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DeKalb Police Department Receives Ballistic Detection Grant to Tackle Gun Crimes

In response to the pressing issue of gun crimes plaguing communities nationwide, the DeKalb Police Department has partnered with Evidence IQ, a company whose mission is to analyze firearm evidence, accurately link spent casings to specific firearms, and therefore help solve gun crimes. The product, Ballistics IQ, is the first of its kind portable ballistics imaging device designed to generate rapid crime gun intelligence, enabling law enforcement to make positive identifications of weapons and offenders to close cases faster.

As a result of this innovative partnership, the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board has awarded a \$24,999 grant to the DeKalb Police Department for the purchase of this crucial ballistics detection equipment.

Ballistics IQ is the only automated ballistics imaging triage solution that instantly scans firearm evidence. This advanced device accelerates investigations by providing immediate gun crime intelligence.

"We believe that proactive intervention is crucial in addressing the issue of gun violence," said Chief David Byrd. "Our goal is to empower our investigators with the tools they need to solve gun crime cases faster, ultimately saving lives and making our community safer."

The portable scanning device generates a comprehensive crime scene analysis report that details the number of firearms used and identifies the best cartridge(s) to submit to the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN). The software also provides investigators with actionable intelligence to enhance community safety and apprehend criminals.

The implementation of this groundbreaking solution represents a paradigm shift in the fight against gun violence. By leveraging technology to bolster law enforcement efforts, communities can work towards creating safer environments for all.

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Evidence IQ provided training on the device to the DeKalb Police Department on July 1st.

For further information, contact the DeKalb Police Department at (815) 748-8400.

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