



ShotSpotter in Oakland
Impact and Community Sentiment

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In a time in which police work has never been more challenging, we offer a way forward - technology and guidance to help save lives, solve more crimes and restore trust with the community.

RALPH CLARK, President and CEO, SoundThinking

Making a Big Difference in Oakland, CA

In incidents where lives may hang in the balance and every second counts, the ShotSpotter gunshot detection system alerts police to virtually all gunfire in a community's coverage area within 60 seconds. The fast response made possible by this technology ultimately helps locate victims, save lives, collect critical evidence and build community trust.

GUNFIRE WITH 9-1-1 CALL

<3%



Alerts with 9-1-1 call

FAST RESPONSE

<60 seconds



for ShotSpotter
to alert authorities

VICTIMS LOCATED

400



Lives saved 2020-2023

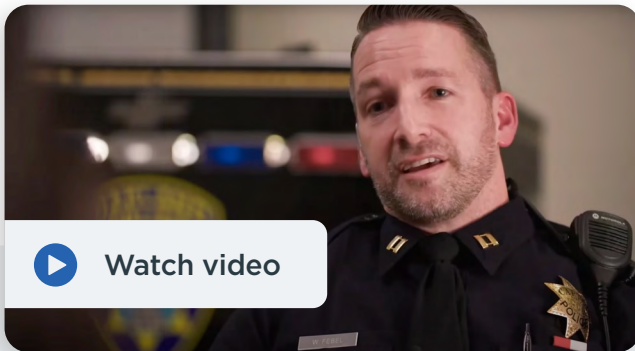
Number of victims with no 9-1-1 call
within 15 minutes of ShotSpotter alert

“The ShotSpotter gun detection technology employed by Oakland police was key to my survival.”

Retired police captain, Ersie Joyner III, was shot 22 times while filling up his car at a gas station.



ShotSpotter Impact in Oakland, CA



The Oakland PD demonstrates the value of ShotSpotter in Oakland regarding improved police response times and evidence collection.

Scan the QR code to learn more about the impact of ShotSpotter in Oakland.





ShotSpotter® and Oakland Public Safety

ShotSpotter is an acoustic gunshot detection system that uses an arrayed network of sensors to “listen” for loud, impulsive sounds—pops, booms, and bangs—that may be gunfire, and then pinpoints the point of origination of the sound via triangulation. That sound is then filtered through computers to dismiss noises that are clearly not attributable to gunfire. The remaining sounds are then reviewed by highly trained acoustic reviewers in our Incident Review Centers.

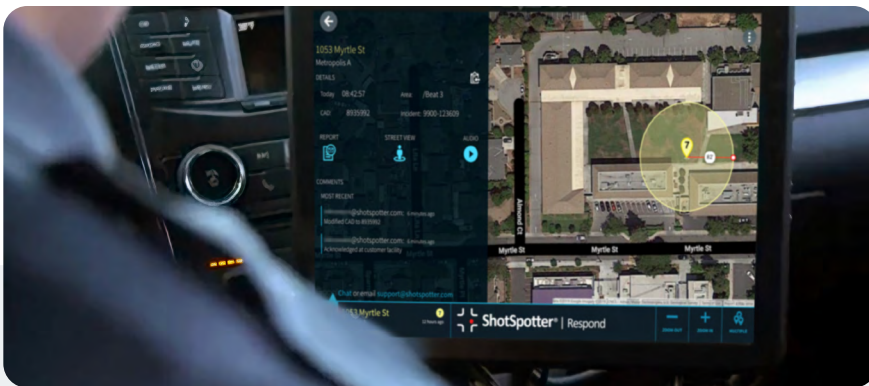
Through precision knowledge of gunfire, patrols do not spend time canvassing a large area securing a scene and looking for evidence. In a world of short-staffed departments, ShotSpotter enables smarter and more productive deployment of resources.

Shotspotter is Accurate, Leading to Better Resource Efficiency

90%
Contractually guaranteed accuracy

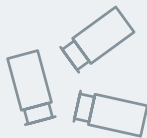
97%
Accuracy average across all customers

99%
Accuracy in Oakland, in 2023



Improved Evidence Collection | Improved Investigation

3X



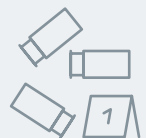
Higher rate of finding shell casings with ShotSpotter*

56



Firearms recovered in 2023 due to ShotSpotter

>980



Shell casings recovered in 2023 due to ShotSpotter

* According to the Urban Institute, police agencies using ShotSpotter have a rate of finding shell casings that is up to three times higher than those who do not, due to the precise location provided by ShotSpotter alerts.

Click the link below or scan the QR code to learn more about ShotSpotter.

[Learn More About ShotSpotter ↗](#)



Hear Directly from the Oakland Community: Engagement Overview | Aug 15th - Aug 28th



TOTAL REACH

24,200



TOTAL NUMBER OF SUPPORT
FORMS SUBMITTED

99



TOTAL IMPRESSIONS

40,652



POST ENGAGEMENTS

859



POST COMMENTS

75

Featured Comments from the Oakland Community

J. H. • 94611

Getting rid of ShotSpotter would be insane. It saves lives, no question. Without ShotSpotter, first responders will stop responding to gunfire (because they won't know), shooters will be emboldened knowing that, and more Oaklanders will die. Keep it if you care about the people of Oakland.

A. B. • 94606-1123

I am a freelance breaking news videographer in Oakland. My police scanner is on 24/7. Shotspotter saves lives. I listen to OPD respond to shotspotter activations & find victims, at least once a week. Unless there is a better technology to replace the system that Oakland can afford, we NEED the shotspotter system.

C. J. • 94610

I can not believe the ending of this program is being considered.

S. B. • 94605

We need to keep ShotSpotter

R. C. • 94577

For the sake of the good people of Oakland keep this program going! People are desperate for their lives and the lives of innocent ones.

A. D. • 94066

Highly Important ..Timing is crucial !!!! ALSO, Overdose cases, most times it is fentanyl poisoning emergencies....Immediate timely responses save lives !

S. M. • 94610

Update the software/tech for better response.

F. G. • 93706

Yes supported.it 100 %

Featured Comments from the Oakland Community



C. H. • 94110

Why do we have to sign a something for the cops to do their jobs b??



C. S. • 95965

Evil doers should ever out gun our officers. Police & civilians Should always be protected!



P. G. • 94605

I can't imagine phasing ShotsSpotter in one of the most crime-ridden communities in California!!!



T. G. • 94114

Common sense.



V. P. • 94612-4652

I live by Lake Merritt- Please continue the use of ShotSpotter!



D. B. • 94619

This is a no brainer to keep!



G. A. • 94601

Are you out of your mind? Seriously, are you?



E. J. • 94611

I can't imagine why it wouldn't be renewed. It can't be that expensive..



T. N. • 94501

I have always had high confidence in Shotspotter.



B. B. • 95138

OPD NEEDS THIS CRITICAL TOOL TO KEEP OAKLAND SAFE. OAKLAND WILL NOT BE SAFE WITHOUT SHOTSPOTTER



T. B. • 94607

As someone who lives in an area with frequent gun fire, shot spotter is excellent at locating where the gun fire actually happened.

Featured Comments from the Oakland Community



D. J. • 94501

Please reduce gun violence in Oakland and keep it from spreading to alameda.



C. T. • 94606

Leave it alone



N. S. • 94605

Stop messing around with the tools that OPD needs in an understaffed department!
While the lies are perpetrated that crime is going down!



T. T. • 94611

With OPD understaffed, it needs technology like this to respond quickly to emergencies.
We rarely go into Oakland from the hills because of crime of all kinds. We had a car totalled last year from a break-in near the Fox theater.



D. D. • 94618

Keep ShotSpotter!



B. H. • 94603

We need this for our own safety



M. L. • 94619

Anything to help police and first responder response in oakland is good.



S. M. • 94611

It doesn't make sense to decrease the amount of information the Oakland Police receive about crime and gun use in the city. This resource is worth the expense.



C. R. • 94621

i think this is a valuable tool....



M. J. • 94621

This sounds like a good topic for the town hall meetings with the mayor.



N. A. • 94621

We are living in war zone.This is not America, this the most dangerous place on the planet

Featured Comments from the Oakland Community



C. C. • 94619

This is very important for first responders to save peoples lives. Please keep this



C. R. • 94621

As a resident of Oakland, I know how important shot spotters are. Removing them would be a big mistake.



A. P. • 94804

I live in Richmond, but I believe this is safe and helpful technology to continue to improve the protection and safety of our communities.



J. S. • 94611

There are still lots of shootings in Oakland, I don't think phasing out something that can help in response time is the right move.



E. J. • 94605

I have lived in Oakland for 52 years and gun violence is the worst now. I live alone on a corner in East Oakland. People come into my yard and shoot of their guns. I can do nothing to stop them. I lock my gates but they hop over them. I love Oakland so much - I knew I wanted to live here since 1957! Please help us get the guns out of here! I don't have enough money to live on but maybe I can help another way. Let's get this done.



S. H. • 94606

First responders need to be alerted of gun violence. With gun violence increasing in Oakland, it is imperative that victims receive aid as soon as possible.



J. L. • 94601

You're dumb if you don't keep it



P. M. • 94501

Why has Oakland been so determined to hobble their law enforcement officers? High speed chases, intervention in sideshows, prioritizing retail theft, burglaries, car break ins and OCCASIONALLY incarcerating criminals! Leniency has been tried. It didn't work. Shot spotting AND surveillance cameras will remove offenders from the streets.



K. R. • 94103

It's fascinating to see the ongoing conversation around ShotSpotter technology in Oakland. While the intent to enhance public safety is clear, we must also weigh the implications on community trust, civil liberties, and the actual efficacy of such technologies. The data on ShotSpotter's accuracy and its impact on crime reduction remain contentious. It's crucial that any tool aimed at improving public safety is backed by transparent evidence and community engagement, ensuring that we don't just react to crime, but address its root causes holistically. Let's keep pushing for solutions that not only make us feel safe but actually create safer, more resilient communities.

Featured Comments from the Oakland Community



G. G. • 94608

The city of Oakland needs to keep this, especially when it takes the non-emergency dispatchers 20-30 minutes to pick up calls, and when some cops in Oakland make \$200K - \$300K in overtime every year for doing god knows what because they sure aren't earning that by preventing crime. <https://transparentcalifornia.com/salaries/oakland/>



M. P. • 94602

long time Oakland resident. I do call stuff in but cannot always do so



C. R. • 94577

Seems like a no brainer!



C. T. • 94611

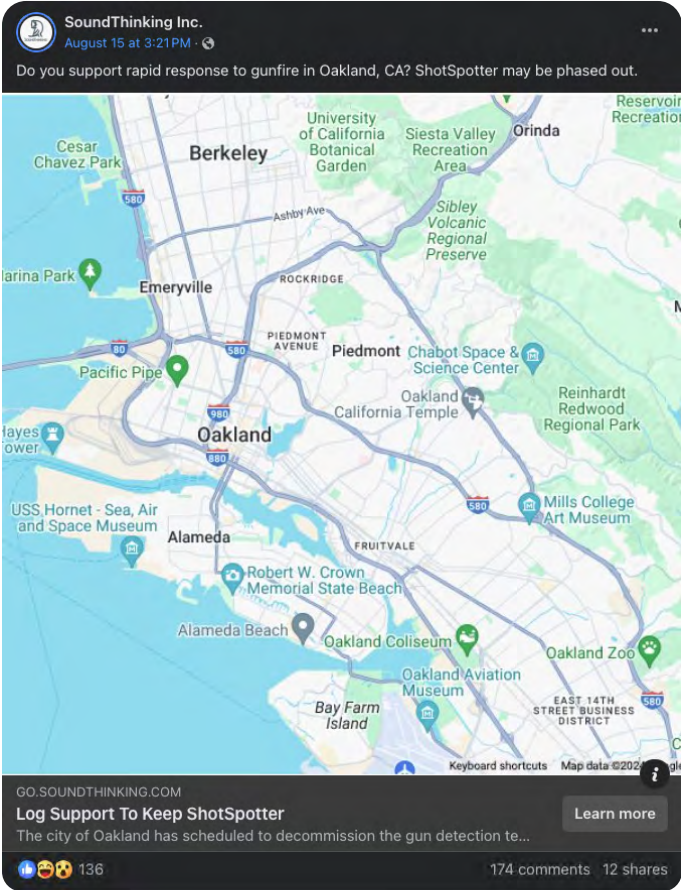
Oakland needs this technology to continue. Officers showed up when gunfire broke out across from my friend's house, before anyone even called to report it. With a shortage of patrol cops, we need every advantage we can get to support law enforcement.



J. M. • 94501

This is imperative to keep this technology alive for the future generations as the Oakland Police Department ability to respond grows.

Oakland Residents Expressing Their Support for ShotSpotter Via Facebook



Angela Barron

[Hunter Bowlan](#) I am a freelance breaking news videographer in Oakland. I support the shot spotter system, FULLY.

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Angela Barron

Shot spotter saves lives. I hear it weekly on the OPD scanner. Officers respond to shot spotter and find gunshot victims on the regular, when no one called 911. Not only that, if the shooter was moving, shot spotter can tell what direction & approximat... [See more](#)

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Jonathan Blum

[Jason Moses](#) I have found it does work in West Oakland. When I call 911 to report shots fired, which happens way too often, the operator usually responds that they already have it located on ShotSpotter and are responding. How quickly that happens is ... [See more](#)

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David Salaun

Keep it!

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Carla Rosales

[Greg Chaniot](#) I listen to the OPD on a scanner and they always respond to shots fired, it's a priority.

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Carla Rosales

[LJ Roberts](#) with shot spotters it lessens calls to 911. 911 is so busy here they sometimes take 10-15 minutes to answer.

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Malcolm Willey

For what reason is it being phased out?

19h

Oakland Residents Expressing Their Support for ShotSpotter Via Facebook



Leo M Tinsley

The City Should Keep Them.
Need More Of Them.

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Toni Tarango

[Kevin Reed](#) Well, I'm guessing that where you live it isn't an issue. I often hear those gunshots very near my place at 3 and 4 am, so I'd like OPD to keep ShotSpotter.

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Nancy Record

Yes, I hear what could be gun fire right now near Laney Six shots or maybe firecrackers I hope.

1d



Jason Traxler

Can't the shotspotter be used to support crime investigations; for example, the precise time of a crime involving the discharge of a firearm (s)? Or isn't the timing of a crime significant. I am not experienced in law enforcement, but it seems to me tha... [See more](#)

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Gerone Spruill

Oakland, California Should Be Free From Violence.

1w 



Frank Snapp

If shot spotter is to be phased out, it is to hide the coming shots of occupying National Guard after martial law or something like that is declared in Oakland.

Oakland is constantly derided in the mouthpiece for the state, our mainstream media, nationwide. Outrageous

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Aimee Erii

There is no rapid response in Oakland. They just come clean up.

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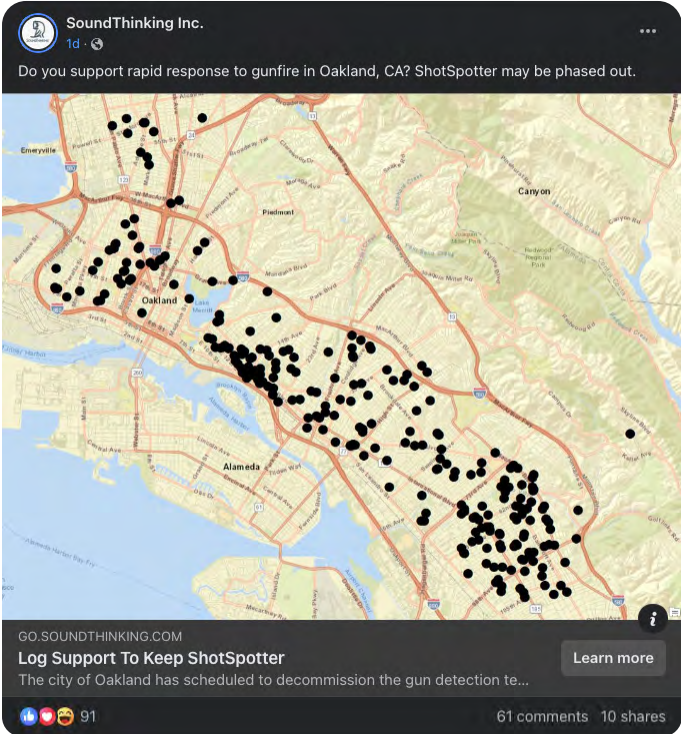
April Dawn

[Aimee Erii](#) it's so much worse now that so many people that have moved in over the past decade don't seem to know what an emergency is.

I personally like shot spotter because I can check citizen when it's close and see how close it is. Also it helps we ... **See more**

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Oakland Residents Expressing Their Support for ShotSpotter Via Facebook



Bill Cain
You think crime is bad now in Oakland, wait til shot spotter is removed

6h 2



Toni Tarango
This map doesn't surprise me one bit! I live in East Oakland and fairly frequently I hear gunshots (at 3 am or 4 am) that sound like they are only a block away, if that!

8h



Vincent Chang
it helped in east oakland. call 911 and tell them distance and direction from where you are. they can locate the shooter if three people call in and triangulate. costs zero.

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