

UAS Community Update

August 1st, 2024

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

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

- On July 2nd at 10 pm, officers responded to the 300 block of Larpentuer on a burglary. Officers used an interior drone to assist in safely clearing the location.
- On July 6th at 12:30 am, officers received a call of two possibly injured people in the area of 100 W County Road B. Officer deployed and searched the area for them. No one was located in the area.
- On July 12th at 11 p.m., officers were dispatched to an attempted carjacking in the 2100 block of Woodlyn Ave E. Officers deployed the drone and checked the area for suspect(s).
- On July 13th at 6:30 pm, officers were dispatched to the Maplewood Mall for a stabbing. The suspect attempted to shoplift from Macy's and, when he was confronted by loss prevention, slashed an employee and fled. A perimeter was set up, and K9 and drone were deployed. The suspect was apprehended, and the victim underwent surgery at a local hospital.
- On July 18th at 0630 hours, detectives, assisted by SWAT, executed a high-risk search warrant in North St. Paul related to a shooting that occurred in Maplewood. As part of the warrant service an exterior drone was to monitor the location before and during the service. An interior drone was used to help clear the residence.
- On July 18th at 0800 hours, detectives used a drone to try and locate a suspect wanted on multiple felony warrants and other recent charges. Detectives conducted multiple flights throughout the day. As this is an ongoing investigation, the deployment area is being withheld.
- On July 19th at noon, officers deployed while serving a search warrant for a gun-related crime in the 2100 block of Van Dyke. The firearm used in the crime was recovered, and the suspect was apprehended.
- On July 19th at 6 pm, officers used the drone to locate a domestic assault suspect in the 2500 block of Barclay. The suspect was located and arrested by officers on the scene.
- On July 29th at 11 pm, officers used a drone to locate a suspect wanted for felony assault with a weapon and domestic assault in the 2100 block of White Bear Ave. The flight lasted 15 minutes, and the suspect was not located.
- On July 31st at midnight, officers used the drone in the area of Keller Lake Regional Park to locate a driver who had fled from officers in a vehicle and then on foot in the park.

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