



RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SAFETY DRONE PROGRAM

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How long program in operation? 4 Years

How many aircraft in program? Currently 25

What types of aircraft in fleet? Autel EVO2, Autel EVO 1, DJI Mavic Pro, DJI Mavic Enterprise, DJI Phantom 4 DJI Spark

How many remote pilots in program? Currently 25, will be expanding to approximately 72 by the end of the year.

Do you operate with COA, Part 107 or both? If outside the U.S., tell what regulations you operate under. Both COA and 107 where applicable.

How has your drone program been innovative for your department? It has allowed us to bring a valuable resource (aerial view) to a wider audience. A helicopter is not always available or practical.

How has your drone program enhanced safety for your department? The use of a UAS has provided greater situational awareness to ground personnel. Setting and maintaining perimeters, monitoring hostel crowds and giving deputies a view of the crime scene, which otherwise would not be seen.

How has your drone program improved operational effectiveness? The UAS provides greater options when dealing with potential life-threatening situations. It allows us to observe and plan for a situation prior to inserting ourselves in harm's way. This protects both us as well as members of the public we serve.

If you have news stories of success of your program or missions, please provide links to stories (More than one link is OK):