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Gunshot detection technology is a law enforcement tool that is increasingly being utilized in many cities throughout the United States. This technology is often used in high crime areas and provides for rapid notification to law enforcement agencies as to when and where gunshots are occurring. The technology consists of an array of microphones or sensors located on utility poles and/or structures along with a processing unit which has the ability to triangulate the gunfire to a specific location. Having this data available immediately following gunfire allows for law enforcement to respond in a much more efficient and effective manner which in turn increases arrest rates, improves officer safety, can help in securing evidence and/or witnesses, and works to deter gun crimes in the long run.

A system such as this could be extremely beneficial for the Los Angeles Police Department as well as the Los Angeles Fire Department in their response to gun crimes. It's important to understand what technologies exist in this space and to determine if a gunshot detection system would be an appropriate tool to add to the City of Los Angeles' law enforcement efforts.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Department with the assistance of the Information Technology Agency (ITA) be directed to report back to the Public Safety Committee detailing what gunshot technology systems exist, and whether or not they would be an effective law enforcement tool in the City of Los Angeles.

I FURTHER MOVE that the LAPD with the assistance of the ITA also report on best practices involving gunshot detection systems being utilized by other municipalities and/or law enforcement agencies.

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