

METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT – CITY OF ST. LOUIS
OFFICE OF THE POLICE COMMISSIONER
SPECIAL ORDER

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Subject: SHOTSPOTTER BALLISTIC EVIDENCE COLLECTION

To: ALL BUREAUS, DISTRICTS AND DIVISIONS

PURPOSE: To establish guidelines relative to collection of ballistic evidence associated with ShotSpotter Calls for Service.

A. EVIDENCE COLLECTION RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Each morning, District Problem Property Officers will review the updated ShotSpotter Calls report(s) [REDACTED] and respond to ShotSpotter scenes within their respective District to conduct a thorough search for shell casing evidence. At times, this search may follow one conducted earlier by the responding officer.
2. District Problem Property Officers, or any officer responding to a ShotSpotter call, will follow the steps below for documentation and collection of evidence.
3. Response to ShotSpotter calls is a [REDACTED] assignment.

B. EVIDENCE COLLECTION FOR SHOTSPOTTER INCIDENTS

- a. Officers will call out on a “ShotSpotter Investigation” (SSINV) self-initiated call code.
- b. Ask the dispatcher to cross-reference the SSINV call with the original “ShotSpotter” (SS) call.
- c. Seize and package the shell casings.
- d. Draw a complaint number for the event.

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