
ShotSpotter, Inc.

Denver Police Department
Division Chief Ron Thomas

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Request

Approves a contract with ShotSpotter, Inc. for \$4,700,000, from 1-1-22 through 12-31-26 to provide gunshot detection, location, and forensic analysis service for the Denver Police Department (POLIC-202161439).

This is *not* a request for additional funding

ShotSpotter is paid for through General Fund dollars already approved by Council through the annual budget process and a DOJ Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

ShotSpotter Coverage

ShotSpotter currently covers approximately 14 square miles in Denver.

- Under the new agreement, coverage expansion is a possibility. Expansion is based on a data-driven needs analysis.

The selection of ShotSpotter location coverage is data-driven.

- Data that are included in the decision-making process include but are not limited to reported gun violence (by the community and/or victims), investigative data, and more.

ShotSpotter identifies the sound of gunfire, then directs a response to the specific location

Why is ShotSpotter An Important Tool?

Crime Awareness

Gunfire is often unreported. An average of 85.5% of ShotSpotter alerts from 2018-2021 had no correlating 911 call.

Safety

ShotSpotter technology allows a quick response to address immediate public safety concerns.

With ShotSpotter, officers can swiftly respond to an accurate location where gunfire occurred, more quickly meeting community safety needs and attending to possible victims.

Investigations

When police receive an alert and respond quickly, they are more likely to recover the firearm and shell casings.

Additional evidence can better support an investigation, as well as corroborate if a firearm has been used in additional crimes.



Questions?