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Texas Schools Choose Shooter Detection Systems

K-12 schools in Texas are installing gunshot detection devices to secure schools against active shooter threat

Rowley, Massachusetts – August 16, 2018 – Shooter Detection Systems (SDS), the leading K-12 school gunshot detection solutions provider, today announced that Texas schools are choosing the Guardian Indoor Active Shooter Detection System as a part of comprehensive security upgrades to secure schools against the active shooter threat. The SDS system continues to be selected due to its proven performance history at other schools, its zero-false alert history and its proven, certified technology integrations with many schools' current security technologies.



The company has had a presence in the state of Texas since 2016 with installations in schools and corporate spaces, yet this year marks the company's largest expansion in that region. "We are experiencing a clear trend upwards in the K-12 school market, especially in Texas," said Christopher Swanger, Senior Vice President of Sales for SDS. "Texas schools are prioritizing funds for school safety and they see the value of our zero false alert system to empower students, staff and law enforcement to respond. Would you send your children to school without fire alarms? Schools are now looking at active shooter detection in the same way."

In response to the groundswell of support for the implementation school safety measures after the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Florida, authorities are recognizing that an active shooter detection system is a critical technology for school safety. Alongside video surveillance, mass notification and access control systems, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has placed gunshot detection on the list of "products and technologies for consideration" in their recently published *K-12 School Security Guide for Preventing and Protecting Against Gun Violence* and in Texas, Governor Greg Abbott advocates for gunshot detection in his May 2018 *School and Firearm Safety Action Plan*, citing "active shooter alarm systems" among his recommendations to reduce security threats and improve Texas schools.

"We are very pleased to see Government authorities advocating for gunshot detection systems for schools," said Christian Connors, CEO for the company. "As a parent, it's been painful to see schools that want gunshot detection unable to move forward to secure their schools due to tight or non-existent security budgets. It's refreshing to finally see schools shifting budgetary priorities to focus on school safety, and Texas is leading the charge."

Shooter Detection Systems is currently working with a multitude of Texas Independent School Districts in an effort to make school buildings gunshot aware. SDS is urging concerned parents, school administrators and School Resource Officers to reach out so they can conduct a gunshot detection evaluation for their ISD's and individual school buildings. Texas communities looking for more information about gunshot detection can call 1-844-SHOT911 or email sales@shooterdetectionsystems.com.



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As the world leader in gunshot detection technology, [Shooter Detection Systems](http://www.shooterdetectionsystems.com) is focused on saving lives through the use of proven, military-grade technology designed by the world's foremost scientists. Developed in conjunction with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) and a major defense contractor, SDS gunshot detection systems utilize the most advanced and proven shooter detection technologies available in the commercial market. The Guardian Indoor Active Shooter Detection System is [SAFETY Act Certified](#) by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Approved for U.K. Government Use by the Centre for the Protection of Critical Infrastructure ([CPNI](#)). SDS has national and international customers with gunshot detection product installations in airports, retail, schools, healthcare facilities, Fortune 500 corporations, municipal buildings, court systems, major utilities, manufacturing plants, high-rise office buildings, and government and private buildings. For more information, visit their website at www.shooterdetectionsystems.com or call 1-844-SHOT911. Follow Shooter Detection Systems on Twitter [@shooterdetect](https://twitter.com/shooterdetect).