ShotSpotter technology to go live Dec. 11

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The Dayton Police Department’s new ShotSpotter technology will go live on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019.

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

“Our hope is that this technology will help reduce gun violence and gun crime by allowing our officers to respond not only faster, but also more accurately, to the location where a weapon was used,” said Lt. Col. Eric Henderson.

Live-fire testing of the ShotSpotter system was conducted last week, and the technology was found to be working properly and deemed ready to go. The system covers a 3-square-mile area in the North Main Street corridor.

Residents in this area are urged to continue to call 911 anytime they hear what they believe to be gunshots. The more information officers have, chances improve for locating a potential victim, evidence, or suspect.

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