

PUBLIC SAFETY SUCCESS STORY

Omaha Reports More Than 50% Drop in Victims of Gun Assaults Since 2011



CITY
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

POPULATION
468,000

COVERAGE AREA
5 SQUARE MILES

PRODUCT USED
SHOTSPOTTER RESPOND™

CUSTOMER SINCE
2011

SITUATION

Incidents of gun violence in Omaha began to spike in the mid-2000s, with nearly 200 victims involved in these assaults per year.

RESULTS

In 2011, the Omaha Police Department installed 80 ShotSpotter acoustic sensors in a five-square-mile area in the northeast that accounted for roughly half of all gun-related homicides. Total homicides declined, with only 10 murders in the city's northeast precinct in 2019 – less than half compared to 2011. The number of gun assault victims citywide has dropped from 224 to 99 between 2011 and 2019.

56%

decrease in gun assault victims between 2011 and 2019

97%

of ShotSpotter alerts had no 911 calls within 5 minutes

55%

fewer homicides in 2019 compared to 2011 in city's northeast precinct

ShotSpotter not only helps Omaha police pinpoint potential crime scenes accurately and quickly, but it has proven instrumental in securing convictions as well. In a case that went all the way to the Nebraska Supreme Court, the state upheld the use of ShotSpotter technology that played a crucial role in a 2013 murder conviction. During the trial, the system provided authorities with not only the exact location and timing of the shots, but a “crystal-clear recording of the gunshot” offered powerful, visceral evidence to the jury.

HOW SHOTSPOTTER BENEFITS OMAHA POLICE DEPARTMENT

ACCEPTED BY COURTS

The highest court in Nebraska ruled that **acoustic data is admissible evidence in court**, with ShotSpotter providing forensic services in support of trial attorneys.

FASTER THAN 9-1-1

ShotSpotter can **pinpoint the location of gunshots in less than 60 seconds**, helping police respond quicker and catch suspects before they get away.

VIOLENCE TRENDING DOWN

Police report a **reduction in violent crime** in areas most affected by gun assaults when ShotSpotter is deployed in those precincts.

BEST PRACTICES

The ShotSpotter system **contributes to the Omaha PD's best practices**, from dispatch and response to evidence collection and processing to crime analysis and prosecution.



[ShotSpotter is] an always present and unbiased source of information for us. We don't have to rely on people to call 9-1-1. It's always listening.

Deputy Chief Scott Gray | Omaha Police Department