

# RIVER OAKS POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Community Update

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Greeting fellow citizens,

Chief Spieldenner here, I wanted to touch bases with you all regarding an increase in shots fired calls in our city. In the last six months (September 1st, 2021, to present) the River Oaks Police Department has responded to 40 calls of a citizen reporting that they have heard shots being fired.

One of those reports involved a homeowner shooting a dog that was attacking his dog. On two of those calls it was determined that the "shots" were part of a rap song that was being played very loudly. One of the calls involved person(s) driving south bound in a vehicle on Robert's Cut Off, shooting street signs. One of the calls involved a shooting that took place on the edge of our city in Fort Worth's jurisdiction. Two of the calls were from people that lived in Fort Worth that were referred back to Fort Worth PD.

Of the remaining 33 calls, there were none where the caller was able to give an address or exact location of where the shots were being fired. This fact makes it very difficult for officers to locate the suspects. According to the National Rifle Association Firearms Fact Book, a 9mm pistol round fired from an averaged sized handgun, upwards at a 45-degree angle can travel approximately 2300 meters. That is 1.4 miles. We need your help to stop this senseless crime. If you know of someone that is randomly shooting firearms in your neighborhood or if you have any information at all, let us know! You can do it anonymously on our police web page <http://www.riveroakspd.com/crimetip> or you can reach out to me at [cspieldenner@riveroakspd.com](mailto:cspieldenner@riveroakspd.com) or you can call crime stoppers at **817-469-TIPS(8477)**.

What is your police Department doing about this?

The officers of the River Oaks Police Department have stepped up firearm interdiction activity and are currently prioritizing the hunt for illegally possessed firearms. In the same six-month time, we have located and seized 23 firearms from persons that were engaged in some type of criminal activity while in possession of a firearm, with most of those cases being narcotics violations. In addition, we have met with and are in negotiations with a company that offers license plate cameras and gunshot location technology. We hope to be able to move this program forward once we explore all the possible methods of funding. We are trying. Keep calling us. We are all in this together.

Chief Spieldenner