

UAS Community Update

January 1st, 2026

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

The following is a summary of small unmanned aerial systems (UAS) deployments conducted in December 2025:

- December 1, 2025: At 0100 hours, deployed a drone after a suspect fled from an unreported stolen vehicle in the 400 block of Roselawn Ave. The drone assisted in providing overwatch for K9 and officers. K9 and drone were able to locate the suspect, who was taken into custody without incident. The suspect had a history of weapon offenses.
- December 4, 2025: At 1000 hours, a drone was deployed to assist detectives in a predatory offender case, where the offender is continuing to contact victims. The case is under investigation, and additional information is being withheld.
- December 9, 2025: At 0200 hours, officers conducted training over Flicek Park.
- December 15, 2025: At 1900 hours, officers were contacted for a missing person with dementia. Officers checked the area and deployed a drone as part of their search efforts in the area of Beam Ave and Hazelwood. The missing person was later found at HCMC and returned home safely.
- December 16-18, 2025: Detectives deployed drones in Spring Lake Park and Fridley while looking for an arson/attempted manslaughter suspect at two residences. Hours of surveillance were conducted with the drone at each location. The suspect was eventually apprehended without incident.
- December 25, 2025: Officers assisted multiple other agencies in the 2200 block of Maxwill Ave in Newport for a suspect who barricaded himself inside a vehicle. The suspect was wanted for fleeing in a motor vehicle and outstanding warrants. The suspect was eventually taken into custody.

