


PUBLIC SAFETY SUCCESS STORY

Albuquerque Police Department Reports 47% Decrease in Gunshots in One Neighborhood After Implementing Proactive Program

CITY	POPULATION	COVERAGE AREA	PRODUCT USED	CUSTOMER SINCE
ALBUQUERQUE, NM	562,599	30 SQ. MI	 ShotSpotter®	2020

SITUATION

APD, in partnership with investigators at the Crime Lab and the Real Time Crime Center, launched a new pilot initiative called the ShotSpotter Hotspot Organized Tracking program (known as the S.H.O.T. program) to proactively address gun violence in a Southeast Albuquerque neighborhood with a high number of ShotSpotter gunshot detections.

APD sent a general letter that went to residents in the immediate area who were directly being affected by the frequent gunshots letting them know that the police were aware of the concerns and committed to addressing the gun violence. A separate letter was then sent to locations identified by ShotSpotter where the shots were originating and warned of the consequences of people firing guns.

The department also printed and handed out 350 signs to individuals to be placed in yards and in front of homes, urging neighbors to report gun crimes in the area as a community effort to assist APD. Follow-up investigative work was then conducted by detectives as well as DIVRT (Digital Image and Recovery Team) who canvassed the area and looked for video evidence/surveillance of gun crimes.

RESULTS**47%**

Decrease in gunshot detections

The pilot program led to a 47% decrease in gunshot detections in the Southeast neighborhood.

The program has also led to a collaborative effort with members of the community. Since the pilot program began in the Southeast, residents in both the Northeast and Northwest Area Commands have reached out to the department to provide helpful information on hotspot areas in their neighborhoods. These are neighborhoods where ShotSpotter devices are not in place, but the open communication helps expand the effort.



Gun crimes are an issue in our community and [ShotSpotter] is a proactive measure that is also helping build strong relationships with community members to collaborate and cut down gunshots fired in our city.

Police Chief HAROLD MEDINA, Albuquerque Police Department

How ShotSpotter Benefits the Albuquerque Police Department

 **SAVE LIVES**

Every second matters for shooting victims. ShotSpotter ensures responders are notified quickly with an accurate location, allowing them to provide prompt medical care and save lives.

 **STRONGER COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Faster response times and proactive policing measures helps build trust and deter gun violence, fostering collaboration and improved communication with the community.

 **AUGMENTED PATROL**

ShotSpotter alerts ensure that officers are sent directly to the location of the gunfire, regardless of whether a 9-1-1 call has been made, so their time can be spent collecting evidence, speaking to witnesses, and rendering aid.

 **How Can Your City Benefit From Using ShotSpotter?**

Request a consultation with one of our experts to find out how we can help you improve public safety in your city.

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