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## New Technology Would Allow Police To Pinpoint Shots Fired Calls

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Tulsa - If someone fires a gun in your neighborhood, it will take police time to get there, because someone has to call it in. Now, Tulsa Police are looking at new technology that will tell them instantly if a shot is fired outside your home. NewsChannel 8's Bill Mitchell reports it has already dramatically reduced shooting incidents in other cities.

Right now, when a dispatcher gets a call of shots fired, it's usually from a person calling from their home. And they have to tell the police officer to respond to shots fired in the vicinity of that home.

When shots are fired, the ShotSpotter system uses audio sensors which are hidden. The system immediately sends of the location of shots fired to police officers.

"Well today we're accurate within less than 10 feet," says ShotSpotter Vice President Jack Pontius. "That's because this police firing range is in a small confined space. Typically in a city environment, the furthest away we'll ever be is 24 meters.

That's about 75 feet. This system is currently being used in 16 cities and in the process of being installed in 20 others.

"They've seen about a 31 percent reduction in violent crimes," says Sales Director Kevin McCumby. "In between 60 and 80 percent reduction in celebratory gunfire, or in gunfire itself."

This system being demonstrated is portable and can be set up in an neighborhood within an hour. If Tulsa does decide to use the ShotSpotter system, it could be in your neighborhood as soon as 30 days.

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