

## UAS Community Update

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October 1st, 2024

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

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

- On September 8<sup>th</sup> at 2300 hours, officers conducted training flights over the city hall campus.
- On September 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:50 hours, officers deployed drones in the 2600 block of Upper Afton to locate a missing four-year-old child. The child was later found to have gotten on the wrong bus and safely returned.
- On September 17<sup>th</sup> at 1700 hours, officers deployed a drone in the 1700 block of Edgehill Rd, checking a public area (land owned by Ramsey County) for drug use and unsheltered people after receiving several recent complaints.
- On September 19<sup>th</sup>, at 0800 hours, officers were dispatched to a wooded area in the 3000 block of Southlawn Drive. Multiple 911 callers had heard a woman screaming in the area, and officers deployed the drone to check for anyone in distress.
- On September 19<sup>th</sup> at 0845 hours, detectives assisted BCA with the execution of a search warrant in the 1600 block of Village Trail related to gun crime. An interior drone was deployed to safely clear the inside of the residence.
- On September 19<sup>th</sup> at 1330 hours, detectives were serving a search warrant on 11<sup>th</sup> Ave in North St. Paul. The suspect had a history of fleeing from police on foot and he again ran when he saw officers. The drone was used as part of the search warrant the suspect was apprehended.
- On September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 0100 hours, officers conducted a training flight over the police department.
- On September 28<sup>th</sup> at 1900 hours, officers deployed the drone in the area of Lakewood Drive and Stillwater Road looking for a suicidal party.

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