attachment 2)

One submitted public comment was received since the last Hampton Roads Mayors and Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs) Work Session. Any written public comments received after the preparation of this agenda will be distributed at the meeting.

3. Mental Health Professionals Report

At the December 5, 2022 Mayors/CAOs Roundtable, a discussion occurred with representatives of the region's Commonwealth Attorney offices and Police Departments on approaches to address violence and crime in our region. This discussion identified several items that were included in the Regional Legislative Agenda.

Utilizing the attached Regional Violence Prevention Framework, the Mayors and CAOs directed staff to organize the next Roundtable meeting around a discussion with community mental health professionals to learn how local governments could assist in this area.

As follow-up to the December meeting, the CAOs held a discussion with the region's mental health professionals on approaches to address violence and crime in our region. Representatives were appointed to attend the Mayors/CAOs Roundtable and share their insights and recommendations.

Following this presentation, the Mayors and CAOs should discuss this information and identify any actions/strategies that can be advanced to address this component of the Regional Crime Prevention Framework.

4. Discussion of Next Steps (Attachment 4)

During previous Mayors/CAOs Work Sessions, the attached Regional Violence Prevention Framework was reviewed. This framework is intended to illustrate the

complexity of issues related to violence and crime and to stress the need for a holistic strategy to address issues related to the following topics:

- Concentrated Poverty
- Access to Guns
- Desensitized Communities and Individuals
- Judicial System
- Mental Health/Unaddressed Trauma
- Family Dysfunction
- Poor Conflict Resolution

The CAOs and staff are recommending that the next Mayors/CAOs Roundtable (tentatively scheduled for June) would focus on a discussion of violence interruption efforts in our region and learning how local governments can support these efforts. Roundtable members will be asked to provide input on this proposed approach.

5. Items of Regional Interest

6. Adjournment