



FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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FLPD COMBATS GUN VIOLENCE BY IMPLEMENTING SHOTSPOTTER TECHNOLOGY

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The Fort Lauderdale Police Department's ShotSpotter technology will be going live tomorrow, Wednesday, October 14th. Beginning tomorrow, officers will receive live ShotSpotter alerts when gunfire is detected in the selected coverage area. Broward County Regional Communications will also be monitoring the ShotSpotter platform broadcasting alerts via the appropriate radio channels and assisting officers who self-dispatch to an alert.

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The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is committed to combating gun violence and improving the safety of our community. Through this commitment, we will be implementing ShotSpotter technology across four square miles of the City of Fort Lauderdale. This technology is designed to identify gunshots, determine a precise location of the gunfire, and provide real-time alerts to on-duty officers. The information contained in the alerts aides officers in a more accurate and rapid response to the scene. As a result, officers will potentially locate victims faster to provide immediate tactical medical aid, identify witnesses in the area and recover valuable evidence. The goal of the implementation of this technology is to help lower crime rates and improve the overall safety of the community and our officers.

ShotSpotter uses a series of small audio sensors deployed throughout the community. When a gunshot occurs, the sensors work instantaneously to triangulate the sound pinpointing the number of shots fired and then identify the exact location. Upon ShotSpotter qualifying the incident criteria, on-duty Fort Lauderdale Police Officers and Broward County Regional Communication will be immediately notified of the gunshot.

We anticipate the official rollout of this program to be early October 2020. Between now and then, we will be working alongside ShotSpotter to test equipment, finalize software connectivity and train our personnel.

Our goal with this partnership is to continue to serve our community with our agency's mission statement in mind; to provide a safe and orderly environment for the community we serve.

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(aerial map showing ShotSpotter coverage)



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