

Technology Assisted Crime Prevention Pilot Project

Seattle Police Department

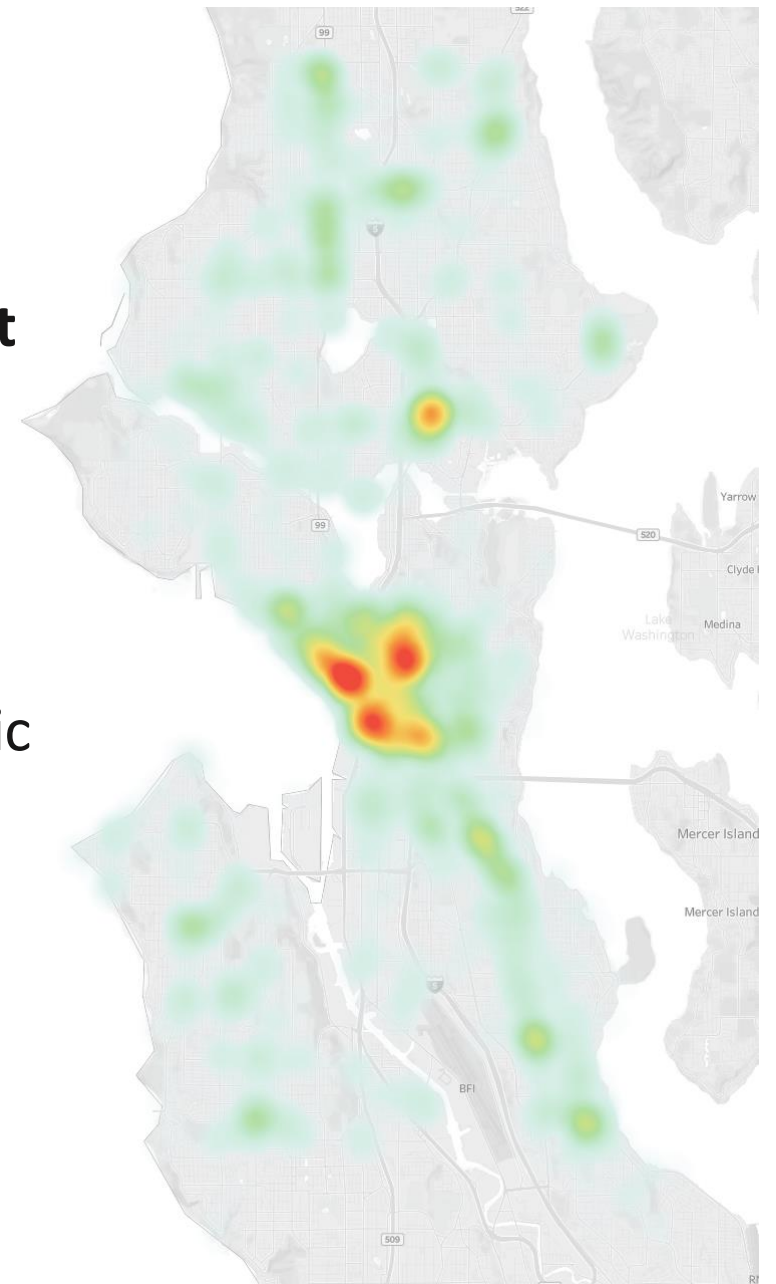
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Pilot Project Objective

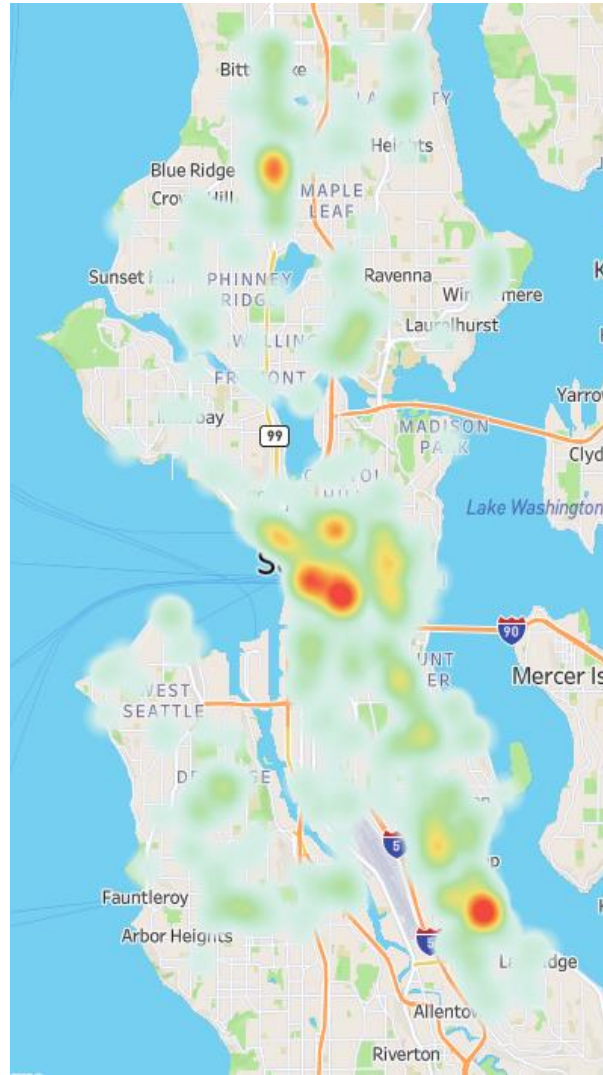
To address **gun violence, human trafficking, and other persistent felony crimes** at specific geographic places.

These technologies will help reduce crime, improve evidence collection, strengthen cases for prosecution, and lead to safer neighborhoods at a time when police staffing levels are at historic lows.

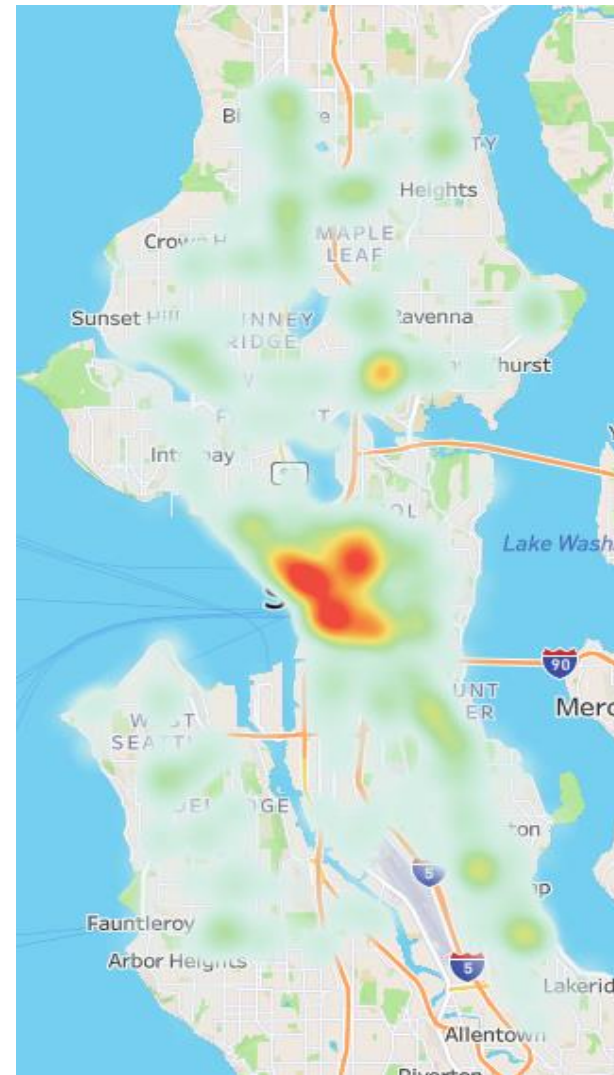


Crime Concentration

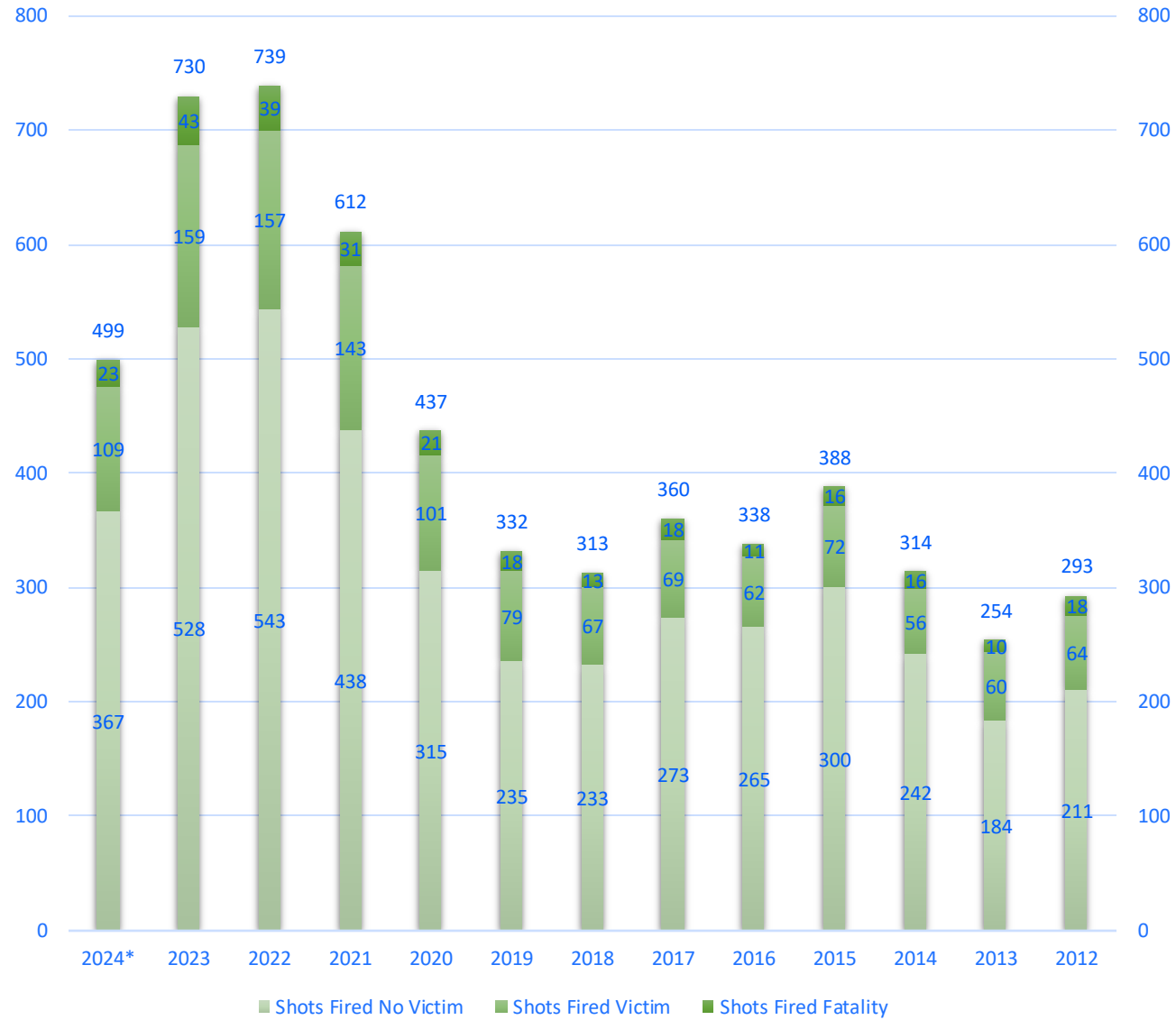
Gun Violence
(January 1, 2023
to September 8,
2024)



Violent Crime
(January 1, 2023
to September 8,
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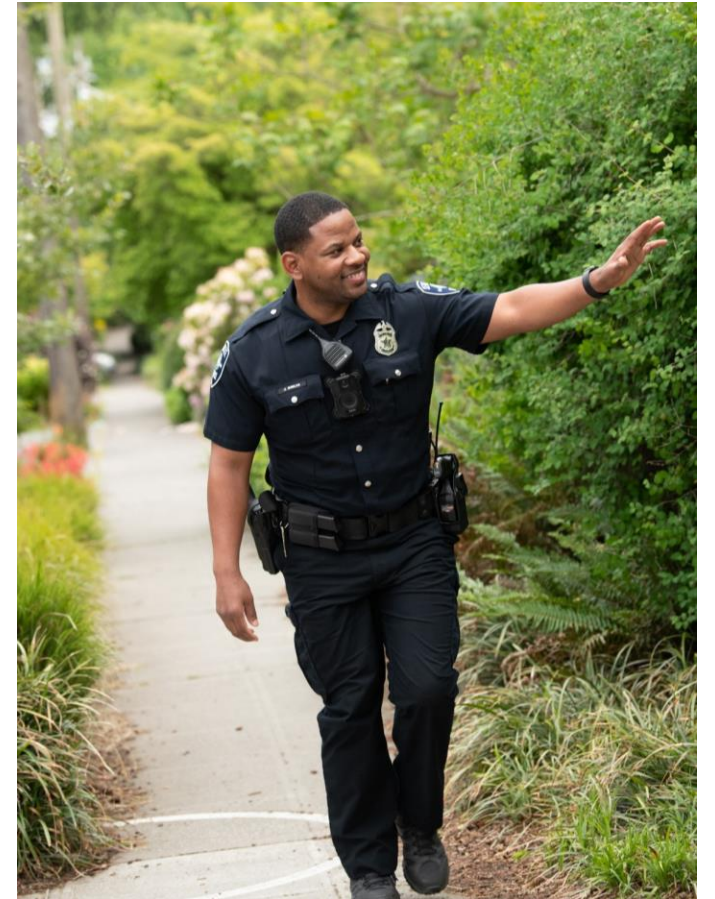
SPD Reported Shootings by Year & Outcome (2024 Data Thru August 29 Only)



Holistic Safety Approach

Research shows these technologies work best when integrated with other efforts, such as—

- **Increased police patrols**
- **Environmental enhancements**—better lighting, overgrown vegetation removal, frequent street and sidewalk cleaning, thriving businesses, street activations
- **Continued investments in community-based public safety initiatives**—violence interrupters, retaliation reduction efforts, diversion from the criminal legal system, and more



Technology Pilot Project Guiding Principles

- CCTV will **only monitor public places** like sidewalks, streets, and parks. Notification signs will be posted.
- Video **recordings are retained for up to 30 days, then erased** unless transferred to SPD's digital management system as evidence.
- **Face-recognition technologies will not be used.**
- SPD will **not cooperate in criminal or civil enforcement** of laws related to immigration or reproductive or gender-affirming health care services.
- **Research-based and data-driven.** OIG has retained academic subject matter experts to develop and manage an implementation and outcome evaluation.
- SPD will establish a **public-facing dashboard** reporting on the use of the technologies—data on what's being recorded, police actions (arrests, Terry stops, vehicles recovered, etc.), and the expert's evaluation.
- **Audit logs of access and use** maintained and audited by OIG.

Crime Prevention Technologies

A combination of current and new technologies into one integrated view.

- Closed-Circuit Television Camera System (CCTV)
- Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC)

Three pilot locations where crime is currently concentrated:

1. Aurora Avenue North in North Seattle
2. Chinatown-International District, including Little Saigon
3. Third Avenue corridor downtown

(Cities using these technologies include Atlanta, Denver, Detroit, New York, Minneapolis/St. Paul, San Francisco, and Washington D.C.)



Precision Policing to Create Safe Neighborhoods

01

Respond
Quickly

02

Investigate
Thoroughly

03

Identify
Offenders
Correctly

04

Arrest
Safely

05

Prosecute
Successfully

Measuring Performance Outcomes

- OIG has retained **academic subject matter experts** to study the technologies' effectiveness. Evaluations will be published at the end of year one and year two.
- **Specific outcomes** to be measured—
 - Reported crime rates and trends in the geographic zones
 - Police actions (arrests, Terry stops, citations, recovered vehicles and guns, etc.)
 - Crime clearance rates
 - Community perceptions
- **Public reporting** via a public-facing dashboard that will update frequently and report on the uses of the technologies.

Questions

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