

UAS Community Update

May 1st, 2025

The following is a list of UAS deployments for April 2025:

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

- On April 1st at 1900 hours, detectives demonstrated the drone for the Community Public Safety Academy at the police department.
- On April 7th at 0700 hours, detectives assisted the BCA and ATF with a warrant service in the 1000 block of Magnolia Ave in St Paul.
- On April 7th, at 2300 hours, officers deployed a drone in the area of Highway 61 and White Bear in White Bear Lake. White Bear Lake officers attempted to stop a suspect who was wanted for violating a protection order, but he fled on foot. Officers used the drone to check the area.
- On April 18th, at 1300 hours, officers deployed a drone in the 2500 block of White Bear Ave, assisting the Apprehension Unit in taking a violent wanted suspect into custody with a history of fleeing. The drone monitored the suspect, who was taken into custody without incident.
- On April 24th, at 0700 hours, detectives assisted the BCA with conducting a search warrant for a violent wanted suspect in the 1300 block of 6th Street E in St. Paul. Before task force members entered, detectives used the drone to clear the house, garage, and an RV. This process increases safety for the community, officers, and suspects. The suspect in this case was arrested without further incident.
- At midnight on April 27th, officers deployed a drone in the 1300 block of Frost Ave while investigating a burglary of a construction site.
- On April 27th at 2100 hours, officers deployed a drone in the 1300 block of McKnight Road North after reports of trespassers on the property.
- In April, detectives assisted investigators with a narcotics investigation, recording the trafficking activity. As this is an ongoing investigation, the date, time, and location are being withheld.

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