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Statement from Mayor Wood and Town Council Regarding Local Public Safety Incident on January 4, 2023

As your elected leaders, it is our priority to ensure the safety and well-being of all members of our community. Please be assured that the Town is doing everything in our power to investigate this tragic incident and bring those responsible to justice. We have also been taking steps to address the increase in shootings in our area. Town Police have been working with County and other law enforcement agencies to increase patrols and enhance community policing efforts. In the last few months Town Council has explored various initiatives to prevent gun violence, such as implementing gun buyback programs and supporting education and training on responsible gun ownership.

We know that words cannot fully express the grief and anger that many of you are feeling right now. Our sincerest condolences to the family of the injured and deceased. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

As we begin the healing process, public resources including grief/trauma counseling and upcoming public safety initiatives are being scheduled for those impacted.

Please visit the Town website: <https://www.dumfriesva.gov/index.php>

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