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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 11, 2023 11:50 AM  
**To:** Robert.Donnely@10tv.com; mediarelations@columbuspolice.org  
**Cc:** WBNSDesk@10tv.com  
**Subject:** RE: Shot Spotter training today

Hi Bob,

We do not have any personnel available for interviews today. However, I have included some data and FAQs regarding ShotSpotter. Hope this helps in your coverage!

The City of Columbus pays \$882,000 per year for ShotSpotter.

The most recent ShotSpotter expansion was in the Wedgewood neighborhood back in May of this year. To include the Wedgewood neighborhood, the existing Hilltop coverage area was expanded by .64 square miles. In total, 12.64 square miles of Columbus is now equipped with this technology in the Hilltop, Linden, South Side and Near East Side neighborhoods.

As gunfire is detected by acoustic sensors, a notification is sent directly to neighborhood patrol officers which pinpoints the specific location in which the gunfire originated.

According to the Brookings Institution, more than 80% of gunfire incidents go unreported to 911. ShotSpotter helps fill that data gap by alerting police of virtually all gunfire in a city's ShotSpotter coverage area within 60 seconds – enabling a fast, precise police response, ultimately helping police officers save lives and collect critical evidence for investigations.

ShotSpotter allows officers to respond to gunfire before 911 is called, and even without any 911 calls. This has enabled officers to locate victims and render aid more quickly, and ultimately helps police make more arrests to get violent offenders off the streets.

In 2022, the Columbus Division of Police recovered shell casings in 1,054 separate ShotSpotter alerts. Officers made 45 arrests for weapons offenses, 29 arrests for other offenses, and seized 45 firearms based on those alerts.

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Shot Spotter training today

Good morning:

Would WBNS be able to get some video and an interview at the Shot Spotter training today at the old Cooper stadium?

Please reply all to this email.

Thank you,

Bob Donnelly  
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