

**STOCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**GENERAL ORDER**

**SHOT SPOTTER**  
**SUBJECT**

**DATE: February 15, 2017**

**NO: J-3**

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**TO: ALL PERSONNEL**

**INDEX: ShotSpotter Technology**

**INTRODUCTION**

The ShotSpotter System uses audio sensors placed in selected areas to identify the location of gunshots. ShotSpotter incidents may be replayed to hear the actual audio component of the incident, aid in the collection of evidence at crime scenes, and aid in the investigation and prosecution of crimes.

**I. POLICY**

- A. The ShotSpotter Gunfire Location, Alert and Analysis Service is intended to enhance the Department's ability to respond effectively to and investigate violent crime involving gunfire. ShotSpotter incidents shall be dispatched in accordance with long-standing department policy of the dispatch of crimes in progress involving the use of firearms.

**II. PURPOSE**

- A. The purpose of the system is to reduce violent crime and incidents of indiscriminate gunfire in the city of Stockton and to be incorporated into the Department's overall violent crime reduction efforts.
- B. The purpose of this General Order is to create consistent policies and procedures for the receipt, dispatch, and investigation of gunfire incidents that are received by agency personnel using the ShotSpotter Gunfire Location, Alert and Analysis Service.

**III. PROCEDURE**

- A. Initial assessment and dispatching protocol

Telecommunications personnel shall process and disseminate incoming ShotSpotter information as follows:

1. Timely acknowledgment and review of incoming information
2. Timely dispatching of appropriate number of field personnel
3. Provide the specific detailed location of the incident, i.e., "the backyard of the house located at: "\_\_\_\_" or "directly in front of address".
4. Provide information on severity of the incident, i.e., single shooter firing a single round, single shooter firing multiple rounds, likely multiple shooters (i.e., a gunfight), suspect moving and at what speed and direction.
5. Provide information on additional calls of the incident by citizens
6. Upon confirmation of an actual shooting, provide timely emergency medical response units.
7. Create CAD or dispatch incident and log information into permanent dispatch data system.

- B. Field unit response

1. To the greatest extent possible, responding officers must be made aware of the precise location of the event.
2. Responding officers must be made aware of the time the incident was reported.
3. Responding officers take a safe and strategic approach to the incident, bearing in mind that the perpetrator may still be armed and on-scene.
4. Responding officers should acknowledge the severity of the incident, i.e., single or multiple shooters, multiple gunshots, direction and speed of fleeing shooters.
5. When appropriate, stage backup units at possible and likely escape routes.
6. When available, incorporate aerial units for support and suspect tracking.
7. When available, review corresponding video from a video surveillance system that could have visibility to the crime scene.
8. If equipped with a field-based system, field units shall review the incident audio at the scene to establish a crime scene and isolate potential evidence and/or witnesses.
9. Responding officers shall canvass the precise location identified via the ShotSpotter system for victims, evidence and/or potential witnesses.
10. If evidence of a shooting is located, the applicable Crime Report will be authored.
11. ShotSpotter reports with follow-up investigation needed will be routed to the Crimes versus Persons Section of the Investigations Division.

C. Evidence Collection at Scene

1. The booking of evidence located in a ShotSpotter incident will be collected in a manner consistent with sound procedures as established by the Evidence/ Identification Section or in General Order G-02, Booking of Evidence/ Property.
2. Evidence can be collected by the officer on scene, or if available, an Evidence Technician.

D. Crime Analysis

1. The Crime Analysis Section will provide monthly and yearly program updates to include the following:
  - a. The number of activations against the number of calls reported by the community.
  - b. Analytics on the number of rounds fired, locations, and dates.
  - c. A summary of significant calls/ investigations initiated or supplemented by ShotSpotter.

E. Program Management

1. A Lieutenant will be assigned as the Program Manager of the ShotSpotter program.
2. The Program Manger will have the responsibility of reviewing the monthly and yearly analysis created by the Crime Analysis Section.
3. The Program Manager will ensure yearly training on the application is conducted for users in the field, power users, and Telecommunications personnel.
4. The Program Manager will be the department point of contact for the vendor.