

This report provides a general summary of all San Diego Police Department operations conducted by the Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Unit during Fiscal year 2023, (July 2022-June 2023). 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 FY2023 the UAS Unit conducted 40 law-enforcement operations. Seven of these operations occurred outside the City of San Diego, in the following cities: Oceanside, Escondido, National City, Vista, Fallbrook, Alpine, and Chula Vista. During FY2023, the SDPD UAS Unit did not conduct any operations in support of other agencies, or to state, tribal or territorial governments. The UAS Unit did conduct one operation in support of the City of San Diego local government, Development Services Division.

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
6/27/2023	Evidence Collection	UAS conducted aerial photography evidence collection of a crime scene to support a SDPD Homicide Unit investigation.
6/23/2023	Evidence Collection	UAS conducted aerial photography evidence collection of a crime scene to support a SDPD Homicide Unit investigation.
6/21/2023	SWAT Support	UAS Unit conducted aerial overwatch of surrounding area and interior aircraft to support SWAT operations in response to an armed barricaded suspect who had committed a domestic violence related attempt homicide.
6/19/2023	Evidence Collection	UAS conducted aerial photography evidence collection of a crime scene to support a SDPD Homicide Unit investigation. UAS Unit also conducted canyon and alley searches for the suspect and overwatched officers when taking the subject into custody.
6/8/2023	SWAT Support	UAS Unit conducted aerial overwatch of surrounding area to support SWAT operations in response to an armed suspect who shot at and injured a police officer.
6/4/2023	Special Events (Enhanced Security)	UAS Unit conducted perched and aerial overwatch to support enhanced security and anti-terrorism efforts during the Rock and Roll Marathon.
6/2/2023	Evidence Collection	UAS conducted aerial photography evidence collection of a crime scene to support a SDPD Homicide Unit investigation.
6/2/2023	MP At Risk, SAR	UAS conducted aerial search for a missing "at Risk" adult.

5/25/2023	SWAT Support (Warrant)	UAS Unit conducted aerial overwatch of a residence to support SWAT operations during planned Warrant Service.
5/23/2023	Evidence Collection	UAS conducted aerial photography evidence collection of a crime scene to support a SDPD Homicide Unit investigation.
5/19/2023	MP At Risk, SAR	UAS conducted aerial search for a missing "at Risk" adult for Southeast Division patrol.
5/13/2023	Homicide, Gun SAR	UAS conducted aerial search for evidence related to a crime scene to support a SDPD Homicide Unit investigation.
5/10/2023	SWAT Support (Warrant)	UAS Unit conducted aerial overwatch of a residence to support SWAT operations during planned Warrant Service.
5/7/2023	Evidence Collection	UAS conducted aerial photography evidence collection of a crime scene to support a SDPD Homicide Unit investigation.
4/21/2023	Evidence Collection	UAS conducted aerial photography evidence collection of a crime scene to support a SDPD Homicide Unit investigation.
4/17/2023	Evidence Collection	UAS conducted aerial photography evidence collection of a fatal Traffic Collision investigation.
4/11/2023	Suspect Search	UAS Unit conducted an aerial suspect search for an armed suspect.
4/5/2023	Evidence Collection	UAS conducted aerial photography evidence collection of a crime scene to support a SDPD Street Gang Unit investigation.
3/24/2023	Evidence Collection	UAS conducted aerial photography evidence collection of a crime scene to support a SDPD Homicide Unit investigation.
3/22/2023	Evidence Collection	UAS conducted aerial photography evidence collection of a fatal Traffic Collision investigation.
3/11/2023	Search for Suspect	UAS Unit conducted an aerial suspect search for a carjacking suspect.
2/22/2023	Evidence Collection	UAS conducted aerial photography evidence collection of a crime scene to support a SDPD Homicide Unit investigation.
2/15/2023	SWAT Support (Warrant)	UAS Unit conducted aerial overwatch of a residence to support SWAT operations during planned Warrant Service.
2/2/2023	Evidence Collection	UAS conducted aerial photography evidence collection of a crime scene to support a SDPD Homicide Unit investigation.
1/25-28/23	Special Events (Enhanced Security)	UAS Unit conducted aerial overwatch to support enhanced security and anti-terrorism efforts during the Farmers Open Golf Tournament.
1/24/2023	SWAT Support	UAS Unit conducted an interior search of a residence to support SWAT operations in response to an armed and barricaded suicidal subject.
1/20/2023	SWAT Support, Suspect Search	UAS Unit conducted aerial overwatch and interior search of a parking structure to support SWAT operations in response to armed murder suspects.

1/19/2023	SWAT Support (Warrant)	UAS Unit conducted aerial overwatch of a residence to support SWAT operations during planned Warrant Service.
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1/18/2023	SWAT Support (Warrant)	UAS Unit conducted aerial overwatch of a residence to support SWAT operations during planned Warrant Service.
12/12/2022	SWAT Support	UAS Unit conducted aerial overwatch and interior search of a residence to support SWAT operations in response to a potentially armed and barricaded suspect who shot a police officer multiple times.
12/07/2022	SWAT Support (Warrant)	UAS Unit conducted aerial overwatch of a residence to support SWAT operations during planned Warrant Service.
12/2-3/2022	Special Events (Enhanced Security)	UAS Unit conducted aerial overwatch to support enhanced security and anti-terrorism efforts during the December Nights special event.
11/14/2022	SWAT Support	UAS Unit conducted aerial overwatch and interior search of a residence to support SWAT operations in response to a potentially armed and barricaded suspect.
11/14/2022	SWAT Support	UAS Unit conducted aerial overwatch residence to support SWAT operations in response to a potentially armed and barricaded suspect.
10/05/2022	Evidence Collection	UAS conducted aerial photography and video evidence collection of a crime scene to support a SDPD Homicide Unit investigation.
8/30/2022	SWAT Support (Warrant)	UAS Unit conducted aerial overwatch of a residence to support SWAT operations during planned Warrant Service.
08/20-21/22	SWAT Support	UAS Unit conducted aerial overwatch and interior search of a residence to support SWAT operations in response to an armed and barricaded suspect who shot at police officers multiple times.
7/29/2022	City of SD Support	The City of San Diego, Development Services requested the UAS Unit to collect aerial photos and videos of the California Theater to capture images of structural damage and safety concerns.
7/27/2022	SWAT Support (Warrant)	UAS Unit conducted aerial overwatch of a residence to support SWAT operations during planned Warrant Service.