

Unmanned Aircraft Systems Unit

Annual Report FY2022

This report provides a general summary of all San Diego Police Department operations conducted by the Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Unit during Fiscal year 2022, (July 2021-June 2022). 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 FY2022, the UAS Unit conducted 5 operations. One of these operations occurred outside the City of San Diego, in the city of Escondido. During FY2022, 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
6/05/2022	Special Events (Enhanced Security)	UAS Unit conducted aerial overwatch to support enhanced security and anti-terrorism efforts during the Rock and Roll Marathon.
6/02/2022	Search and Rescue for Missing Person	UAS Unit conducted an aerial search to look for a Missing Person at risk for the SDPD Missing Persons Unit.
5/18/2022	Security Overwatch at Demonstration	UAS Unit conducted aerial overwatch to support enhanced security and anti-terrorism efforts during a demonstration in downtown San Diego.
1/26-29/2022	Special Events (Enhanced Security)	UAS Unit conducted aerial overwatch to support enhanced security and anti-terrorism efforts during the Farmers Open Golf Tournament.
11/17/2021	SWAT Support (Warrant)	UAS Unit conducted interior search of a residence to support a SWAT Warrant Service operation.