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Introduction

Laws of Minnesota 2020, chapter 82, section 5, subdivision 12(a)(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 regarding the prior calendar year to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) by Jan. 15:

- The number of times a UAV was deployed without a search warrant
- The date of each deployment
- The authorized use for each deployment (see [Laws of Minnesota 2020, chapter 82](#), 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 Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) developed a form in August 2020 that enables law enforcement agencies that maintain or use a UAV to report the data required by statute in a uniform manner.

[Laws of Minnesota 2025, chapter 35](#), was signed into law on May 23, 2025. These changes modified the authorized uses for deployment with an effective date of July 1, 2025. BCA notified agencies that old reason codes would be reported from Jan. 1 to June 30, 2025, and new reason codes would be required from July 1 to Dec. 31, 2025.

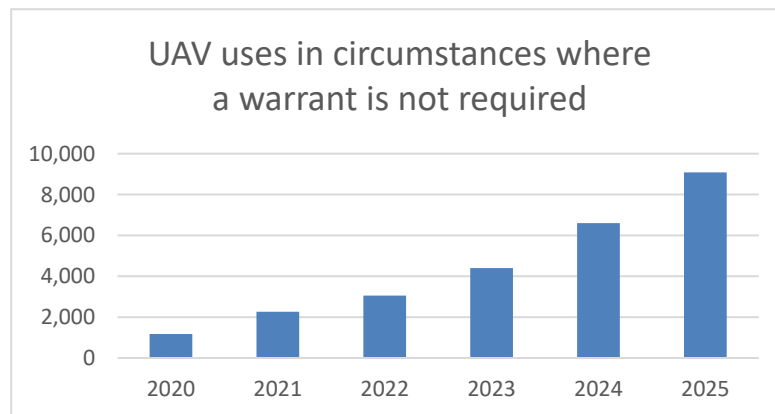
The information provided to and compiled by the BCA in this report covers the reporting period Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2025.

Summary data

Agency type and total uses in circumstances where a warrant is not required¹

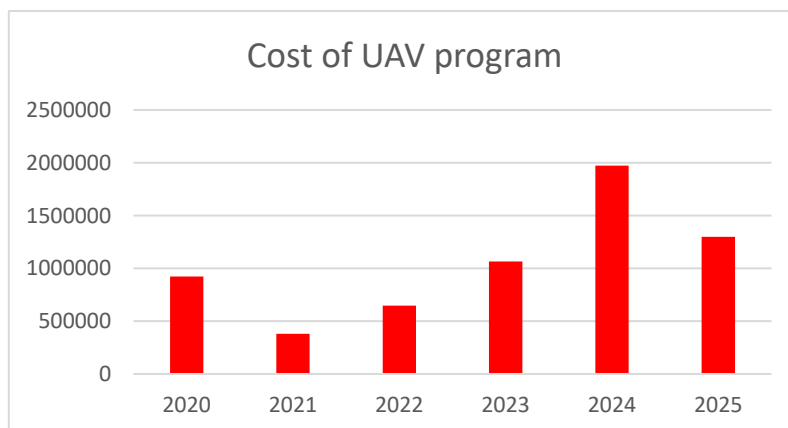
- Sheriffs' departments: 59
- Police departments: 66
- Other (Minnesota State Patrol, BCA and Cannon River Task Force): 10

In 2025, Minnesota law enforcement agencies reported a total of 9,080 UAV uses in circumstances where a warrant was not required. That is up 38 percent from the 6,603 reported in 2024. Information on individual agency uses is provided below in summary and later in the report for each reason code.



Program costs

In 2025, Minnesota law enforcement agencies spent a total of \$1,312,332.76 on UAV agency programs. That is down 33 percent from the \$1,973,337.63 spent in 2024. Information on individual agency costs is provided below.



¹Total agencies reporting: 135

By-agency UAV use

Name of law enforcement agency	ORI number	Cost	Number of times UAV used without a warrant
Alexandria Police Department	MN0210100	\$3,460.25	24
Austin Police Department	MN0500100	\$15,945.00	4
Becker County Sheriff's Office	MN0030000	\$1,000.00	82
Belle Plaine Police Department	MN0700100	\$76,836.00	0
Beltrami County Sheriff's Office	MN0040000	\$2,500.00	25
Bemidji Police Department	MN0040100	\$10,500.00	4
Benson Police Department	MN0760200	\$11,922.99	14
Benton County Sheriff's Office	MN0050000	\$18,419.00	7
Big Lake Police Department	MN0710100	\$0.00	18
Big Stone County Sheriff's Office	MN0060000	\$210.00	3
Blaine Police Department	MN0020200	\$4,816.92	101
Bloomington Police Department	MN0270100	\$2,162.89	101
Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office	MN0700000	\$0.00	38
Brooklyn Center Police Department	MN0270200	\$28,823.97	7
Brooklyn Park Police Department	MN0270300	\$9,000.00	298
Burnsville Police Department	MN0190100	\$16,153.00	153
Cannon River Drug and Violent Offender Task Force		\$1,370.00	17
Carlton County Sheriff's Office	MN0090000	\$3,198.49	14
Carver County Sheriff's Office	MN0100000	\$0.00	47
Cass County Sheriff's Office	MN0110000	\$12,337.61	26
Champlin Police Department	MN0272900	\$0.00	16
Chaska Police Department	MN0100200	\$16,072.04	36
Chippewa County Sheriff's Office	MN0120000	\$2,500.00	10
Chisago County Sheriff's Office	MN0130000	\$33,195.90	83
Clay County Sheriff's Office	MN0140000	\$3,500.00	2
Clearwater County Sheriff's Office	MN0150000	\$0.00	8
Colombia Heights Police Department	MN0020400	\$1,914.00	33
Coon Rapids Police Department	MN0020500	\$200.00	85
Corcoran Police Department	MN0273100	\$0.00	17
Cottage Grove Police Department	MN0820700	\$10,473.00	18
Crookston Police Department	MN0600100	\$9,864.00	19
Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office	MN0180000	\$29,424.00	43
Crystal Police Department	MN0270400	\$15,000.00	26
Dakota County Sheriff's Office	MN0190000	\$19,662.51	182
Dodge County Sheriff's Office	MN0200000	\$0.00	26
Douglas County Sheriff's Office	MN0210000	\$22,436.00	42
Duluth Police Department	MN0690600	\$8,800.00	88
Eagan Police Department	MN0190800	\$34,000.00	138

Name of law enforcement agency	ORI number	Cost	Number of times UAV used without a warrant
Eden Prairie Police Department	MN0272600	\$9,802.13	74
Edina Police Department	MN0270600	\$6,400.00	210
Elk River Police Department	MN0710200	\$26,615.26	19
Faribault County Sheriff's Office	MN0220000	\$2,255.99	25
Faribault Police Department	MN0660100	\$25,246.90	38
Fergus Falls Police Department	MN0560100	\$3,000.00	13
Freeborn County Sheriff's Office	MN0240000	\$733.93	11
Fridley Police Department	MN0020600	\$20,000.00	2
Glencoe Police Department	MN0430100	\$10,669.83	16
Golden Valley Police Department	MN0270800	\$0.00	37
Goodhue County Sheriff's Office	MN0250100	\$24,305.48	126
Grant County Sheriff's Office	MN0260000	\$0.00	15
Hennepin County Sheriff's Office	MN0270000	\$4,500.00	173
Hopkins Police Department	MN0270900	\$9,146.33	107
Hubbard County Sheriff's Office	MN0290000	\$500.00	13
Inver Grove Police Department	MN0190900	\$1,706.28	118
Isanti County Sheriff's Office	MN0300000	\$10,108.13	19
Itasca County Sheriff's Office	MN0310000	\$8,000.00	6
Kanabec County Sheriff's Office	MN0330000	\$1,607.99	15
Kandiyohi County Sheriff	MN0340000	\$22,000.00	17
Lake County Sheriff's Office	MN0380000	\$300.00	2
Lakeville Police Department	MN0191100	\$1,222.00	168
Lincoln County Sheriff's Office	MN0041000	\$0.00	6
Lino Lakes Department of Public Safety	MN0020700	\$11,800.00	35
Lyon County Sheriff's Office	MN0420000	\$430.86	9
Mahnomen County Sheriff's Office	MN0044000	\$0.00	0
Mankato Department of Public Safety	MN0070100	\$2,500.00	18
Maple Grove Police Department	MN0272700	\$4,796.93	239
Maplewood Public Safety	MN0620400	\$9,658.77	73
Marshall Police Department	MN0420100	\$1,000.00	6
McLeod County Sheriff's Office	MN0430000	\$6,513.00	32
Meeker County Sheriff Office	MN0470000	\$30.00	18
Mille Lacs County Sheriff's Office	MN0480000	\$3,059.49	19
Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department	MNDI02400	\$895.00	44
Minneapolis Airport Police Department	MN0272500	\$25,000.00	25
Minneapolis Police Department	MN02711C2	\$53,064.00	184
Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension	MNBCA0000	\$0.00	112
Minnesota State Patrol	MNMHP2000	\$30,664.00	633
Minnetonka Police Department	MN0271200	\$38,938.32	611
New Brighton Dept. of Public Safety	MN0620600	\$198.28	47
New Hope Police Department	MN0271400	\$353.00	36
Nicollet County Sheriff's Office	MN0520000	\$2,000.00	9

Name of law enforcement agency	ORI number	Cost	Number of times UAV used without a warrant
Nobles County Sheriff's Office	MN0053000	\$0.00	1
Norman County Sheriff's Office	MN0540000	\$0.00	3
North Branch Police Department	MN0130500	\$549.90	11
Olmsted County Sheriff's Office	MN0550000	\$10,000.00	21
Orono Police Department	MN0271500	\$13,608.00	57
Ottertail County Sheriff's Office	MN0560000	\$5,000.00	24
Owatonna Police Department	MN0740100	\$8,000.00	32
Pine County Sheriff's Office	MN0580000	\$12,841.17	32
Plymouth Police Department	MN0271700	\$7,500.00	447
Polk County Sheriff's Office	MN0600000	\$1,000.00	6
Pope County Sheriff's Office	MN0610000	\$12,000.00	23
Prior Lake Police Department	MN0700900	\$4,635.21	81
Ramsey County Sheriff's Office	MN0620000	\$6,527.39	281
Red Lake County Sheriff's Office	MN0630000	\$1,904.44	5
Red Wing Police Department	MN0250300	\$20,526.00	10
Redwood County Sheriff's Office	MN0640000	\$0.00	9
Renville County Sheriff's Office	MN0650000	\$0.00	5
Rice County Sheriff's Office	MN0660000	\$23,000.00	65
Richfield Police Department	MN0271800	\$5,158.27	71
Robbinsdale Police Department	MN0271900	\$25,045.00	73
Rochester Police Department	MN0550100	\$50,760.45	1009
Rogers Police Department	MN0273400	\$17,000.00	88
Roseau County Sheriff's Office	MN0680000	\$2,000.00	0
Roseville Police Department	MN0620800	\$20,000.00	60
Sartell Police Department	MN0731200	\$26,283.00	40
Sauk Centre Police Department	MN0730500	\$8,000.00	4
Sauk Rapids Police Department	MN0050200	\$3,400.00	25
Scott County Sheriff's Office	MN0700000	\$1,739.02	79
Sherburne County Sheriff's Office	MN0710000	\$2,500.00	53
St. Anthony Police Department	MN0272000	\$17,064.00	31
St. Cloud Police Department	MN0730400	\$1,500.00	165
St. Francis Police Department	MN0021500	\$1,000.00	29
St. Louis County Sheriff's Office	MN0690000	\$20,000.00	73
St. Paul Police Department	MN0620900	\$37,381.39	346
Stearns County Sheriff's Office	MN0730000	\$6,592.14	154
Stevens County Sheriff's Office	MN0750000	\$3,505.00	9
Swift County Sheriff's Office	MN0760000	\$23,544.70	44
Thief River Falls Police Department	MN0570100	\$250.00	9
Three Rivers Park District Public Safety	MN0274000	\$817.64	24
Todd County Sheriff's Office	MN0770000	\$2,506.00	11
Upper Sioux Police Department	MNDI02300	\$3,500.00	0
Wabasha County Sheriff's Office	MN0790000	\$32,473.00	15

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Wadena County Sheriff's Office	MN0800000	\$8,536.34	21
Wadena Police Department	MN0800100	\$0.00	15
Waseca County Sheriff's Office	MN0810000	\$185.00	20
Washington County Sheriff's Office	MN0820000	\$25,000.00	69
Watonwan County Sheriff's Office	MN0830000	\$800.00	9
White Bear Lake Police Department	MN0621000	\$7,800.00	85
Willmar Police Department	MN0340100	\$395.23	9
Windom Police Department	MN0170200	\$300.00	1
Winona Police Department	MN0850200	\$2,000.00	24
Woodbury Police Department	MN0821100	\$2,321.00	7
Worthington Police Department	MN0530100	\$0.00	11
Wright County Sheriff's Office	MN0860000	\$19,364.00	46
Yellow Medicine County Sheriff's Office	MN0870000	\$1,800.00	3
Totals		\$1,312,332.76	9,080

Agency data submissions

This portion of the report contains the reason codes law enforcement agencies provided for incidents in which a UAV was used without a warrant from Jan. 1 to June 30, 2025.

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

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
Alexandria Police Department	2	—	—	—	—	5	—	11	—
Austin Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
Becker County Sheriff's Office	22	—	—	—	—	1	—	8	2
Belle Plaine Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Beltrami County Sheriff's Office	11	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—
Bemidji Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Benson Police Department	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—
Benton County Sheriff's Office	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Big Lake Police Department	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5
Big Stone County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Blaine Police Department	26	1	—	—	1	—	—	22	1
Bloomington Police Department	16	—	—	—	1	14	3	30	—
Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office	13	—	—	1	—	—	2	3	8
Brooklyn Center Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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Brooklyn Park Police Department	29	9	—	—	—	58	—	54	—
Burnsville Police Department	48	3	—	—	—	6	—	20	—
Cannon River Drug and Violent Offender Task Force	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	5	1
Carlton County Sheriff's Office	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	5	—
Carver County Sheriff's Office	6	—	—	2	—	—	—	28	—
Cass County Sheriff's Office	2	—	—	1	—	1	—	2	3
Champlin Police Department	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—
Chaska Police Department	9	—	—	—	1	—	—	11	—
Chippewa County Sheriff's Office	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	—
Chisago County Sheriff's Office	10	—	—	1	5	6	2	25	—
Clay County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Clearwater County Sheriff's Office	1	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	1
Colombia Heights Police Department	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Coon Rapids Police Department	14	—	—	1	—	8	—	24	—
Corcoran Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—
Cottage Grove Police Department	2	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—
Crookston Police Department	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	6	—
Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office	16	—	—	6	—	—	1	—	—
Crystal Police Department	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—
Dakota County Sheriff's Office	13	1	—	—	7	3	2	63	1
Dodge County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—
Douglas County Sheriff's Office	12	—	—	2	—	—	1	4	—
Duluth Police Department	20	—	—	—	5	10	1	—	—
Eagan Police Department	24	—	—	—	—	6	—	38	—
Eden Prairie Police Department	10	3	—	1	—	7	—	8	2
Edina Police Department	6	—	—	—	—	8	—	24	—
Elk River Police Department	6	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—
Faribault County Sheriff's Office	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	9	1
Faribault Police Department	4	—	—	1	—	—	—	16	—
Fergus Falls Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Freeborn County Sheriff's Office	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Fridley Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Glencoe Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—

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Golden Valley Police Department	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	—
Goodhue County Sheriff's Office	6	1	—	1	1	—	1	50	—
Grant County Sheriff's Office	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hennepin County Sheriff's Office	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	63	—
Hopkins Police Department	33	—	—	—	—	—	—	31	—
Hubbard County Sheriff's Office	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Inver Grove Police Department	16	1	—	—	—	1	—	48	—
Isanti County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	6	—
Itasca County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Kanabec County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office	1	—	—	—	—	2	3	1	—
Lake County Sheriff's Office	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lakeville Police Department	14	—	—	—	—	7	1	47	—
Lincoln County Sheriff's Office	2	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—
Lino Lakes Department of Public Safety	9	—	—	—	—	1	—	7	—
Lyon County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mahnomen County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mankato Department of Public Safety	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	—
Maple Grove Police Department	78	—	—	5	—	—	—	42	—
Maplewood Public Safety	23	—	—	—	—	8	—	1	—
Marshall Police Department	1	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—
McLeod County Sheriff's Office	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	12	—
Meeker County Sheriff's Office	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1
Mille Lacs County Sheriff's Office	4	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	—
Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department	4	—	1	2	13	3	2	—	—
Minneapolis Airport Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—
Minneapolis Police Department	25	1	—	—	1	5	7	61	—
Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	52	—
Minnesota State Patrol	—	—	—	1	—	—	204	115	3
Minnetonka Police Department	1	3	—	—	1	1	—	54	9
New Brighton Dept. of Public Safety	13	—	—	—	1	9	—	7	—
New Hope Police Department	1	—	—	—	—	4	—	20	—

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Nicollet County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nobles County Sheriff's Office	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Norman County Sheriff's Office	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
North Branch Police Department	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	—
Olmsted County Sheriff's Office	1	—	—	—	—	4	2	—	—
Orono Police Department	10	—	—	—	—	2	—	15	—
Ottertail County Sheriff's Office	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—
Owatonna Police Department	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—
Pine County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Plymouth Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Polk County Sheriff's Office	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Pope County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	—
Prior Lake Police Department	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	42	—
Ramsey County Sheriff's Office	55	1	3	4	—	33	3	34	5
Red Lake County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Red Wing Police Department	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Redwood County Sheriff's Office	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Renville County Sheriff's Office	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Rice County Sheriff's Office	9	—	—	4	—	8	—	14	—
Richfield Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	18	—
Robbinsdale Police Department	35	—	—	—	—	6	—	5	—
Rochester Police Department	24	15	—	—	13	1	—	2	—
Rogers Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Roseau County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Roseville Police Department	15	2	—	—	5	5	—	3	—
Sartell Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sauk Centre Police Department	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sauk Rapids Police Department	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	1
Scott County Sheriff's Office	18	—	—	1	—	5	—	14	—
Sherburne County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	20	—
St. Anthony Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
St. Cloud Police Department	19	6	—	1	—	17	2	29	3
St. Francis Police Department	6	1	—	—	—	1	—	8	—
St. Louis County Sheriff's Office	22	—	—	—	—	4	—	4	2
St. Paul Police Department	62	9	—	—	—	17	—	69	—

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Stearns County Sheriff's Office	16	—	—	—	—	—	3	32	22
Stevens County Sheriff's Office	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Swift County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	1	2	4	3	11	—
Thief River Falls Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Three Rivers Park District Public Safety	6	—	—	—	—	5	—	6	—
Todd County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	2	—	2	1	—	—
Upper Sioux Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wabasha County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wadena County Sheriff's Office	6	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	6
Wadena Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—
Waseca County Sheriff	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Washington County Sheriff's Office	22	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	5
Watonwan County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—
White Bear Lake Police Department	16	2	—	2	—	1	—	19	—
Willmar Police Department	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Windom Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Winona Police Department	3	—	1	—	—	1	—	3	—
Woodbury Police Department	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
Worthington Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—
Wright County Sheriff's Office	8	—	—	—	—	1	10	—	1
Yellow Medicine County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	1,033	62	8	56	66	342	259	1,528	79

The remaining portion of this report contains the reason codes law enforcement agencies provided for incidents in which a UAV was used without a warrant from July 1 to Dec. 31, 2025.

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	To document evidence that is at imminent risk of destruction
3	Over a public event where there is heightened risk to the safety of participants or bystanders
4	To counter the risk of a terrorist attack by a specific individual or organization if the agency determines that credible intelligence indicates a risk
5	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
6	To conduct a threat assessment in anticipation of a specific event
7	To collect information for a public area if there is reasonable suspicion of criminal activity
8	To collect information for crash reconstruction purposes after a serious or deadly collision occurring on a public road
9	Over a private area with the written consent of the occupant or a public area for officer training or public relations purposes
10	For purposes related 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
11	To facilitate the active search for a missing person

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Alexandria Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	5	—	—	—
Austin Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Becker County Sheriff's Office	27	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	10	—	9
Belle Plaine Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Beltrami County Sheriff's Office	1	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	2	—	4
Bemidji Police Department	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Benson Police Department	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	1	1
Benton County Sheriff's Office	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1
Big Lake Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—
Big Stone County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Blaine Police Department	17	—	4	—	—	2	7	—	20	—	—
Bloomington Police Department	9	—	1	—	—	1	10	—	14	—	2
Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	4	1
Brooklyn Center Police Department	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	—
Brooklyn Park Police Department	29	—	—	—	—	—	41	—	57	—	21
Burnsville Police Department	42	—	5	—	—	1	25	2	1	—	—
Cannon River Drug and Violent Offender Task Force	4	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	3	—	—
Carlton County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	6	—	—
Carver County Sheriff's Office	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	5	—	—
Cass County Sheriff's Office	6	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	5	—	4
Champlin Police Department	1	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	2
Chaska Police Department	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	9	—	—
Chippewa County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	2
Chisago County Sheriff's Office	8	—	1	—	—	6	1	—	17	—	1

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Clay County Sheriff's Office	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Clearwater County Sheriff's Office	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Colombia Heights Police Department	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	—	—
Coon Rapids Police Department	7	—	—	—	1	9	—	—	16	—	5
Corcoran Police Department	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	1	7	—	—
Cottage Grove Police Department	2	—	—	—	—	6	—	3	—	—	—
Crookston Police Department	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	5	—	—
Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office	15	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Crystal Police Department	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	—	1
Dakota County Sheriff's Office	25	3	15	—	—	11	—	1	30	—	7
Dodge County Sheriff's Office	6	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	9	1	1
Douglas County Sheriff's Office	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	—	4
Duluth Police Department	18	—	—	—	5	1	19	3	1	—	5
Eagan Police Department	15	—	4	—	—	—	11	—	33	1	6
Eden Prairie Police Department	8	—	5	—	—	—	7	—	23	—	—
Edina Police Department	2	—	—	—	—	—	46	—	124	—	—
Elk River Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	—
Faribault County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	5	—	2
Faribault Police Department	4	1	1	—	1	—	—	2	7	—	1
Fergus Falls Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	2	4
Freeborn County Sheriff's Office	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—
Fridley Police Department	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Glencoe Police Department	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	2
Golden Valley Police Department	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	—
Goodhue County Sheriff's Office	2	—	1	—	—	—	4	—	55	—	4

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Grant County Sheriff's Office	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	—
Hennepin County Sheriff's Office	43	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	55	—	—
Hopkins Police Department	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	1
Hubbard County Sheriff's Office	7	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
Inver Grove Police Department	18	2	1	—	—	1	1	—	21	2	6
Isanti County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	3
Itasca County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kanabec County Sheriff's Office	4	—	—	3	2	3	1	—	—	—	—
Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	—	—
Lake County Sheriff's Office	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lakeville Police Department	10	—	4	—	—	—	5	1	72	—	7
Lincoln County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lino Lakes Department of Public Safety	6	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	9	—	2
Lyon County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	7	—	1
Mahnomen County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mankato Department of Public Safety	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	5
Maple Grove Police Department	40	23	—	1	—	1	—	43	—	—	6
Maplewood Public Safety	18	1	2	—	—	2	11	—	5	—	2
Marshall Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
McLeod County Sheriff's Office	3	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	7	—	2
Meeker County Sheriff's Office	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	3
Mille Lacs County Sheriff's Office	2	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	1	—	4
Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department	1	—	—	—	1	5	4	2	—	1	5
Minneapolis Airport Police Department	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	13	—	1
Minneapolis Police Department	23	1	4	—	—	3	3	3	45	—	2

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Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	40	—	—
Minnesota State Patrol	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	244	66	—	—
Minnetonka Police Department	114	—	8	—	2	—	140	—	252	11	15
New Brighton Dept. of Public Safety	7	—	1	—	—	—	4	—	1	2	2
New Hope Police Department	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	5	—	—
Nicollet County Sheriff's Office	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	3	—	1
Nobles County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Norman County Sheriff's Office	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Branch Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—
Olmsted County Sheriff's Office	3	3	—	—	—	1	4	3	—	—	—
Orono Police Department	—	2	—	—	—	—	4	—	24	—	—
Ottertail County Sheriff's Office	3	—	—	1	—	1	2	—	4	—	5
Owatonna Police Department	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	10	3	—
Pine County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Plymouth Police Department	83	15	0	0	1	1	92	4	233	11	7
Polk County Sheriff's Office	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Pope County Sheriff's Office	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	—
Prior Lake Police Department	14	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	2
Ramsey County Sheriff's Office	34	—	59	—	—	4	27	—	19	—	—
Red Lake County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	4	—	—
Red Wing Police Department	2	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—
Redwood County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	—	1
Renville County Sheriff's Office	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rice County Sheriff's Office	8	—	—	—	—	—	13	1	2	5	1
Richfield Police Department	—	—	3	—	—	—	23	—	13	—	—

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Robbinsdale Police Department	16	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	7	—	1
Rochester Police Department	103	4	12	—	5	122	443	13	227	4	21
Rogers Police Department	16	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	65	—	4
Roseau County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Roseville Police Department	6	—	—	—	4	10	—	10	—	—	—
Sartell Police Department	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	32	—	4
Sauk Centre Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2
Sauk Rapids Police Department	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	9	4	1
Scott County Sheriff's Office	16	—	2	—	—	—	6	2	6	—	9
Sherburne County Sheriff's Office	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	16	8	1
St. Anthony Police Department	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	28	—	—
St. Cloud Police Department	11	2	5	1	—	5	24	7	26	—	7
St. Francis Police Department	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	2	—	2
St. Louis County Sheriff's Office	11	1	—	—	1	—	12	3	6	—	7
St. Paul Police Department	104	—	5	—	—	—	29	—	43	—	8
Stearns County Sheriff's Office	13	—	11	1	1	—	—	—	22	23	10
Stevens County Sheriff's Office	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Swift County Sheriff's Office	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	18	—	2
Thief River Falls Police Department	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	—
Three Rivers Park District Public Safety	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	4	—	—
Todd County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	2
Upper Sioux Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wabasha County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	9	5
Wadena County Sheriff's Office	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	2
Wadena Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	—

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Waseca County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	—	—
Washington County Sheriff's Office	15	—	—	—	—	1	7	1	10	1	4
Watonwan County Sheriff's Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
White Bear Lake Police Department	17	—	3	—	—	—	2	—	15	—	8
Willmar Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	—
Windom Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Winona Police Department	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	7	—	—
Woodbury Police Department	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Worthington Police Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	5	—	—
Wright County Sheriff's Office	9	—	1	—	—	—	1	7	1	2	5
Yellow Medicine County Sheriff	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
Totals	1,165	66	171	9	40	208	1,104	388	2,092	113	291

Agency data submission form(s)

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Please fill out this form as completely as possible.

Agency Information

Name of Law Enforcement Agency	Originating Agency Identifier (ORI)
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UAV Program Data for Calendar Year

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

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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

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#	Deployment Date	Reason Code	#	Deployment Date	Reason Code	#	Deployment Date	Reason Code	#	Deployment Date	Reason Code
1		Sal	26		Sal	61		Sal	76		Sal
2		Sal	27		Sal	62		Sal	77		Sal
3		Sal	28		Sal	63		Sal	78		Sal
4		Sal	29		Sal	64		Sal	79		Sal
5		Sal	30		Sal	65		Sal	80		Sal
6		Sal	31		Sal	66		Sal	81		Sal
7		Sal	32		Sal	67		Sal	82		Sal
8		Sal	33		Sal	68		Sal	83		Sal
9		Sal	34		Sal	69		Sal	84		Sal
10		Sal	35		Sal	70		Sal	85		Sal
11		Sal	36		Sal	71		Sal	86		Sal
12		Sal	37		Sal	72		Sal	87		Sal
13		Sal	38		Sal	73		Sal	88		Sal
14		Sal	39		Sal	74		Sal	89		Sal
15		Sal	40		Sal	75		Sal	90		Sal
16		Sal	41		Sal				91		Sal
17		Sal	42		Sal				92		Sal
18		Sal	43		Sal				93		Sal
19		Sal	44		Sal				94		Sal
20		Sal	45		Sal				95		Sal
21		Sal	46		Sal				96		Sal
22		Sal	47		Sal				97		Sal
23		Sal	48		Sal				98		Sal
24		Sal	49		Sal				99		Sal
25		Sal	50		Sal				100		Sal

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UAV Agency Data Collection Form

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Agency Information

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UAV Program Data for Calendar Year

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

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2	to document evidence that is at imminent risk of destruction
3	over a public event where there is a heightened risk to the safety of participants or bystanders
4	to counter the risk of a terrorist attack by a specific individual or organization if the agency determines that credible intelligence indicates a risk
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7	to collect information from a public area if there is reasonable suspicion of criminal activity
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9	over a private area with the written consent of the occupant or a public area for officer training or public relations purposes
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11	to facilitate the active search for a missing person

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#	Deployment Date	Reason Code	#	Deployment Date	Reason Code	#	Deployment Date	Reason Code	#	Deployment Date	Reason Code
1		Selec▼	26		Selec▼	51		Selec▼	76		Selec▼
2		Selec▼	27		Selec▼	52		Selec▼	77		Selec▼
3		Selec▼	28		Selec▼	53		Selec▼	78		Selec▼
4		Selec▼	29		Selec▼	54		Selec▼	79		Selec▼
5		Selec▼	30		Selec▼	55		Selec▼	80		Selec▼
6		Selec▼	31		Selec▼	56		Selec▼	81		Selec▼
7		Selec▼	32		Selec▼	57		Selec▼	82		Selec▼
8		Selec▼	33		Selec▼	58		Selec▼	83		Selec▼
9		Selec▼	34		Selec▼	59		Selec▼	84		Selec▼
10		Selec▼	35		Selec▼	60		Selec▼	85		Selec▼
11		Selec▼	36		Selec▼	61		Selec▼	86		Selec▼
12		Selec▼	37		Selec▼	62		Selec▼	87		Selec▼
13		Selec▼	38		Selec▼	63		Selec▼	88		Selec▼
14		Selec▼	39		Selec▼	64		Selec▼	89		Selec▼
15		Selec▼	40		Selec▼	65		Selec▼	90		Selec▼
16		Selec▼	41		Selec▼	66		Selec▼	91		Selec▼
17		Selec▼	42		Selec▼	67		Selec▼	92		Selec▼
18		Selec▼	43		Selec▼	68		Selec▼	93		Selec▼
19		Selec▼	44		Selec▼	69		Selec▼	94		Selec▼
20		Selec▼	45		Selec▼	70		Selec▼	95		Selec▼
21		Selec▼	46		Selec▼	71		Selec▼	96		Selec▼
22		Selec▼	47		Selec▼	72		Selec▼	97		Selec▼
23		Selec▼	48		Selec▼	73		Selec▼	98		Selec▼
24		Selec▼	49		Selec▼	74		Selec▼	99		Selec▼
25		Selec▼	50		Selec▼	75		Selec▼	100		Selec▼

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