

UAS Community Update

May 1st, 2024

The following is a list of UAS deployments for April 2024:

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

- On April 11th at 9:10 pm, officers were called to a burglary alarm in the 2300 block of English. Officers arrived and found the building secure but could not access a secure area. The drone was used to check the area the officers could not access.
- On April 12th at 8:50 pm, officers deployed a drone in the area of Clarence and Frost looking for a domestic abuse suspect who also had felony warrants. The suspect had fled the home before officers arrived. The area was checked, and the suspect was gone.
- On April 15th at 10 am, officers deployed a drone in the area of Skillman and Jackson looking for a highly autistic person with severe mental delays who was missing from a group home. Maplewood officers and Ramsey County deputies searched the area for a few hours before finding the person safe.
- On April 21st at 5 pm, officers had a vehicle flee from them. The driver was wanted for domestic abuse and violation of a restraining order. Officers did not pursue the vehicle but found it abandoned a short time later. Officers checked the 1200 block of Frost Ave with the drone looking for the suspect.
- On April 22nd at midnight, officers deployed the drone in the 2600 block of Conway, looking for a domestic abuse suspect who jumped from a third-floor window and had a felony warrant.
- On April 27th at 5 pm, officers deployed the drone in the 2000 block of Larpenteur while investigating a possible burglary where the suspect used the roof to access a courtyard and gain entry. The roof was cleared.
- On April 30th at 6 pm, officers did a demonstration at the police department for the citizen police academy.

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