

COMMUNITY SAFETY

ShotSpotter Helps Communities Feel Safe In Their Own Neighborhood

THE SITUATION

Too many lives were lost to gun violence last year. In 2020, shootings are up and less than 20% of shootings are reported to 911. As a result, eight out of ten times when someone fires a gun in your neighborhood, the police never show up, simply because they don't know about it.

14,542

gun homicides in US annually

Source: CDC

76,000

people injured by guns annually

Source: ARHQ

80%

of gun crimes go unreported

When gun crime isn't reported to police, the people responsible for the shootings feel emboldened to shoot whenever they want with little to no consequences, putting everyone else in the neighborhood at risk. Unaddressed gunfire drives homicides and injuries, but there are other costs to the neighborhood:

Victims don't get treated fast enough

Residents feel unsafe at home

Neighborhood jobs are lost

The cycle of gun violence continues

OUR IMPACT

Our mission is to reduce gun violence and improve the police-community relationship. Communities like yours are proactively addressing gun violence with our gunshot detection solution.

3.5min

reduction in GSW victims transport time

33%

reduction in gun violence injuries, Greenville, NC

48%

reduction in Avondale shootings, Cincinnati, OH

This technology enables an informed and precise police response that is focused on apprehending the shooters, while conveying a sense of respect and compassion for innocent bystanders in the area.

FAQ

HOW DOES SHOTSPOTTER WORK?

When shots are fired, police receive an alert pointing them to the exact location of the incident within 60 seconds. By getting to the scene faster, responders can get critical evidence to help capture the shooter and also, ensure that aid is rendered to victims.

IS SHOTSPOTTER SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT? DO THE SENSORS LISTEN TO CONVERSATIONS?

An independent privacy audit conducted by NYU's Policing Project concluded that the risk of voice surveillance is extremely limited. Strict controls and policies ensure sensors only trigger on loud explosive or impulsive sounds that are likely gunfire. No community member's information is obtained or used during any part of the detection or alerting process.

DOES SHOTSPOTTER CAUSE OVER-POLICING?

ShotSpotter's technology does the job it's designed to do without consideration for race, color, religion, economic status, etc. This enables an appropriately focused response rather than indiscriminate policing strategies that potentially victimize innocent community members.

“ There was a man shot on our streets and no one had alerted police. [Because of ShotSpotter], police showed up and administered CPR and saved him. He's alive today because of ShotSpotter.

LISA BOGGS | Columbus community activist

“ If somebody is about to do something and he knows ShotSpotter is there, he's going to think twice before he pulls that gun and shoots it.

DENVER RESIDENT | Source: Denver7

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