

Annual Report

2022 Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

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Introduction

Laws of Minnesota 2020, Chapter 82, section 5, subdivision 12a-b requires all law enforcement agencies that maintain or use an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), also known as a drone, to report the following data by January 15 regarding the prior calendar year to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS):

- The number of times a UAV was deployed in circumstances where a search warrant is not required.
- The date of each deployment.
- The authorized use for each deployment (see <u>Laws of Minnesota 2020, Chapter 82</u>, section 5, subdivision 3).
- The total cost of the agency's UAV program.

This report fulfills the further requirement that DPS compile the data into a report for the legislature to be posted on the department's website.

Background

Laws of Minnesota 2020, Chapter 82, was signed into law on May 16, 2020.

The BCA developed and provided a submittal form to law enforcement agencies in August 2020 that enables law enforcement agencies that maintain or use an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) to report the data required by statute in a uniform manner.

The information provided to and compiled by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) in this report covers the reporting period January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.

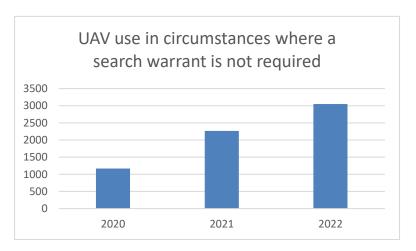
Summary Data

Agency Type and Total Uses in Circumstances Where a Search Warrant is Not Required

• Sheriff's departments:	56
Police departments:	39
• Other (State Patrol, BCA and Cannon River Task Force):	3
Total agencies reporting:	98
Total uses in circumstances where a search warrant is not required:	3076

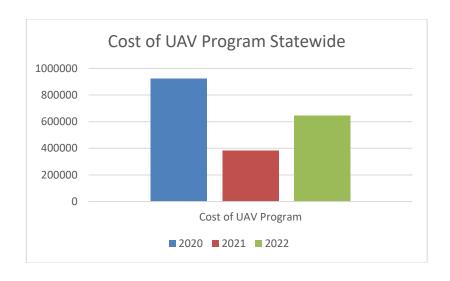
Total uses in circumstances where a search warrant is not required:

In 2022, Minnesota law enforcement agencies reported a total of 3076 on UAV uses in circumstances where a search warrant is not required. That is up 31.7% from the 2336 reported in 2021. Information on individual agency uses are provided below in summary and later in the report for each reason code.



Program Costs

In 2022, Minnesota law enforcement agencies spent a total of \$646,531.24 on UAV agency programs. That is up 69.8% from the \$380,740.96 total in 2021. Information on individual agency costs are provided below.



By-Agency UAV Use

Name of law enforcement agency	ORI Number	Cost of UAV program for calendar year	Number of times UAV used in circumstances where a search warrant is not required
Albert Lea Police Department	MN0240100	438.06	5
Anoka County Sheriff	MN0020000	4,636.00	60
Austin Police Department	MN0500100	0.00	7
Baxter Police Department	MN0180500	0.00	0
Becker County Sheriff	MN0030000	1,000.00	5
Beltrami County Sheriff	MN0040000	500.00	11
Benton County Sheriff	MN0050000	848.72	8
Big Lake Police Department	MN0710100	0.00	39
Big Stone County Sheriff	MN0060000	0.00	8
Bloomington Police Department	MN0270100	16,040.99	47
Blue Earth County Sheriff	MN0700000	1,000.00	31
Brown County Sheriff	MN0080000	1,230.00	4
Cannon River Drug and Violent Offender Task Force		1,370.00	21
Carlton County Sheriff	MN0090000	1,688.19	27
Cass County Sheriff	MN0110000	3,355.00	9
Champlin Police Department	MN0272900	14,000.00	35
Chanhassen Police Department	MN0100100	0.00	2
Chippewa County Sheriff	MN0120000	500.00	5
Chisago County Sheriff	MN0130000	3,492.42	51
Clay County Sheriff	MN0140000	2,000.00	4
Colombia Heights Police Department	MN0020400	541.00	14

		Cost of UAV program for	Number of times UAV used in circumstances where a search warrant is
Name of law enforcement agency	ORI Number	calendar year	not required
Coon Rapids Police Department	MN0020500	33,065.00	70
Cottage Grove Police Department	MN0820700	1,149.00	25
Crow Wing County Sheriff	MN0180000	5,936.00	44
Crystal Police Department	MN0270400	2,000.00	31
Dakota County Sheriff	MN0190000	16,754.35	68
Dodge County Sheriff	MN0200000	0.00	33
Douglas County Sheriff	MN0210000	0.00	27
Duluth Police Department	MN0690000	842.00	4
Eagan Police Department	MN0190800	6,982.26	191
Eden Prairie Police Department	MN0272600	28,393.00	35
Edina Police Department	MN0270600	7,434.99	136
Faribault County Sheriff	MN0220000	15,000.00	7
Freeborn County Sheriff	MN0240000	0.00	3
Fridley Police Department	MN0020600	0.00	5
Golden Valley Police Department	MN0270800	10,000.00	34
Goodhue County Sheriff	MN0250100	4,427.52	9
Grant County Sheriff	MN0260000	0.00	7
Hennepin County Sheriff	MN0270000	9,000.00	141
Hubbard County Sheriff	MN0290000	300.00	2
Isanti County Sheriff	MN0300000	2637.00	26
Itasca County Sheriff	MN0310000	6,000.00	3
Jackson County Sheriff	MN0320000	0.00	2
Kandiyohi County Sheriff	MN0340000	6,500.00	8
Lac Qui Parle County Sheriff	MN0370000	0.00	0
Lake County Sheriff	MN0380000	5,417.16	10
Leech Lake Tribal Police Department		0.00	6
Maplewood Public Safety	MN0620400	13,193.98	0
Marshall Police Department	MN0420100	2,000.00	1
Mankato Department of Public Safety	MN0070100	658.00	1
McLeod County Sheriff	MN0430000	2,000.00	7
Mille Lacs County Sheriff	MN0480000	2,763.70	36
Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department	MNDI02400	26,654.92	19
Minneapolis Police Department	MN02711C2	62,402.59	2
Minnesota Bureau of Criminal			
Apprehension	MNBCA0000	92,027.42	46
Minnesota State Patrol	MNMHP2000	14,084.50	535
Morrison County Sheriff	MN0490000	0.00	12
New Brighton Department of Public Safety	MN0620600	61,828.92	0
Nicollet County Sheriff	MN0520000	2,376.35	6
Olmsted County Sheriff	MN0550000	5,000.00	6

		Cost of UAV program for	Number of times UAV used in circumstances where a search warrant is
Name of law enforcement agency	ORI Number	calendar year	not required
Orono Police Department	MN0271500	14,764.00	30
Ottertail County Sheriff	MN0560000	3,500.00	9
Owatonna Police Department	MN0740100	0.00	17
Pennington County Sheriff	MN0570000	0.00	0
Pine County Sheriff	MN0580000	17,317.30	33
Pipestone County Sheriff	MN0590000	3,000.00	8
Plymouth Police Department	MN0271700	6,000.00	180
Polk County Sheriff	MN0600000	100.00	6
Pope County Sheriff	MN0610000	5,000.00	15
Prior Lake Police Department	MN0700900	0.00	3
Ramsey County Sheriff	MN0620000	24,043.41	168
Red Lake County	MN0630000	350.00	15
Redwood County Sheriff	MN0640000	0.00	11
Renville County Sheriff	MN0650000	1,195.41	7
Rice County Sheriff	MN0660000	10,000.00	39
Rice Police Department	MN0503000	120.00	5
Rochester Police Department	MN0550100	6,442.98	39
Roseville Police Department	MN0620800	4,468.25	72
Saint Cloud Police Department	MN0730400	918.99	122
Sauk Centre Police Department	MN0730500	1,000.00	9
Sauk Rapids Police Department	MN0050200	599.99	28
Scott County Sheriff	MN0700000	5,943.94	1
Sherburne County Sheriff	MN0710000	266.39	30
Sibley County Sheriff	MN0720000	0.00	2
St. Louis Park Police Department	MN0272100	0.00	5
St. Louis County Sheriff	MN0690000	21,890.00	44
Stearns County Sheriff	MN0730000	1,650.00	17
Todd County Sheriff	MN0770000	10.00	16
Upper Sioux Police Department	MNDI02300	0.00	0
Wadena County Sheriff	MN0800000	4,714.00	24
Wadena Police Department	MN0800100	30.00	5
Waseca County Sheriff	MN0810000	506.55	4
Washington County Sheriff	MN8200000	0.00	43
Willmar Police Department	MN0340100	430.00	13
Winona County Sheriff	MN0850000	225.00	7
Woodbury Police Department	MN0821100	2,515.99	32
Wright County Sheriff	MN0860000	9,260.00	19
Yellow Medicine County Sheriff	MN0870000	800.00	7
Totals		646,531.24	3076

Agency Data Submissions

The remaining portion of this report contains the reason codes law enforcement agencies provided for incidents where a UAV was used in circumstances where a search warrant is not required.

Reason	
Code	Reason
1	During or in the aftermath of an emergency situation that involves the risk of death or bodily harm
	to a person.
2	Over a public event where there is a heightened risk to the safety of participants or bystanders.
3	To counter the risk of a terrorist attack by a specific individual or organization if the agency
	determines that credible intelligence indicates a risk.
4	To prevent the loss of life and property in natural or man-made disasters and to facilitate operational
	planning, rescue, and recovery operations in the aftermath of these disasters.
5	To conduct a threat assessment in anticipation of a specific event.
6	To collect information from a public area if there is reasonable suspicion of criminal activity.
7	To collect information for crash reconstruction purposes after a serious or deadly collision occurring
	on a public road.
8	Over a public area for officer training or public relations purposes.
9	For purposes unrelated to law enforcement at the request of a government entity provided that the
	government entity makes the request in writing to the law enforcement agency and specifies the
	reason for the request and proposed period of use.

By-Agency UAV Use Reason

Name of law enforcement agency	Reason code 1	Reason code 2	Reason code 3	Reason code 4	Reason code 5	Reason code 6	Reason code 7	Reason code 8	Reason code 9
Albert Lea Police								5	
Department Anoka County Sheriff	22					37	1	3	
Austin Police Department	3						2		2
Baxter Police Department									
Becker County Sheriff	2					1		2	
Beltrami County Sheriff	11								
Benton County Sheriff	1				1	1	2	3	
Big Lake Police Department	20					1		15	3
Big Stone County Sheriff	1						1	6	
Bloomington Police Department	11					5		31	
Blue Earth County Sheriff	20					2	1	8	

Name of law enforcement agency	Reason code 1	Reason code 2	Reason code 3	Reason code 4	Reason code 5	Reason code 6	Reason code 7	Reason code 8	Reason code 9
Brown County Sheriff	1							3	
Cannon River Drug and									
Violent Offender Task									
Force	15							6	
Carlton County Sheriff	5					4		3	15
Cass County Sheriff	4			1				4	
Champlin Police									
Department	3	2			1	10		19	
Chanhassen Police									
Department		1				1			
Chippewa County									
Sheriff				3				2	
Chisago County Sheriff	3			1		5		39	3
Clay County Sheriff	4								
Colombia Heights Police									
Department	1					5		5	3
Coon Rapids Police									
Department	33				1	8		28	
Cottage Grove Police									
Department	3	5				8		9	
Crow Wing County									
Sheriff	31	5		1			3	1	3
Crystal Police									
Department	9					10	1	11	
Dakota County Sheriff	22	2		1		4	1	37	1
Dodge County Sheriff	11							18	4
Douglas County Sheriff	3			7		6		9	2
Duluth Police									
Department	3							1	
Eagan Police									
Department	55					35		98	3
Eden Prairie Police									
Department	7				2	6		19	1
Edina Police									
Department	24					41		71	
Faribault County Sheriff	6					1			
Freeborn County Sheriff	2								1
Fridley Police									
Department	4	1							
Golden Valley Police									
Department	1				3			30	
Goodhue County Sheriff	2					1		3	3
Grant County Sheriff	2								5
Hennepin County Sheriff	40							101	
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Name of law	Reason								
enforcement agency	code 1	code 2	code 3	code 4	code 5	code 6	code 7	code 8	code 9
Hubbard County Sheriff	17			2	2		1	3	1
Isanti County Sheriff							1	3	1
Itasca County Sheriff	3								
Jackson County Sheriff	2								
Kandiyohi County Sheriff						3	3	2	
Lac Qui Parle County Sheriff									
Lake County Sheriff	1	3		1		1		4	
Leech Lake Tribal Police									
Department	2			1				2	1
Maplewood Public Safety									
Marshall Police									
Department							1		
Mankato Department of Public Safety						1			
McLeod County Sheriff	7								
Mille Lacs County Sheriff	19			2			2	13	
Mille Lacs Tribal Police									
Department	12					6	1		
Minneapolis Police									
Department								2	
Minnesota Bureau of	_					.		2.0	
Criminal Apprehension	5				1	4	440	36	
Minnesota State Patrol	1						413	121	
Morrison County Sheriff	1					6	1	4	
New Brighton Dept. of Public Safety									
Nicollet County Sheriff	3			1				2	
Olmsted County Sheriff	1						4	1	
Orono Police									
Department	3							27	
Ottertail County Sheriff	1					2		3	3
Owatonna Police									
Department County								17	
Pennington County Sheriff									
Pine County Sheriff	24			5			2	2	
Pipestone County									
Sheriff	1						1	5	1
Plymouth Police		_					_	420	
Department Chariff	41	3			1	1	5	129	
Polk County Sheriff				2		1		3	

Name of law enforcement agency	Reason code 1	Reason code 2	Reason code 3	Reason code 4	Reason code 5	Reason code 6	Reason code 7	Reason code 8	Reason code 9
Pope County Sheriff								15	
Prior Lake Police									
Department	1					2			
Ramsey County Sheriff	19	18				37	4	89	1
Red Lake County	1							14	
Redwood County Sheriff	3					1		7	
Renville County Sheriff	6							1	
Rice County Sheriff	13					1		25	
Rice Police Department				1				4	
Rochester Police								7	
Department	3				15	12	4	5	
Roseville Police					13	12	'		
Department	20					12	1	39	
Saint Cloud Police									
Department	19	4		1		19	6	73	
Sauk Centre Police									
Department	1					8			
Sauk Rapids Police									
Department	8			2		2		16	
Scott County Sheriff	1								
Sherburne County									
Sheriff	7			1		1		20	1
Sibley County Sheriff	2								
St. Louis Park Police									
Department	1	3				1			
St. Louis County Sheriff	26			2	1	6	2	7	
Stearns County Sheriff	4						3	7	3
Todd County Sheriff	5			2		3	4	2	
Upper Sioux Police									
Department									
Wadena County Sheriff	9			7	1	1	1	4	1
Wadena Police									
Department	2							3	
Waseca County Sheriff	1			1				1	1
Washington County									
Sheriff	10					10		23	
Willmar Police									
Department	3							7	3
Winona County Sheriff	6					1			
Woodbury Police									
Department	7			1		19		5	
Wright County Sheriff							18	1	

Name of law	Reason								
enforcement agency	code 1	code 2	code 3	code 4	code 5	code 6	code 7	code 8	code 9
Yellow Medicine County									
Sheriff	7								
Totals	699	47	0	44	27	353	488	1328	64

Agency Data Submission Form

Below is the form used by agencies for UAV data submissions to the BCA.



UAV Agency Data Collection Form

Minnesota Statutes §626.19

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Agency Information

Name of Law Enforcement Agency	Originating Agency Identifier (ORI)

UAV Program Data for Calendar Year

Calendar Year of Submission	Cost of UAV Program for Calendar Year	Number of Times UAVs Degloved Without Warrant

Uses of UAVs Without Warrant

For each deployment of a UAV without a search warrant, provide the following on the second page of this form:

- date of the deployment
- statutory reason for the deployment

If you require space for additional entries, submit additional copies of this form.

The reasons for a UAV deployment without a search warrant allowed by statute are provided below:

Reason Code	Reason						
1	during or in the aftermath of an emergency situation that involves the risk of death or bodily harm to a person						
2	over a public event where there is a heightened risk to the safety of participants or bystand						
3	to counter the risk of a terrorist attack by a specific individual or organization if the agency determines that credible intelligence indicates a risk						
4	to prevent the loss of life and property in natural or man-made disasters and to facilitate operational planning, rescue, and recovery operations in the aftermath of these disasters						
5	to conduct a threat assessment in anticipation of a specific event						
6	to collect information from a public area if there is reasonable suspicion of criminal activity						
7	to collect information for crash reconstruction purposes after a serious or deadly collision occurring on a public road						
8	over a public area for officer training or public relations purposes						
9	for purposes unrelated to law enforcement at the request of a government entity provided that the government entity makes the request in writing to the law enforcement agency and specifies the reason for the request and proposed period of use						

This form must be submitted to the BCA no later than January 15 of each calendar year.

To submit the form, click the button below or email the completed form to BCA.UAV.Submit@state.mn.us.

Submit completed form to BCA via email

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*	Deployment Date	Reason Code	*	Deployment Date	Reason Code	*	Deployment Date	Reason Code	2	Deployment Date	Reason Code
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2		Sel 🔻	27		Sel 🔻	62		Sel 🔻	77		Sel 🔻
3		Sel 🔻	28		Sel -	63		Sel 🔻	78		Sel 🔻
4		Sel 🔻	29		Sel 🔻	54		Sel 🔻	79		Sel 🔻
5		Sel 🔻	30		Sel 🔻	66		Sel 🔻	80		Sel 🔻
8		Sel 🔻	31		Sel 🔻	68		Sel 🔻	81		Sel 🔻
7		Sel 🔻	32		Sel 🔻	67		Sel 🔻	82		Sel 🔻
8		Sel 🔻	33		Sel -	68		Sel 🔻	83		Sel -
8		Sel 🔻	34		Se1 ▼	69		Sel 🔻	84		Sel 🔻
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11		Se1 ▼	38		Sel ▼	61		Sel 🔻	88		Sel 🔻
12		Sel 🔻	37		Sel 🔻	62		Sel 🔻	87		Sel 🔻
13		Sel 🔻	38		Sel 🔻	63		Sel 🔻	88		Sel -
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19		Sel 🔻	44		Sel 🔻	69		Sel 🔻	94		Sel 🔻
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