

## UAS Community Update

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June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

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

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

- On May 1<sup>st</sup> at 2 am, Maplewood officers responded to assist St. Paul Police with a home invasion in the 2200 block of Conway Ave E. Officers assisted with establishing a perimeter and searched the area with a drone.
- On May 3<sup>rd</sup> at midnight, an officer conducted a training flight over the Maplewood Police Department while training new officers.
- On May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 am, Ramsey County SWAT assisted Maplewood investigators with a search warrant related to a shooting. Maplewood officers deployed a drone for surveillance during the warrant in the 2300 block of Dorland Drive E.
- On May 5<sup>th</sup>, officers conducted a training flight at the Maplewood Police Department.
- May 6<sup>th</sup> – May 9<sup>th</sup>, an officer attended a UAV training course in Coon Rapids and conducted multiple training flights as part of the class at the training location.
- On May 14<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15 p.m., officers responded to an alarm in the 2300 block of English. The alarm was at a commercial business, and officers used the drone to check a fenced area they could not access.
- On May 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 am, an officer conducted a training flight at City Hall focused on thermal.
- On May 15<sup>th</sup> at 3 am, an officer assisted North Saint Paul Police in the 2000 block of 7th Ave E with deploying a drone. Officers were searching for an assault suspect who had left the area on foot.
- On May 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm, officers deployed a drone while looking for a suicidal party. The party was located and assisted.
- On May 21<sup>st</sup> at 4 pm, officers deployed the drone in the area of Stillwater and Maryland looking for a suicidal female.
- On May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30 am, an officer located a car facing the wrong way on Highway 36 near Arcade. Upon investigating, they found one person was ejected from the vehicle, thrown to the side of the road, and seriously injured. Unsure of how many other people may have been in the car, officers launched the drone looking for other victims.
- On May 30<sup>th</sup> at 2 am, officers responded to a domestic where the suspect was wanted for domestic and other felony charges. The suspect fled from a residence window in the 2300 block of Stillwater, and a drone was deployed to locate the suspect.

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