

Hell Hath Frozen Over

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We begged and cried...we asked a million times. Gunshot after gunshot we wrote emails screaming, complaining, and begging. Meeting after meeting there was always someone asking what the status is regarding it...and yesterday I got an email from someone correcting an email I sent.

ShotSpotter is coming to Shaw...yes you are reading correctly...it is coming.

There are a lot of people that need to be thanked:

- First is you. Every single one of you made this happen. Your tireless activism has paid off...be proud of your efforts they have paid off.
- ANC Commissioners Chapple and Padro.
- The MPD. I wish I could single out one or two of you but this was a big effort and I am sure I am going to miss a big player in this effort...so a big thanks to all of you.
- Jeff C and Windy in Councilman Evans office
- I have been told that Frank Chauvin is the guy behind the scenes, a thank you to you for making this happen.
- Finally, Councilmen Evans and Graham...I am hard on you guys (and will continue to be) but I **GREATLY** appreciate your efforts.

Here is Councilman Evans' press release in case you missed it:

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ShotSpotter Technology comes to Shaw!

(Washington, DC) Councilmember Jack Evans and staff have worked with Mayor Fenty, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Chief Cathy Lanier, MPD Third District Commander Larry McCoy and constituents to bring ShotSpotter technology to the Third District and to Ward 2.

This innovative technology is yet another technological tool, which will help MPD increase arrests for violent crimes and solve crimes. The technology can also be paired with already existing police cameras to make those devices more effective as well - adding another layer of both eyes and ears to our crime fighting forces on the streets.

"I am very pleased to announce that ShotSpotter technology is coming to Ward 2, and will be deployed in the entire eastern half of the Third District," Evans said. I thank the Mayor and the Chief for being so responsive to my requests to roll out this technology in Ward 2 as soon as possible, and for working together with me and my staff to make that possible. I am especially glad one of the nodes will be right at 7th and O Streets, NW."

The District will also upgrade the entire ShotSpotter system in DC, which is already deployed in the 5th, 6th, and 7th police districts, to wireless systems. This upgrade will give the MPD greater flexibility in deploying the technology, as crime patterns and, statistics help dictate. More information about the ShotSpotter technology can be found at www.shotspotter.com.