

UAS Community Update

March 1st, 2026

The following is a list of UAS deployments for February 2026:

The following is a summary of small unmanned aerial systems (UAS) deployments conducted in February 2026:

- February 2, 2026: At 2000 hours, officers responded to assist other agencies that were involved in a pursuit that crashed near Hwy 36 and Edgerton. Maplewood officers assisted with a perimeter and searched the area with a drone for suspects.
- February 10, 2026: At 0100 hours, officers deployed a drone to search for an assault suspect around the area of St. John's Hospital.
- February 11, 2026: At 2245 hours, officers deployed a drone in the 3100 block of Furness Pl to check on a person in crisis who may be armed. Officers confirmed the party was not armed, safely approached, and assisted the party.
- February 14, 2026: At 1400 hours, officers deployed a drone in the area of Wheelock Parkway and Wanda Street for a report of an assault and robbery by five juvenile suspects. Two of the suspects were in custody, and three had fled on foot. Officers checked the area with the drone and learned that the crime was a misdemeanor theft, not a robbery as reported, and ended the drone search.
- February 14, 2026: At 1715 hours, officers deployed a drone in the area of 11th Ave and Ariel St in North St Paul to assist in looking for an armed suicidal person.
- February 15, 2026: At 0415 hours, officers deployed a drone in the 2600 block of Brokview Dr. E to assist Woodbury PD in locating a violent felon wanted for domestic abuse, no contact order violation, attacking an officer, and fleeing. The drone followed the suspect until the suspect could be taken into custody.
- February 15, 2026: At 2345 hours, officers deployed a drone in the 2000 block of 13th Ave E in North St Paul to assist in looking for a missing teenager in need of medical assistance.
- February 16, 2026: At 1300 hours, officers assisted the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office in checking Goose Lake. RCSO received a call that someone may have fallen through the ice, and the drone was used to check the lake for any holes that an individual could fall through. No holes were located.
- February 16, 2026: At 1700 hours, officers assisted White Bear Lake Police with a vehicle that fled from officers and went onto White Bear Lake. The suspect then went into a fish house and hid. The drone was used to monitor the situation and attempt to look inside the fish house. The drone was used to monitor the suspect until an arrest team could move in and make the arrest.

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- February 26, 2026: At 2200 hours, officers responded to the 400 block of Crestview Dr S on a report of a domestic where the suspect threatened their spouse with a firearm. A drone was used to provide overwatch while officers entered the house.
- February 28, 2026: At 0200 hours, officers deployed a drone in the area of Flandrau St N & Demont Ave while searching for a suspect with a felony warrant who had left the area on a bicycle. Officers located the wanted person and took him into custody without incident.

