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Media Release: January 31st, 2025 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 2024 the UAS was deployed 66 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 2024:

DATE	LOCATION	MISSION TYPE	OUTCOME
1/14/2024	300 Blk S. Green Valley Rd, Watsonville	AOD for Felony Suspect Search	Suspect Not Located
1/19/2024	0 Blk Quinza Ct, Watsonville	AOD for Search Warrant Service	Warrant Served
1/20/2024	100 Blk Manor Pl, Santa Cruz	AOD for Felony Suspect Search	Suspect Not Located
1/22/2024	15000 Blk Fern Ave, Boulder Creek	Barricaded Felony Suspect	Suspect Apprehended
1/25/2024	1000 Blk River St, Santa Cruz	AOD for Felony Suspect Search	Suspect Not Located
1/27/2024	100 Blk Parkhurst Cir, Aptos	Felony Suspect Search	Suspect Not Located
1/30/2024	100 Blk Via Vinca, Scotts Valley	AOD for Felony Suspect Search	Suspect Not Located
2/1/2024	2000 Blk Dolphin Dr, Aptos	Barricaded Felony Suspect	Suspect Apprehended
2/6/2024	Rio Del Mar Esplanade	AOD for Warrant Service	Warrant Served

2/10/2024	700 Blk Highway 1, Davenport	Felony Suspect Search	Suspect Not Located
3/4/2024	200 Blk Water St, Santa Cruz	AOD for Felony Suspect Search	Suspect Apprehended
3/6/2024	3400 Blk Main St, Soquel	Missing Person Search	Subject Located
3/13/2024	2800 Blk Freedom Blvd, Watsonville	AOD for Felony Suspect Search	Suspect Not Located
3/18/2024	400 Blk Heather Point, Aptos	Missing Person Search	Subject Not Located
3/22/2024	10100 Blk Highway 9, Ben Lomond	Felony Suspect Search	Suspect Not Located
3/28/2024	8000 Blk Soquel Ave, Aptos	AOD for Felony Suspect Search	Suspect Not Located
4/3/2024	16400 Blk Highway 9, Boulder Creek	Response for Bomb Threat	Unfounded
4/13/2024	200 Blk Forest Dr, Aptos	Response for Burglary In-Progress	Unfounded
4/19/2024	1400 Blk Freedom Blvd, Watsonville	AOD for Felony Suspect Search	Suspected Apprehended
5/3/2024	200 Blk Migués Mountain Rd, Aptos	Missing Person Search	Subject Not Located
5/18/2024	6000 Blk Scotts Valley Dr, Scotts Valley	AOD for Barricaded Felony Suspect	Suspect Apprehended
5/21/2024	140 Blk Laurel St, Santa Cruz	Aerial Coverage for High-Risk Operation	Mission Completed
5/24/2024	0 Blk Hangar Way, Watsonville	Felony Suspect Search	Suspect Not Located
5/26/2024	0 Blk Las Olas Dr, Aptos	Missing Person Search	Subject Located
6/1/2024	0 Blk Timber Ridge Dr, Scotts Valley	AOD for Barricaded Felony Suspect	Suspect Apprehended
6/8/2024	Panther Beach State Park	Water Rescue	Subjects Located
6/10/2024	1000 Blk River St, Santa Cruz	AOD for Felony Suspect Search	Suspect Not Located
6/15/2024	Anna Jean Cummings Park	Felony Suspect Search	Suspect Apprehended
6/16/2024	New Brighton Beach	Missing Person Search	Subject Not Located
6/17/2024	14000 Blk West Park, Boulder Creek	Missing Person Search	Subject Not Located
6/20/2024	100 Blk Braemoor Rd, Bonny Doon	Missing Person Search	Subject Located
6/21/2024	0 Blk Stewart Ave, Watsonville	Felony Suspect Search	Suspect Apprehended
7/5/2024	Corcoran Beach	Water Rescue	Unfounded
7/10/2024	Pajaro River Levee	Aerial Coverage for High-Risk Operation	Mission Completed

7/10/2024	0 Blk Walker St, Watsonville	Aerial Coverage for High-Risk Operation	Mission Completed
7/11/2024	100 Blk Coral St, Santa Cruz	Aerial Coverage for High-Risk Operation	Mission Completed
7/11/2024	Pogonip Park	Aerial Coverage for High-Risk Operation	Mission Completed
7/23/2024	1800 Blk Soquel Dr, Soquel	Barricaded Felony Suspect	Suspect Not Located
7/24/2024	0 Blk Barker Ct,	Felony Suspect Search	Suspect Not Located
8/8/2024	Davenport Beach	Felony Suspect Search	Suspect Apprehended
8/10/2024	7700 Blk Soquel Dr, Aptos	Felony Suspect Search	Suspect Not Located
8/11/2024	18000 Blk Favre Ridge Rd, Las Cumbres	Missing Person Search	Subject Located
8/15/2024	100 Blk Verde Dr, Aptos	Missing Person Search	Subject Located
8/30/2024	Davenport Beach	Water Rescue	Unfounded
9/1/2024	Scott Creek Beach	Water Rescue	Subject Located
9/8/2024	2024 Santa Cruz Iron Man	AOD Aerial Coverage for Community Event	Mission Completed
9/10/2024	100 Blk Pleasant Valley Rd, Aptos	Felony Suspect Search	Suspect Not Located
9/19/2024	Sunset State Beach	Missing Person Search	Subject Not Located
9/20/2024	Pajaro Levee, Watsonville	AOD for Felony Suspect Search	Suspect Not Located
9/21/2024	0 Blk Lee Rd, Watsonville	Aerial Coverage for High-Risk Operation	Mission Completed
9/22/2024	2024 Santa Cruz Triathlon	AOD Aerial Coverage for Community Event	Mission Completed
9/28/2024	2024 Wharf to Wharf	Aerial Coverage for Community Event	Completed
10/2/2024	2000 Blk Sequoia Dr, Soquel	Search Warrant Service	Warrant Served
10/4/2024	700 Blk Carlton Rd, Watsonville	Crime Scene Documentation	Scene Documented
10/14/2024	700 Blk Prospect Heights, Santa Cruz	AOD for Fire Response	Mission Completed
10/26/2024	Greyhound Rock	Water Rescue	Subject Not Located
10/28/2024	1700 Blk Soquel Ave, Santa Cruz	AOD for Felony Suspect Search	Suspect Not Located
11/6/2024	100 Blk Eureka Canyon Rd, Watsonville	Missing Person Search	Subject Located

11/11/2024	0 Blk Chaminade Ln, Soquel	Missing Person Search	Subject Located
12/2/2024	1500 Blk Capitola Rd, Live Oak	Felony Suspect Search	Unfounded
12/10/2024	Davenport Beach	Felony Suspect Search	Suspect Not Located
12/18/24	800 Blk Highland Dr, Boulder Creek	Search Warrant Service	Warrant Served
12/19/24	1200 Blk E. San Martin, San Martin	Search Warrant Service	Warrant Served
12/23/24	Santa Cruz Wharf	Water Rescue	Mission Completed
12/23/24	Seabright Beach	Storm Damage Assessment	Scene Documented
12/31/24	Various County Beaches	Storm Damage Assessment	Scene Documented

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