

Law Enforcement Innovations to Watch for in 2016



Innovation is continuing to find new space in law enforcement. Whether by necessity or desire, first responders are experiencing new challenges related to identifying new variations of potential danger in the field all the way to department specific issues. With law enforcement and gun violence seeing more air and news time, more companies are looking at these professions for creating products and services to help first responders be their most effective (and safe) in high risk situations.

- The Battelle SiteGuard® Active Shooter Response (ASR) provides a high-tech, integrated approach to help protect both potential victims and first responders during an active shooting. Battelle, a non-profit independent research and development organization, has allegedly been successful in its initial testing of the SiteGuard® ASR system. ASR combines gunshot sensors with building security and communication systems to provide critical information to law enforcement and building occupants.
- ShotSpotter gunfire data enables intelligent analysis to help officers move from a reactive to a proactive stance. The company calls it "a force multiplier" because it can instantly inform officers of gunshot crimes in progress with real-time data delivered to dispatch centers, patrol cars and even smart phones.
- The Guardian system from Shooter Detection Systems LLC uses wall-mounted sensors that include a microphone for detecting the noise of a shot and an infrared detector to spot the muzzle flash. Guardian can then use both types of data to locate shooters quickly.
- Training. The potential issues in the field are almost infinite, and therefore require tools and training reflective of what is going on in real time. The best way to keep in front of the variety of scenarios possible both in and out of the field is to make sure you and your team are always learning.

Some of these products are still in testing; however, training and education is available on a variety of levels, both live and online. There are many training and education methodologies.

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New Law Enforcement Blog:
**3 Keys for Officers to Better
Understand Domestic Abuse Dynamics**

Having worked with law enforcement and in the field of domestic violence for several years, I know first hand how challenging it can be for officers to respond to domestic violence calls, especially repeat calls. They are some of the most personal of calls, and it can be difficult to maintain objectivity in that space.

Having the ability to understand the dynamics of an abusive relationship and therefore, whether probable cause is involved, is critical to helping officers proceed in what can be an emotional and physical minefield.

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