



# **Reduce Celebratory Gunfire & “Call the Shots” Public Service Campaign**

**San Antonio Police Department**

Item # 5

# Council Consideration Request

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Submitted September 24, 2024, by Council District 5 and 7

## Background

- Residents of Districts 5, 7, and other areas in San Antonio often hear stray gunfire in their neighborhoods.
- These incidents frequently lead to stray bullets landing in residents' yards, personal vehicles, and homes, even breaking through windows.
- While these incidents can happen throughout the year, they are especially common during holidays involving fireworks, such as New Year's Eve and Fourth of July.
- Celebratory gunfire is illegal throughout the state of Texas, but due to the prevalence in which it occurs, some residents have given up on reporting the issue to the proper enforcement authorities.

## Request

- Develop a public information campaign titled “Call the Shots” to remind residents throughout our City that celebratory gunfire is illegal, and the law will be enforced in San Antonio.
- This campaign should also include messages which encourage residents to call in gunshots to the Non-Emergency line.

## **Staff Recommendation**



### **Celebratory Gun Fire Calls:**

- Daily average in 2023 was 102
  - Number of shots fired calls for January 1st: 361 and July 4th: 304

### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends this CCR be forwarded to the Public Safety Committee