



District Expands Use of Sensor Technology

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District police are expanding their use of audio sensors in an effort to help monitor gunfire in city neighborhoods.

After testing Shotspotter technology in parts of the Seventh Police District in Southeast, the system is now being deployed in parts of the Fifth and Sixth police districts.

Acting police chief Cathy Lanier says she hopes to have one of the largest operational gunshot-detection systems in the country. The Metropolitan Police Department is operating the system with the FBI, which is paying for the technology.

Shotspotters use audio sensors placed at various locations to plot the location of the sounds of gunfire.

Lanier says the system has identified 31 shootings and led to three arrests since its installation.