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PUBLIC SAFETY SUCCESS STORY

ShotSpotter Saves Lives in Columbus By Improving Response Rate and Time

SITUATION

Shootings had become almost a daily occurrence in Columbus, motivating both city activists and local law enforcement officials to invest in new ways to stop the violence.

RESULTS

The Columbus Division of Police introduced ShotSpotter in three neighborhoods in 2019 – and started seeing immediate results. Officers made five arrests for firing a gun or other gun-related crimes in the Hilltop and Linden neighborhoods in the opening weeks of the program. Since then, police have arrested 133 people and seized 132 guns in just 16 months.

132
guns off the streets
between Feb 2019
and May 2020

133
arrests from
ShotSpotter alerts
in 16 months

3
known lives saved
when no one called
9-1-1

ShotSpotter has helped reduce response time to gunshots to as little as 60 seconds compared to about six minutes. The impact has been significant, leading to arrests and getting illegal guns off the streets. Police officials say at least three lives have been saved because officers responded to ShotSpotter alerts during incidents when no one called 9-1-1. Residents do not report gunfire about 60 percent of the time.

HOW SHOTSPOTTER BENEFITS COLUMBUS DIVISION OF POLICE

⊘ SOLVING FEDERAL CRIMES

Police confirmed **the first federal fire-arms arrest linked to ShotSpotter** when they connected ballistics from a weapons discharge in the city to the NIBIN.

⊘ SAVING LIVES

Columbus police credit ShotSpotter with **saving at least three lives** because officers arrived in time to render aid without a 9-1-1 call.

⊘ GUARDING THE COMMUNITY

ShotSpotter fills the data gap when residents do not call in shooting incidents so **police are aware of and respond to virtually all gunfire** including celebratory gunfire.

> *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

> *A gunshot should not be normal in your neighborhood. I want to change the perception that it is.*

Deputy Chief RICHARD BASH
Columbus Division of Police

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