UAS Community Update

July 1st, 2023

The following is a list of UAS deployments for June 2023:

Below is an overview of the small unmanned aerial systems use for the last month

- On June 3rd at 3:15 pm, officers assisted North St Paul with checking the roof of a school after receiving reports of juveniles on it.
- At midnight on June 7th, officers assisted St. Paul Police in the area of White Bear Ave and Maryland, where they received multiple reports of a suspect walking in the area shooting. The drone operator located the suspect and guided officers to their location. As officers approached, the suspect entered a home and took seven people hostage. SWAT was able to rescue the hostages and take the suspect into custody.
- On June 13th at 11:48 pm, officers deployed the drone in the 1700 block of Monastery Way, looking for a suicidal female who had cut herself.
- On June 14th at 4:40 am, officers deployed the drone in the area of White Bear Ave and Montana Ave to look for a suspect wanted for theft and threats of violence after he fled from officers on foot.
- On June 15th at 3 pm, officers deployed the drone in the area of White Bear Ave and Mesabi Ave to search for a suspect wanted for domestic assault/violence. Officers apprehended the suspect.
- On June 19th at 12:59 hours, Walgreens was robbed at knifepoint. The suspect was observed in the 2300 block of White Bear Ave. Officers arrested the suspect and used the drone to search for the knife.
- On June 19th at 6:31 pm, officers assisted North St Paul in attempting to locate two homicide suspects. The homicide occurred in the 2100 block of McKnight Road North. The suspects fled from the scene and were last seen in the area of South Ave. and 5th St. N. Officers flew a search of the area for 75 minutes. The suspects were apprehended.
- On June 20th at 11:45 pm, officers assisted Washington County in the 600 block of Echo Shore Ct. search for a burglary suspect.

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