

UAS Community Update

November 1st, 2024

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

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

- On October 1st and 15th the Maplewood Police Department conducted an advanced sUAS training course for operators. The course included six hours of flight time, focusing on both interior and exterior deployments and use. All external training occurred over public parks in the City of Maplewood.
- On October 2nd, detectives used drones to conduct surveillance in relation to homicide. Additional details are being withheld as it is an ongoing investigation.
- On October 2nd, at 2100 hours, officers responded to a possible burglary in progress in the 2000 block of Prosperity Road. The owner asked officers to check the building and the area around it. Officers used the drone to assist in clearing the area.
- On October 4th and 9th, detectives used a drone in the 3000 block of McKnight to assist in the apprehension of a homicide suspect.
- On October 4th at noon, detectives used a drone in the 1700 block of York in St. Paul to assist in the apprehension of a homicide suspect.
- On October 5th at 1030 hours, detectives used the drone in the 3000 block of McKnight to assist in the apprehension of a homicide suspect.
- On October 20th at 0315 hours, officers deployed the drone in the 2100 block of White Bear Ave, searching for a theft suspect. The suspect was located and arrested.
- On October 20th at 0645 hours, officers deployed the drone in the area of County Road B and Van Dyke to locate a missing juvenile. The juvenile was located and followed by the drone until officers could reach them.
- On October 20th, Maplewood drone operators assisted North St Paul in the 2600 block of 6th Ave E in searching for a suspect wanted for a domestic.
- On October 21st at 0800 hours, BCA agents attempted to execute a warrant arrest in North St Paul. The armed suspect did not comply and had a possible hostage. SWAT responded and requested Maplewood drone assets to assist. One drone was used to monitor the scene location from above and a second was used to view inside the residence.
- On October 23rd at 1800 hours, officers were dispatched to possible armed poachers in Battle Creek Park. Officers used a drone to locate the suspects. No Poachers were located.
- On October 24th, at 1700 hours, Officers arrested a suspect on a felony warrant in the 1900 block of Birmingham St N. The drone was used to monitor the suspect prior to and during the arrest.

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- On October 25th at 1350 hours, Officers deployed the drone at Wakefield Park to assist in searching for a missing autistic child from St. Paul.
- On October 25th, at 1800 hours, an Officer deployed an interior drone in the 1600 block of Woodlynn Ave. Maplewood officers and Ramsey County probation officers were at the location to arrest a suspect with felony warrants and probation violations. When officers attempted to make contact, the suspect barricaded himself inside the home. The interior drone was used to clear the residence ahead of officers. The suspect was located and taken into custody without further incident.
- On October 28th at 1600 hours, officers assisted St. Paul Police with surveillance during an operation related to homicide and narcotics investigations. The location is being withheld as it is an ongoing investigation.

