

METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Washington, D.C.



Patrol Services and School Security Bureau
Seventh District

DISTRICT MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL PERSONNEL

**FROM: J. R. Maupin
Commander**

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**SUBJECT: SHOTSPOTTER GUNSHOT DETECTION SYSTEM/SOUNDS OF
GUNSHOTS RESPONSE PLAN**

Definition:

The "SHOTSPOTTER" SYSTEM" is a gunshot detection system that uses acoustical sensors to identify the location of where a gunshot was fired. Shotspotter sensors have been installed in various locations throughout the Seventh District.

It is important to remember, the Shotspotter System will not provide a lookout for the person that fired the shot(s). Therefore, members dispatched to a shotspotter call must utilize extreme caution upon arriving in the area of the dispatched call.

SOUNDS OF GUNSHOTS: Are assignments dispatched by the OUC that may or may not provide a lookout for a suspect.

Response Policy:

While all units are subject to these calls for service, the following response priority shall be established:

- Available PSA Units shall be dispatched to the call for service. Crime patrol units (shall respond if the call for service is within their designated crime patrol area) or if no other units are available for service.

Canvassing Policy:

It is imperative that a thorough search is conducted for each shot spotter and Sounds of Gunshot assignment. The quicker a shooting victim is located and provided medical treatment, the better the chances of survival.

To ensure the proper handling of the scene, the watch commander or a designated official shall respond to all sounds of gunshots and shotspotter

calls.



Watch Commander's Responsibility:

Watch Commander's shall be responsible for insuring that a official responds to each sound of gunshot and shotspotter assignment and that a thorough canvass is conducd in accordance with the District's policy.