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(XX City) DEPLOYS SHOTSPOTTER TO COMBAT URBAN GUN CRIME

Technology To Be Used To Help Law Enforcement Fight Illegal Gunfire

CITY, State. – **XX XX, 2016** – Today **XX City** announced that it is implementing ShotSpotter technology across **XX square miles** to help fight illegal urban gun crime. ShotSpotter is the leading public safety solution for gunfire detection, location and alerts on illegal gun crime. ShotSpotter real-time alerts notify local police departments of precisely when and where gun incidents occur so that officers can respond faster and more safely, recover evidence such as shell casings or guns, interview witnesses, and ensure timely medical attention for any gunshot victims. The overall goal is to reduce gun violence and improve community safety.

Insert: quote from police chief, Mayor, or city council representative here

The **<name of agency>** Police Department and the City/County of **<name>** is committed to the reduction of illegal gun use and its initiative to combat gun violence in our communities. Our mission and commitment is to protect the quality of life in our communities by creating an environment of enhanced safety and security.

The ShotSpotter technology is a series of audio sensors deployed high up on top of light posts and buildings. When a gunshot goes off the sensors triangulate the sound and pinpoints the number of shots fired and the location. ShotSpotter trained acoustic experts review and qualify all gunfire incidents and alert law enforcement immediately, all within a minute, and usually within 30 seconds, of the gunshot occurring.

ShotSpotter helps police departments transform policing practices from reactive to proactive by instantly notifying officers of gunshot crimes in progress with real-time data delivered to dispatch centers, patrol cars and even smartphones. First responders receive precise gunfire incident information, allowing informed decisions for faster emergency response while also

improving situation intelligence and increasing first responder safety. ShotSpotter gunfire data also enables law enforcement agencies to improve evidence collection, prosecution and overall police effectiveness. ShotSpotter is installed in more than 90 cities across the United States and the world.

More information on ShotSpotter is available at www.ShotSpotter.com.

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