



## Special Report: Gunshot Sensors

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The hottest area in the Capital City for gun crime is Allison Hill. Last year Harrisburg police responded to 208 calls of "shots fired". All of those in the small section of the neighborhood between Market and Berryhill Streets, and 17th and Crescent.

In this special report Ben Russell shows us "gun-shot sensors". It's new technology that can help police and innocent neighbors.

The Allison Hill section of the City of Harrisburg has a certain reputation. It's a blighted area where sometimes the trash blows around like leaves from the trees in the fall. It also traditionally has among the highest crime rates of any part of the Capital City. But it's also a place for a lot of people where they call home.

"On the 21st of February it will be 50 years." Peter Kehler raised four children in Allison Hill and can't imagine living anywhere else, but Kehler acknowledges that he shares his neighborhood, his home, with others who don't respect the law.

Peter: "Your criminal element knows what areas they can get into and get a stronghold."

Dauphin County District Attorney Ed Marsico agrees.

"That's why we chose this particular location for these sensors because we do have neighbors in that area that are tired of the gunshots, that want to do something about it. So with their help, with community backing as well as these sensors we think we can make a difference."

Enter modern technology.

If you're on the street and you hear gunshots in the distance, would you know exactly where they came from? Sure, you know you're at the intersection of Derry and 13th Streets. But where did those shots come from exactly? The answer is you probably don't know. But this gunshot sensor technology will remove all guess work.

A network of electronic sensors will go up on top of buildings and telephone polls in the Allison Hill area. Within seconds of any outside gunfire, before anyone could dial 911, the sensors go off.

Gregg Rowland of SHOTSPOTTER: "So whatever map your CAD system is using we use the same type of map... So when that event happens the actual street address comes up so you'd dispatch directly to that location of event."

That means faster response. Instead of evidence, police have a better chance of finding the actual gunman, and that suits Peter Kehler just fine.

"Any kind of deterrent that is put out there for the criminal element... it's good. It's good."

The future for this technology is now. These sensors will go up within a month. A grant from the United States Department of Justice will pay for them.