

This report provides a general summary of all San Diego Police Department operations conducted by the Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Unit during Fiscal year 2021, (July 2020-June 2021). 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 FY2021, the UAS Unit conducted 6 operations. All of these operations occurred in the City of San Diego. During FY2021, 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
6/14-20/2021	Special Events (Enhanced Security)	UAS Unit conducted aerial overwatch to support enhanced security and anti-terrorism efforts during the U.S. Open Golf Tournament.
6/2/2021	Evidence Collection	UAS conducted aerial photography and video evidence collection of a crime scene to support a Street Gang Unit investigation involving a shooting incident.
5/20/2021	SWAT Support (Warrant)	UAS Unit conducted forward deployed UAS observation of an illegal gambling den to support a SWAT Warrant Service operation.
3/24/2021	SWAT Support (Warrant)	UAS Unit conducted interior search of a residence to support a SWAT Warrant Service operation.
1/27-31/2021	Special Events (Enhanced Security)	UAS Unit conducted aerial overwatch to support enhanced security and anti-terrorism efforts during the Farmers Open Golf Tournament.
8/25/2020	Evidence Collection	UAS conducted aerial photography and video evidence collection of a crime scene to support a Child Death investigation.