

PUBLIC SAFETY SUCCESS STORY

Toledo Experiences Immediate And Significant Results Combatting Gun Violence

CITY	POPULATION	COVERAGE AREA	PRODUCT USED	CUSTOMER SINCE
TOLEDO, OH	270,651	4 SQ. MI	 ShotSpotter®	2019

SITUATION

With an escalating gun violence problem, the Toledo Police Department (TPD) joined forces with state law enforcement officials to earn a grant from the Department of Justice. This funding enabled TPD to deploy ShotSpotter's gunshot detection technology as part of the city's new Gun Crime Intelligence Task Force.

RESULTS

In its first day of operation with SoundThinking's ShotSpotter gunshot detection system, the agency received a gunfire alert and was able to make a same day arrest. Over time TPD has determined that residents are only reporting approximately 20 percent of the gunfire events to 9-1-1. In just the first ten months of using ShotSpotter, TPD responded to some 750 incidents, approximately 600 of which they never would have known about without ShotSpotter.

70

Arrests in just
over 10 months

50+

Illegal firearms off the streets
in 10 months

With ShotSpotter, TPD receives alerts in less than 60 seconds, pinpointed to the exact location of any gunfire in the area. Officers are on the scene quickly so they can better locate evidence and can also notify nearby residents after an alert with a door hanger requesting crime stopper tips. TPD officials say that ShotSpotter is helping them to combat gun violence whether for shooting incidents, felonious assaults, or even illegal celebratory gunfire. Overall the efforts are making it easier to detect, discover and investigate gunfire events to make Toledo a safer community.



ShotSpotter has turned into one of the most important cogs in our wheel of addressing gun violence. It's just a win-win for the entire city.

GEORGE KRAL, Toledo Police Department Chief

How ShotSpotter Benefits Toledo Police Department

IMPROVED AWARENESS OF INCIDENTS

Real-time alerts help officers respond to **all gunfire events** in the area without relying on underreported 9-1-1 calls.

INCREASED ARRESTS AND FIREARMS RECOVERED

Fast and accurate response to the scene helps officers **take more suspects into custody and take guns off the streets.**

IMPROVED EVIDENCE COLLECTION

Guided quickly to the crime scene, ShotSpotter allows for **better evidence collection** that can be analyzed by the agency's Gun Crime Intelligence Task Force.

ACTIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Increased officer presence, along with outreach and follow up in impacted neighborhoods, **encourages cooperation and strengthens the police-community relationship.**



How Can Your City Benefit From Using ShotSpotter?

