

Unmanned Aircraft Systems Unit

Annual Report FY2020

This report provides a general summary of all San Diego Police Department operations conducted by the Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Unit during Fiscal year 2020, (July 2019-June 2020). This report does not include UAS flights conducted for training or for the sole purpose of SDPD Media relations.

This report is in accordance with the 2015 Presidential Memorandum: Promoting Economic Competitiveness While Safeguarding Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties in Domestic Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

During FY2020, the UAS Unit conducted 4 operations. All of these operations occurred in the City of San Diego. During 2020, the SDPD UAS Unit did not conduct any operations in support of other agencies, or to state, tribal or territorial governments.

During Special Events and demonstrations in public venues, UAS video recording and photographic evidence collection are generally not collected unless to document a crime in progress, anticipation of a crime, upon request, or with approval of the Chief of Police or designee.

DATE	CATEGORY	SUMMARY
6/4/2020	Civil Unrest	UAS Unit conducted aerial overwatch to support enhanced
	(Enhanced	security and anti-terrorism efforts during Civil Unrest
	Security)	incidents around SDPD Headquarters.
6/1/2020	Civil Unrest	UAS Unit conducted aerial overwatch to support enhanced
	(Enhanced	security and anti-terrorism efforts during Civil Unrest
	Security)	incidents around SDPD Headquarters.
5/31/2020	Civil Unrest	UAS Unit conducted aerial overwatch to support enhanced
	(Enhanced	security and anti-terrorism efforts during Civil Unrest
	Security)	incidents around SDPD Headquarters.
12/10/2019	SWAT Support	UAS Unit conducted aerial overwatch of a residence to
	(Warrant)	support SWAT operations during planned Warrant Service.