

UAS Community Update

January 1st, 2025

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

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

- On December 1st at 1700 hours, officers deployed a drone in the 2800 block of Meadowlark Lane to assist in locating a juvenile who was experiencing a mental health crisis.
- On December 4th, at 0930 hours, property was observed on a body of water covered with thin ice. Officers were concerned that someone may have gone through the ice and deployed the drone to investigate. Officers were able to determine that no one had gone through the ice and viewed the foottracks to and from the property.
- On December 6th, a Maplewood detective assigned to the BCA Violent Crime Reduction Team deployed a drone to assist in the execution of a search warrant related to narcotics and weapons in Saint Paul.
- On December 7th at 0100 hours, officers assisted the North St Paul Police Department at the scene of a reported shooting at Cedarview Commons. Officers deployed the drone to check the surrounding area for any victims or suspects.
- On December 11th at 1240 hours, officers assisted St. Paul Police Department in locating a shooting suspect in the 300 block of Larpenteur Ave.
- On December 24th at 0850 hours, officers assisted the Ramsey County Sherriff's Office with a suicidal male in a vehicle. Officers used the drone to assess the armed person who was in a vehicle.
- On December 24th at 1230 hours, officers assisted with the drone during the execution of a search warrant in the 1900 block of Birmingham Ave.
- On December 26th at 1800 hours, officers deployed a drone in the 1700 block of Agate St to search for an elderly missing dementia patient.

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