ShotSpotter technology to be tested Dec. 3

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The Dayton Police Department, along with personnel from ShotSpotter, will conduct live-fire testing in order to ensure the ShotSpotter system is working correctly before it goes live later this month.

Some residents in the North Main Street and Salem Avenue areas will hear gunfire in the evening hours of Tuesday, Dec. 3.

ShotSpotter technology was approved for use in the city of Dayton in July of this year. The service uses acoustic sensors to detect gunshots, to help police pinpoint the location of gunfire in less than 60 seconds.

Citizen, officer and property safety are our first priority, and every precaution is being taken to have a successful live-fire test. There is no danger to the public, as no bullets will be shot into any open area.

Tests will take place in three locations, all in cordoned-off areas away from public access. Dayton Police personnel will also go door to door to alert affected neighbors of the test firing.

During the test period and when the ShotSpotter system is in regular use, residents are encouraged to call 911 in the event they hear gunfire.

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