

CADILLAC/WINCHESTER GUNSHOT DETECTION SYSTEM



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

1. What is a Gunshot Detection System?

- a. The Cadillac/Winchester Gunshot Detection System is a portable acoustic signal identifier and alerting device. It continuously monitors ambient environmental audio and can detect and localize the source of a gunshot event. The gunshot detectors are used in conjunction with cameras and license plate readers to capture all relevant evidence. When a gunshot event is detected an alert is sent to the San Jose Police Department dispatch center within seconds so the police can immediately respond.

2. Is the Gunshot Detection System active at all times?

- a. Yes. The system continuously monitors the environment and collects and analyzes gunfire sounds. The cameras also run continuously.

3. Will the cameras be monitored at all times?

- a. No. The video evidence will only be accessed as necessary for the investigation of a crime.

4. Will evidence captured by the system be used to investigate other crimes?

- a. Yes. For example, if a violent attack that doesn't involve a firearm happens in the project area, police would have the ability to view the relevant video evidence to assist them in their investigation.

5. How long will the video evidence be retained?

- a. Pursuant to the City of San Jose retention policy, all electronic evidence will be retained for one year.

6. Are the cameras only directed toward public places?

- a. Yes. The system was designed so the cameras were only aimed at places where citizens have no legal expectation of privacy (ie. Street intersections and sidewalks).

7. How long will the pilot program last?

- a. The Gunshot Detection System is a six-month pilot, but the system can be moved to another location to test its effectiveness in different environments.

8. Is the system visible to the public?

- a. Yes. The system is mounted on power poles in plain view.

9. Who has access to the video evidence?

- a. Only authorized members of the San Jose Police Department will access the video evidence as appropriate for criminal investigations.