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Media Release: January 15th, 2024 Unmanned Aerial System Annual Report

As part of our commitment to the community, we are releasing this annual report regarding the usage of the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) Team.

The UAS Team consists of 16 members of the Sheriff's Office who are certified under Code of Federal Regulations Title 14 part 107 to fly drones in a commercial capacity.

In 2023 the UAS was deployed 54 times. Those deployments included search and rescue operations, suspect searches, crime scene documentation, storm damage surveys, high risk incidents and search warrant services.

Below are the dates, locations, and circumstances for each public deployment in 2023:

DATE	LOCATION	MISSION TYPE	OUTCOME
1/2/2023	Soquel Village	Survey Storm Damage	Scene Documented
1/5/2023	Rio Del Mar Esplanade	Survey Storm Damage	Scene Documented
1/10/2023	Rio Del Mar Esplanade	Survey Storm Damage	Scene Documented
1/10/2023	Pajaro Levee	Survey Storm Damage	Scene Documented
1/11/2023	Pajaro Levee	Survey Storm Damage	Scene Documented
1/16/2023	Lake Ct, Aptos	Survey Storm Damage	Scene Documented
1/16/2023	Scott Park, Freedom	Felony Suspect Search	Negative Results
1/17/2023	0 Block La Selva Dr	Search Warrant Service	Warrant Served
2/3/2023	300 Blk Lee St, Santa Cruz	AOD for Barricaded Felony Suspect	Subject Arrested

2/7/2023	4000 Blk SR-9, Felton	Felony Suspect Search	Subject Arrested
2/9/2023	100 Blk Ranport Rd, Watsonville	Search Warrant Authorized Observations	Warrant Served
2/10/2023	Cedar ST & Sycamore Ln, Santa Cruz	AOD for Felony Suspect Search	Negative Results
2/13/2023	Highland Way, Watsonville	AOD for Search Warrant Service	Warrant Served
2/16/2023	100 Blk Ranport Rd, Watsonville	AOD for Search Warrant Service	Warrant Served
2/21/2023	Wharf Rd & Grace St, Capitola	AOD for Felony Suspect Search	Negative Results
2/27/2023	1000 Blk Soquel Dr, Soquel	Search for Missing Person At-Risk	Negative Results
2/28/2023	100 Blk Emeline, Santa Cruz	Search for Missing Person At-Risk	Negative Results
3/12/2023	Highway 1 & Riverside Dr	Storm Damage Survey	Scene Documented
3/13/2023	Highway 1 & Riverside Dr	Storm Damage Survey	Scene Documented
3/13/2023	Brommer St Park, Live Oak	Felony Suspect Search	Negative Results
4/9/2023	4100 Blk Fairway Dr, Soquel	Search for Missing Person At-Risk	Missing Person Located
5/11/2023	Riverside & Coward Rd, Watsonville	Search for Missing Person At-Risk	Negative Results
5/15/2023	1100 Blk Dundee, Ben Lomond	Search for Missing Person At-Risk	Negative Results
5/15/2023	2400 Blk 17 th Ave, Live Oak	Felony Suspect Search	Negative Results
6/15/2023	23000 Blk Skyview Terrace, Los Gatos	Survey Geological Damage	Scene Documented
6/16/2023	Pajaro Levee & Marchant St, Watsonville	AOD for Felony Suspect Search	Subject Arrested
6/20/2023	2700 Blk Cabrillo College Dr, Aptos	Search for Missing Person At-Risk	Missing Person Located
7/3/2023	Mile Marker 24, Highway 9	Felony Suspect Search	Negative Results
7/25/2023	100 Blk Wheelock Rd, Watsonville	AOD for Search Warrant Authorized Observations	Warrant Served
7/28/2023	2500 Blk Soquel Dr, Soquel	Barricaded Felony Suspect	Subject Arrested

7/30/2023	Highway 1 & Cement Plant Rd, Davenport	Search for Possible Victim of Violent Crime	Negative Results
8/3/2023	100 Blk Taryn Ln, Watsonville	Search Warrant Service	Warrant Served
8/11/2023	500 Blk Cereze St, Watsonville	AOD for Search Warrant Service	Warrant Served
8/18/2023	7 th Ave & Rodriguez St, Santa Cruz	AOD for Felony Suspect Search	Negative Results
8/24/2023	700 Blk Palm Ave, Watsonville	AOD for Search Warrant Service	Warrant Served
9/10/2023	Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf	Swimmer Safety for Event	N/A
9/14/2023	100 Blk Sans Rd, Watsonville	Search for Victim of Violent Crime	Negative Results
9/15/2023	12500 Blk Skyline Blvd, Los Gatos	Search for Missing Person At-Risk	Missing Person Located
9/22/2023	1000 Blk N Rodeo Gulch, Soquel	Search Warrant Authorized Observations	Warrant Served
9/24/2023	Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf	Swimmer Safety for Event	N/A
9/29/2023	1000 Blk Felton Quarry Rd, Felton	Search Warrant Authorized Observations	Warrant Served
10/15/2023	600 Blk Brommer St, Santa Cruz	Search for Victim of Violent Crime	Negative Results
10/23/2023	Broadway & Caldonia St, Santa Cruz	AOD for Felony Suspect Search	Negative Results
10/30/2023	5000 Blk Bogey Dr, Soquel	Search for Missing Person At-Risk	Negative Results
11/4/2023	Coffee Lane Park, Live Oak	Felony Suspect Search	Negative Results
11/7/2023	100 Blk Gonda St, Watsonville	AOD Search Warrant Service	Warrant Served
11/12/2023	1800 Blk Portola St, Watsonville	Felony Suspect Search	Negative Results
12/5/2023	700 Blk Highway 1, Davenport	Felony Suspect Search	Negative Results
12/11/2023	Glenwood Ave & Coulson Ave, Santa Cruz	Felony Suspect Search	Negative Results
12/22/2023	China Ladder Beach, Davenport	Search for Missing Person At-Risk	Negative Results
12/28/2023	Davenport Beach, Davenport	Felony Suspect Search	Negative Results
12/28/2023	Rio Del Mar Esplanade	Storm Damage Survey	Scene Documented

12/30/2023	Pleasure Point Hook	Search for Missing Person At-Risk	Subject Located
12/31/2023	700 Blk Green Valley Rd, Watsonville	Felony Suspect Search	Negative Results

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