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PUBLIC SAFETY SUCCESS STORY

Three Officers Receive Anthony Testa Tactical Lifesaving Award After Responding to ShotSpotter Alert

CITY	POPULATION	COVERAGE AREA	PRODUCT USED	CUSTOMER SINCE
WEST PALM BEACH, FL	**117,286**	**4.6 SQ. MI**	**ShotSpotter®**	**SEPTEMBER 2018**

BACKGROUND

Every year, the West Palm Beach Police Department awards the Anthony Testa Tactical Lifesaving Medal to officers who render aid to trauma victims. The award is given in recognition of the late Anthony Testa, a West Palm Beach police officer who was known to buy his own trauma kits and render aid to victims on scene. Testa was a big supporter of training other officers, many of whom now, following in his legacy, use these same trauma kits while responding to calls.

SITUATION

On December 29, 2022, West Palm Beach police dispatch received a 13-round ShotSpotter activation. While canvassing the surrounding area, Officer Jeremy Boykins found a man lying at an intersection suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Boykins cut away the victim's clothing to further assess injuries.

At the same time, Officer Cassandra Bogaert and Officer Hannah Skotzke arrived on scene and proceeded to render first aid, which entailed applying a tourniquet to the victim's left arm as well as a Hyfin chest seal to the victim's abdomen to aid with troubled breathing. Seven minutes later, the West Palm Beach Fire Department arrived on the scene and transported the victim to St. Mary's Medical Center where they stabilized his condition.

RESULTS

Captain Robert Chyle from the West Palm Beach Fire Department and St. Mary's Medical Center staff credit the efforts of Officer Bogaert, Officer Boykins, and Officer Skotzke for rendering first aid. Due to the immediate actions of these three officers, the gunshot victim's life was saved.

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Life saved	Shell casings recovered	Projectile recovered

> *It is my opinion that the quick and proper actions of these officers either saved the victim's life, or drastically increased his chances at survival.*
>
> Captain **ROBERT CHYLE**, SWAT Medic, West Palm Beach Fire Department

Learn more about [ShotSpotter's impact in West Palm Beach here](#).

How ShotSpotter Benefits West Palm Beach PD

✓ LIFE SAVING

ShotSpotter ensures responders are notified quickly with a precise location so they can arrive swiftly on scene to provide emergency medical care to victims and save lives.

✓ EVIDENCE COLLECTION

ShotSpotter's precise alerts enable thorough evidence collection, expediting investigations.

✓ STRONGER COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Law enforcement's responsiveness and effectiveness at the scene helps deter gunshot incidents and builds trust with the community.

How Can Your City Benefit From Using ShotSpotter?

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