

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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Chief Jason Sugg East Carolina University Police Department 609 East Tenth Street Greenville, NC 27858

Chief Sugg,

I am pleased to support the ECU Police Department's proposal for updated equipment and technology. As our partner in law enforcement in and around Greenville, we are grateful for your department's collaborative approach as we are acutely aware of the mutual challenges faced as we work together to keep our community safe. Recognizing ECU's vast presence throughout Greenville, our departments must work together to protect the community, create solutions that cross jurisdictional boundaries, provide evidence in cases that touch both jurisdictions, and support each other when situations arise that are larger than our own capacities.

As your Greenville City Manager, I understand the critical importance of our law enforcement officers and the tools necessary to support an efficient and effective department that is responsive to the needs of the community. I am supportive of ECU's need for new body-worn and in-car cameras and updated software systems. We are grateful to have received funding in the city of Greenville from our federal legislators to improve and upgrade our technology and equipment through FY24 appropriations, and we are happy to support ECU's police department for the same purpose. Aligning our technology and data storage solution will streamline work across departments while still meeting the individual needs of our constituencies.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to support the ECU Police Department's effort.

Sincerely

Michael Cowin City Manager City of Greenville