

UAS Community Update

January 1st, 2024

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

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

- On December 1st, at about 2 am, North St. Paul Police were involved in a pursuit that crashed in the area of Lakewood Dr and Beaver Creek Parkway. North St. Paul requested a drone and perimeter assistance to locate the suspect(s) who fled from the crashed vehicle. An officer deployed the drone and searched the area for 45 minutes. No suspects were located.
- On December 12th at 3 am, three suspects entered the St Paul Water facility off Larpentuer. The suspects attempted to flee but were tracked with the drone and quickly apprehended.
- On December 13th at 2 am, a suspect committed an armed robbery with a handgun. Officers located the suspect vehicle, but the suspect fled. The suspect crashed near Century College and fled on foot. The officer deployed a drone and located the suspect. The drone operator guided K9 and officers to the suspect location, where he was taken into custody without incident.
- On December 14th at 8:15 pm, officers deployed the drone in the area of Harvest Park, looking for a vulnerable male believed to be in the area based on a rapid SOS ping. The male was located at another location a short time later.
- On December 18th at 11 pm, officers deployed the drone in the area of the 2300 block of Larpentuer Ave E looking for a suspect who was wanted for domestic assault and multiple warrants. The suspect had left before law enforcement was contacted, but officers still checked the area.
- On December 21st at 8 pm, officers deployed the drone in the area of White Bear Ave and Cope Ave to locate a robbery suspect who had just committed a strong-armed robbery at a local business.
- On December 21st at 9 pm, officers deployed the drone in the 2300 block of Van Dyke while attempting to make contact with a suspect wanted for outstanding warrants. The suspect was not located.

