SOUNDTHINKING™

PUBLIC SAFETY SUCCESS STORY

Utica Solves 75% More Shooting-Related Investigations in 2024

CITY	POPULATION	COVERAGE AREA	PRODUCT USED	CUSTOMER SINCE
UTICA, NY	**63,607**	**2.0 SQ. MI**	ShotSpotter®	**2024**

SITUATION

In 2024, the City of Utica activated ShotSpotter, marking a significant step in addressing gun violence in the area. "*Adding this level of integrated technology to our public safety capabilities is exactly what we need to increase the level of detail when investigating incidents of potential gun violence,*" Mayor Mike Galime said.

RESULTS

The Utica Police Department's major crime review from 2024 revealed both a significant decrease in gun crime and a significant increase in solved gun crime investigations.
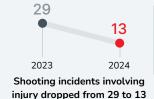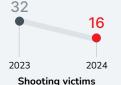
43% Increase in fatal shootings solved

75% More shooting-related investigations solved

"*I really have to give a lot of credit to our overall gun reduction strategy,*" said Lieutenant Michael Curley when asked about the reduction in gun crime. In particular, he credited evidence-based violence reduction initiative SNUG, which focuses on mediating conflicts with the individuals at the highest risk of shooting or being shot, as "*really doing their part.*"

In three different categories, there was a 50% decrease compared to 2023:

29 → 13	32 → 16	27 → 10
2023 → 2024	2023 → 2024	2023 → 2024
Shooting incidents involving injury dropped from 29 to 13	**Shooting victims fell from 32 to 16**	**Non-fatal victims decreased from 27 to 10**

> "
> *[ShotSpotter] is another tool for our law enforcement officers to address gun violence in our community.*"
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> **Police Chief MARK WILLIAMS, Utica Police Department**

Curley also credited the attributed the crime reduction to Utica Police Department's investment in a variety of force-multiplying technology. "*We invested a lot in technology such as license plate readers, cameras, and ShotSpotter. So I think if you put everything together, it is really paying off,*" he said.

Oneida County District Attorney Todd Carville also praised the use of ShotSpotter. "*We strive to reduce gun violence and make our community safer; ShotSpotter will assist in this endeavor,*" he said.

How ShotSpotter Benefits Utica Police Department

✓ SAVES LIVES

ShotSpotter alerts ensure that Utica PD first responders are sent to the location of gunfire, with or without it being called into 9-1-1. This allows them to find victims, render medical aid faster, and save lives.

✓ EVIDENCE COLLECTION

Crime reduction relies on creating case momentum and ShotSpotter's precise alerts enable enhanced evidence collection to boost investigations and prosecution.

✓ STRONGER COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Faster response times and proactive policing measures helps build trust and deter gun violence, fostering collaboration and improved communication with the community.

How Can Your City Benefit From Using ShotSpotter?

Request a consultation with one of our experts to find out how we can help you improve public safety in your city.

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