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**ShotSpotter Technologies to Conduct Detection  
Quality Test of System**

*Oakland, CA* — On Monday, April 22, 2013, at 7:30 PM, the Oakland Police Department will be facilitating ShotSpotter Technologies as they conduct a detection quality validation of their system.

In the interest of public safety, Oakland Police will be onsite at all test locations. The controlled tests will consist of a sequence of gunshot sounds followed by validation of quality detection by ShotSpotter Technologies. During the tests, a bullet trap will be used to ensure public safety. No bullets will be fired into the air.

**Background:** ShotSpotter uses a network of sensors to detect when a gun is fired and pinpoint the location. In less than a minute, officers are able respond to a potential shooting scene, even if no one calls 911 – although the community is always encouraged to report sounds of gunfire. By quickly notifying police, ShotSpotter helps speed police response, has the potential to save lives, increases weapons-related arrests, and enhances the safety of our neighborhoods.

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