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2025 Vermont Law Enforcement Agency Drone Use

This document serves as the 2025 reporting requirement mandated by Section 4624 of Title 20. By statute, law enforcement agencies are required to send the Department of Public Safety (DPS) information related to any drone use within the previous 12 months. *See* 20 V.S.A. § 4624(a). Annually, DPS must forward the information collected pursuant to subsection (a) of this statute to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary and on Government Operations. *See* 20 V.S.A. § 4624(b).

Vermont law enforcement agencies must report to DPS the following information:

- (1) The number of times the agency used a drone within the previous 12 months. For each use of a drone, the agency shall report the type of incident involved, the nature of the information collected, and the rationale for deployment of the drone.
- (2) The number of criminal investigations aided, and arrests made through use of information gained by the use of drones within the previous 12 months, including a description of how the drone aided each investigation or arrest.

(3) The number of times a drone collected data on any person, home, or area other than the target of the surveillance within the previous 12 months and the type of data collected in each instance.

(4) The cost of the agency's drone program and the program's source of funding.

See 20 V.S.A. § 4624(a).

In accordance with statute, DPS submits the following 2025 law enforcement drone usage information received from the Vermont State Police, Burlington Police Department, Essex Police Department, Hartford Police Department, Middlebury Police Department, Milton Police Department, Morristown Police Department, Springfield Police Department, Swanton Police Department, and Washington County Sheriff's Office:

The Department of Public Safety is not knowingly in receipt of any reports or information documenting the use of drones from other municipal, county or state law enforcement agencies

1. **The number of times the agency used a drone within the previous 12 months. For each use of a drone, the agency shall report the type of incident involved, the nature of the information collected, and the rationale for deployment of the drone.**
 - The Vermont State Police reported deploying a drone 160 times in the previous 12 months. See Appendix (A)* for the type of incident involved, nature of information collected and reason for deployment.
 - The Burlington Police Department reported deploying a drone 18 times in previous 12 months. See Appendix (B)* for type of incident involved, nature of information collected and reason for deployment.
 - The Essex Police Department reported deploying a drone 23 times in previous 12 months. See Appendix (C)* for type of incident involved, nature of information collected and reason for deployment.
 - The Hartford Police Department reported deploying a drone 16 times in the previous 12 months. See Appendix (D)* for type of incident involved, nature of information collected and reason for deployment.
 - The Middlebury Police Department reported deploying a drone 12 times in 2025. See Appendix (E)* for type of incident involved, nature of information collected and reason for deployment.
 - The Milton Police Department reported deploying a drone 15 times in the previous 12 months. See Appendix (F)* for type of incident involved, nature of information collected and reason for deployment.

- The Morristown Police Department reported deploying a drone 2 times in 2025. See Appendix (G)* for type of incident involved, nature of information collected and reason for deployment.
 - The Springfield Police Department reported deploying a drone 4 times in 2025. See Appendix (H)* for type of incident involved, nature of information collected and reason for deployment.
 - The Swanton Villiage Police Department reported deploying a drone 3 times in 2025. See Appendix (I)* for type of incident involved, nature of information collected and reason for deployment.
 - The Washington County Sherrif's Office reported deploying a drone 0 time in the previous 12 months. See Appendix (J)* for type of incident involved, nature of information collected and reason for deployment.
2. **The number of criminal investigations aided, and arrests made through use of information gained by the use of drones within the previous 12 months, including a description of how the drone aided each investigation or arrest.**
- The State Police used drones to support investigations 133 times. 42 times drones were used to capture images of serious/fatal motor vehicle crashes, 38 times for documenting various crime scenes and 53 times to locate and observe the actions of subjects that were determined to possess a risk of harm to officers or the public. State Police drones were used to aid investigations by capturing images, and/or video, and/or providing non-recorded real-time video feed. The use of State Police drones and the information gained by this use was never the sole basis for an arrest.
 - The Burlington Police Department used a drone for 5 criminal investigations. The drone was used to search a residence for a bank robbery suspect. The drones were used in 3 criminal investigations to provide overwatch surveillance for wanted homicide and robbery suspects who were apprehended by the Emergency Response Team. The Drone was used in 1 criminal barricade to search a residence for an armed suspect.
 - Essex Police Department reported that no criminal charges resulted from deployments during this reporting period.
 - Hartford Police Department reported that drones were deployed for two criminal investigations, a sexual assault and an arson investigation. Each time the drone was utilized for crime scene documentation as the sexual assault occurred outside and the drone was used to document a fire scene at a residence.
 - Middlebury Police Department reported using a drone 0 times to support criminal investigations.

- The Milton Police Department used drones to support criminal investigations 8 times with 2 times resulting in an arrest. As a result of these 8 times the drones were used for criminal investigations, warrants were sought and granted on all 8 occasions. Milton Police Department drones were used to aid investigations by searching for fleeing suspects, supporting officers during armed barricades, conducting searches where suspects had fired shots on arrival of officers, and searching for wanted subjects barricaded inside residences. The Milton Police Department used drones 7 times for Search and Rescue incidents. The use of Milton Police drones and the information gained by this use was never the sole basis for an arrest.
 - Morristown Police Departments drone was used when a male fell from a third story apartment balcony. At the time of the call, it was unsure if the male fell on his own or was pushed. The male in question and others at the time were intoxicated. The drone was used to document the outside of the apartment building. The path of the fall, photos and video of the building were taken as well. This investigation concluded with no arrest, and it was later determined the male fell from the balcony while trying to sit on an air conditioner unit.
 - Springfield Police Department reported that a drone was used one time to support criminal investigations.
 - Swanton Police Department reported Two case where the drone was utilized to search for an ATV that was stolen and possible abandoned in a wooded area. The drone did not locate the ATV. The second case was an assist to VSP attempting to locate male who walked away from scene regarding a condition's violation incident. He was not located.
 - Washington Country Sheriffs Office reported using a drone 0 times to support criminal investigations.
3. **The number of times a drone collected data on any person, home, or area other than the target of the surveillance within the previous 12 months and the type of data collected in each instance.**
- The Vermont State Police is not aware of any collected data on any person, home, or area other than the target of the surveillance and in accordance with Title 20 V.S.A § 4622.
 - The Burlington Police Department Reported the following: 01/26/2025: While using the UAS to search for threats to a large parade on Church St celebrating UVM's Soccer national championship, 3 zoomed out still images were taken to capture the size of the crowd celebrating UVM's victory. 8/05/2025: While video recording the outdoors arrest of a robbery suspect outdoors, there were other people and homes in the area that were also recorded. 8/29/2025: While video recording the outdoors arrest of a murder suspect, there

was a person of interest who was also recorded, and there were homes that were also recorded.

- Hartford Police Department reported during one instance a drone collected other data as it was utilized to search the Quechee Gorge for a person who was suspected to have jumped from the bridge to into the gorge. The area of the gorge is adjacent to a well traveled state park, state highway and public parking area where patrons visiting the gorge park to walk down the trail to the bottom.
- The Middlebury Police Department collected data, in the form of aerial photos (non-thermal) and videos, as part of their deployment on 3 incidents: Public Interest: 3
Public Works (Middlebury Town) – Wastewater Treatment Facility Plant
Public Works (Middlebury Town) – Crosswalk Painting (Pride Month)
Mary Hogan Elementary / MUMS – Evacuation Route Photography
- The Milton Police Department is not aware of any data collected on any person, home, or area other than the target of the surveillance and in accordance with Title 20 V.S.A § 4622.
- Morristown Police Department reported that a drone collected data on any person, home, or area other than the target of the surveillance during a search and rescue mission and while documenting possible crime scene.
- Springfield Police Department reported that a drone collected data on any person, home, or area other than the target of the surveillance one time.
- Swanton Village Police reported that drone collected data on any person, home, or area other than the target of the surveillance 0 times.
- Washington Country Sheriff's Office reported that drone collected data on any person, home, or area other than the target of the surveillance 0 times.

4. The cost of the agency's drone program and the program's source of funding.

- The Vermont State Police reported spending \$180,185.51 of Homeland Security Grant Funds on fleet modernization which included updated aircraft and supported accessories. An additional \$1,915.08 on repairs, replacement parts, FAA registration, FAA license testing, and accessories. This expense was funded through the use of the General Fund. The total cost of the Vermont State Police UASP for CY 2025 was \$182,100.59.
- The Burlington Police Department reported spending \$ 731.21, and the source of finding was General Funds.
- The Essex Police Department reported spending \$10,295.00, funded by asset forfeiture.

- The Hartford Police Department reported spending \$15,000. The HPD program was started through a \$2000 grant from Walmart and then a \$10,000 grant from the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation. The remaining funding came from the HPD operating budget.
- The Middlebury Police Department reported the following expenditures paid for using town funds include the following:

Training: LEDA Conference (Boston) - \$898.00 (2 Attendees) LEDA Conference
Food, Lodging - \$795.00 (2 Attendees)

Total: \$1,693.00

A public donation was received to cover the purchase of two M30T batteries:
M30T Batteries (2):

Total: \$834.00

Additional UAS Program equipment acquisitions were paid for by officers of the Middlebury PD. Departmental policy allows the use of personally owned UAS equipment for on-duty use. One drone, an “Avata 2” was purchased by an officer for use by the UAS program. Additional associated equipment for the Avata 2 was also acquired. Equipment:

DJI Avata 2 - \$1,200.00

Other Miscellaneous Equipment - \$400.00

Total: \$1,600.00

- The Milton Police Department purchased a DJI M30T drone and public safety package at a total cost of \$14,507.00. The funding for the purchase of the M30T public safety package, was made using authorized forfeiture funds from the DEA asset forfeiture program in 2025. These program costs are listed below: M30T Public Safety Bundle (OS) w/LP12 × 1 \$13,170.00 Matrice 30 Series - TB30 Intelligent Flight Battery × 2 \$658.00 DJI Care Enterprise Basic - Matrice M30T × 1 \$679.00 Grand Total = \$14,507.00
- The Morristown Police Department reported spending approximately \$10,000 in training for department members involved in the sUAS team. Source of funding was from seized drug money.
- The Springfield Police Department reported spending \$2,000.00
- The Swanton Village Police Department reported the “purchase price of the drone from prior to 2022 which came out of the Police Department budget.”
- The Washington County Sheriff’s Office reported spending \$0.00 for this reporting period.

*Attached: Appendix (A) – Vermont State Police

Appendix (B) – Burlington Police Department

Appendix (C) – Essex Police Department

Appendix (D) – Hartford Police Department

Appendix (E) – Middlebury Police Department

Appendix (F) – Milton Police Department

Appendix (G) – Morristown Police Department

Appendix (H) – Springfield Police Department

Appendix (I) – Swanton Village Police Department

Appendix (J) – Washington County Sheriff's Department

Vermont State Police UAS Team
Special Team Activations 2025

Number	Date	Location	Description of Incident	Assist Agency	Which Agency?	Classification
1	1/1/2025	Sandgate	Fatal fire scene documentation	N	N/A	BCI
2	1/6/2025	Randolph	Crash Reconstruction, fatal crash	N	N/A	Crash
3	1/9/2025	Montpelier	UAV Standby For Governor Inauguration	Y	Capitol Police	Tactical
4	1/9/2025	Putney	TSU Search Warrant (no flight)	N	N/A	Tactical
5	1/10/2025	Westmore	Search for Missing Person	N	N/A	SAR
6	1/10/2025	Bethel	TSU Search Warrant	N	N/A	Tactical
7	1/12/2025	Westmore	Search for Missing Person	N	N/A	SAR
8	1/17/2025	Randolph	Crash Reconstruction, fatal pedestrian crash	Y	Randolph PD	Crash
9	1/18/2025	Marshfield	Fatal fire scene documentation	N	N/A	BCI
10	1/21/2025	Coventry	Bomb Squad Assist after OIS on Interstate	Y	USBP	Tactical
11	1/21/2025	Coventry	CSST OIS Scene	Y	USBP	CSST
12	1/23/2025	Williamstown	Search of Burglary Suspect	N	N/A	Criminal Investigation
13	1/30/2025	Bethel	TSU Search Warrant	N	N/A	Tactical
14	2/4/2025	Bradford	TSU Search Warrant	N	N/A	Tactical
15	2/4/2025	Bradford	Homicide Scene	N	N/A	CSST
16	2/9/2025	Killington	Search for Missing Person Snowboarder	Y	Killington	SAR
17	2/10/2025	Georgia	Minor Injury Crash	N	N/A	CRT
18	2/20/2025	St. Albans	Agency Assist (SAPD) search warrant	Y	St. Albans PD	Tactical
19	3/10/2025	Northfield	TSU Search Warrant (no flight)	N	N/A	Tactical
20	3/11/2025	North Troy	TSU Search Warrant	N	N/A	Tactical
21	3/13/2025	Royalton	Bomb Squad activation	N	N/A	Tactical
22	3/14/2025	Richford	suspicious, residents believed a possibly armed suspect was under their trailer	N	N/A	Criminal Inv
23	3/19/2025	Essex	Barricaded subject	Y	Essex PD	Tactical
24	3/20/2025	Bethel	Fire scene documentation	N	N/A	BCI
25	3/23/2025	Middlesex	Possible missing canoer	N	N/A	SAR
26	3/26/2025	Swanton	Four (4) Vehicle crash	N	N/A	CRT
27	3/29/2025	Springfield	TSU warrant for subject	N	N/A	Tactical
28	4/2/2025	Danby	Fire Scene Documentation	N	N/A	BCI
29	4/7/2025	Sheldon	Crash Investigation	N	N/A	CRT
30	4/10/2025	Swanton	BCI Warrant	N	N/A	BCI
31	4/18/2025	New Haven	Fatal MV Crash	Y	ACSD	CRT
32	4/21/2025	South Hero	Body found in Keeler Bay/ Search for clothing along shoreline	N	N/A	SAR
33	4/22/2025	Rutland City	CSST Homicide Scene	Y	Rutland City	CSST
34	4/23/2025	Milton	TSU Search Warrant	Y	Milton PD	Tactical
35	4/23/2025	Bennington	Fire Investigation	N	N/A	BCI
36	4/24/2025	Charlotte	Missing Paddle Boarder	N	N/A	SAR
37	4/24/2025	Milton	CSST OIS Scene	Y	Milton PD	CSST
38	4/29/2025	Morristown	Assist to locate potential domestic violence victim	Y	Morristown PD	SAR
39	5/3/2025	Thetford	Crash Investigation	N	N/A	CRT
40	5/3/2025	Calais	Search of Possibly Armed Subject	N	N/A	Tactical
41	5/5/2025	Bethel	TSU Search Warrant	N	N/A	Tactical
42	5/6/2025	Richford	Crash Investigation	N	N/A	CRT
43	5/6/2025	St. Johnsbury	Exigent Search of Residence	Y	St. Johnsbury PD	Tactical
44	5/6/2025	Whitingham	Homicide Scene Processing	N	N/A	CSST
45	5/8/2025	Rutland City	TSU Search Warrant	N	N/A	Tactical

46	5/8/2025	Pownal	Crash Investigation			N	N/A	Crash
47	5/8/2025	Putney	Serious Bodily Injury Crash			N	N/A	CRT
48	5/9/2025	St. Albans City	Agency Assist (SAPD) search warrant			Y	St. Albans PD	Tactical
49	5/16/2025	St. Albans Town	VSP Search warrant			N	N/A	Tactical
50	5/17/2025	Georgia	Crash			N	N/A	CRT
51	5/19/2025	Morgan	Search & Rescue for missing subject			N	N/A	SAR
52	5/20/2025	Weathersfield	TSU Search Warrant			N	N/A	Tactical
53	5/26/2025	Brandon	CSST Homicide Scene			N	N/A	CSST
54	5/28/2025	Jericho	Crash Scene Mapping			N	N/A	CRT
55	5/31/2025	Rutland City	Fleeing/barricaded suspect			Y	Rutland City	Tactical
56	6/3/2025	Rutland City	RCPD Search Warrant			Y	Rutland City	Tactical
57	6/5/2025	New Haven	Crash Scene Mapping			Y	Addison County SD	CRT
58	6/11/2025	St. Albans	Search Warrant Assist			Y	St. Albans PD	Tactical
59	6/11/2025	Richford	Search Warrant Assist			N	N/A	Tactical
60	6/15/2025	North Hero	Mapped Crash Scene			N	N/A	CRT
61	6/16/2025	Ludlow	Fire Investigation			N	N/A	BCI
62	6/17/2025	Weathersfield	Search for wanted person			Y	Windsor Sherriff	Tactical
63	6/18/2025	Granville	Crash Scene Mapping			N	N/A	CRT
64	6/19/2025	Woodbury	Homicide Scene Processing			N	N/A	CSST
65	6/20/2025	Hardwick	Mapped Crime Scene			N	N/A	CSST
66	6/23/2025	Richford	Search/Arrest warrant			N	N/A	Tactical
67	6/24/2025	Rutland	TSU / Barricaded subject			Y	Rutland City	Tactical
68	6/26/2025	White River Jct	Search Warrant Assist			N	N/A	Tactical
69	6/26/2025	Swanton	Bomb Squad Assist			N	N/A	Tactical
70	6/26/2025	White River Jct	Search Warrant Assist			N	N/A	Tactical
71	7/2/2025	Windsor	Missing Swimmer			Y	Windsor PD	SAR
72	7/4/2025	Woodstock	Missing Person			Y	Woodstock PD	SAR
73	7/6/2025	Swanton	Boat Crash Investigation			N	N/A	SAR
74	7/8/2025	Putney	Crime Scene Mapping			N	N/A	BCI
75	7/9/2025	Pittsford	PSC Death Scene			N	N/A	CSST
76	7/10/2025	Royalton	TSU Barricade			N	N/A	Tactical
77	7/11/2025	Duxbury	Search & Rescue for missing juveniles			N	N/A	SAR
78	7/12/2025	Fairfax	Missing Kayaker			N	N/A	SAR
79	7/12/2025	Fair Haven	Crash Scene Mapping			N	N/A	CRT
80	7/14/2025	Fairfield	Crash Scene Mapping			N	N/A	CRT
81	7/14/2025	Rutland	Search Warrant Assist			Y	Rutland City	Tactical
82	7/14/2025	Bethel	Fire Scene Documentation			N	N/A	BCI
83	7/17/2025	Chester	Missing endangered person			Y	Chester PD	SAR
84	7/22/2025	Rutland	Crime Scene Mapping			Y	Rutland City	CSST
85	7/22/2025	Fairfax	Crash Scene Mapping			N	N/A	CRT
86	8/5/2025	Rutland	Drone Demo			N	N/A	Demo
87	8/6/2025	Shoreham	TSU Search Warrant			N	N/A	Tactical
88	8/7/2025	Ferrisburg	Search & Rescue for missing elderly Subject			N	N/A	SAR
89	8/9/2025	Hartland	Fatal Crash Investigation			N	N/A	CRT
90	8/10/2025	Burlington	CSST Scene Mapping			Y	Burlington PD	CSST
91	8/10/2025	Berkshire	Crash Scene Mapping			N	N/A	CRT
92	8/11/2025	Fayston	Mapped fatal crash scene			N	N/A	CRT
93	8/12/2025	St. Johnsbury	TSU Search Warrant			N	N/A	Tactical

94	8/12/2025	Wentworth	NESPAC - TSU Assist to NHSP Barricade	Y	NHSP	Tactical
95	8/13/2025	St. Albans	Barricaded Subject	Y	St. Albans PD	Tactical
96	8/15/2025	Coventry	Bomb Squad	N	N/A	Criminal Investigation
97	8/16/2025	Pittsford	Shooting suspect	Y	Pittsford PD	Tactical
98	8/18/2025	West Rutland	Criminal Investigation Scene	N	N/A	CSST
99	8/21/2025	Hartford	TSU Search Warrant	Y	Hartford PD	Tactical
100	8/21/2025	Hartford	Homicide Scene Processing	Y	Hartford PD	CSST
101	8/22/2025	Springfield	CSST OIS Scene	N	N/A	CSST
102	8/22/2025	Londonderry	CSST Scene Mapping	N	N/A	CSST
103	8/22/2025	Springfield	TSU Clear of Residence	Y	Springfield	Tactical
104	8/23/2025	Cavendish	Crash Scene Mapping	N	N/A	CRT
105	8/24/2025	Burlington	Bomb Squad Assist	Y	Burlington PD	Tactical
106	8/25/2025	West Pawlet	Criminal Investigation Scene	N	N/A	CSST
107	8/27/2025	Hancock	Search Warrant	N	N/A	Criminal Investigation
108	8/28/2025	Derby	Bomb Squad Assist	Y	Newport PD	Criminal Investigation
109	8/29/2025	Royalton	TSU Search Warrant	N	N/A	Tactical
110	8/30/2025	Weathersfield	Agency Assist- Barricaded Subject	Y	Windsor County	Tactical
111	9/9/2025	Hartford	Serious Injury Crash	N	N/A	CRT
112	9/16/2025	Rutland	High Risk Search Warrant	Y	Rutland City	Tactical
113	9/18/2025	Rutland	TSU Search Warrant	N	N/A	Tactical
114	9/19/2025	Newport	Search for Missing Subject	Y	Newport PD	SAR
115	9/20/2025	Higgate	Criminal Investigation	N	N/A	Criminal Investigation
116	9/20/2025	Orange	Search for Missing Subject	N	N/A	SAR
117	9/22/2025	Barnet	Fire Scene Documentation	N	N/A	BCI
118	9/22/2025	Burlington	OIS Scene Documentation	N	N/A	CSST
119	9/23/2025	St. Johnsbury	Crash Scene Mapping	N	N/A	CRT
120	9/26/2025	Wallingford	Search for Missing Subject	N	N/A	SAR
121	9/27/2025	Fairfax	Crash Scene Mapping	N	N/A	CRT
122	9/27/2025	Springfield	TSU activation for barricaded subject	Y	Springfield	Tactical
123	10/1/2025	Tunbridge	Welfare Check	N	N/A	Tactical
124	10/6/2025	Sheldon	Search for Missing Subject	N	N/A	SAR
125	10/6/2025	Hinesburg	Fatal Crash Investigation	N	N/A	CRT
126	10/6/2025	Orange	Fatal Crash Investigation	N	N/A	CRT
127	10/7/2025	Enosburgh	Crash Scene Mapping	N	N/A	CRT
128	10/7/2025	Canaan	Search for Missing Subject	N	N/A	CRT
129	10/9/2025	Richford	Crash Scene Mapping	N	N/A	CRT
130	10/10/2025	Sheldon	Crash Scene Mapping	N	N/A	CRT
131	10/12/2025	Burke	Crash Scene Mapping	N	N/A	CRT
132	10/12/2025	Wallingford	Crash Scene Mapping	N	N/A	CRT
133	10/15/2025	Clarendon	Search for Missing Subject	N	N/A	SAR
134	10/15/2025	Warren	VSP Royalton Search Warrant	N	N/A	Tactical
135	10/16/2025	Rutland	TSU Search Warrant	N	N/A	Tactical
136	10/23/2025	Lowell	Search for Missing Subject	N	N/A	SAR
137	11/5/2025	Putney	TSU High Risk Search Warrant	N	N/A	Tactical
138	11/6/2025	Coventry	Search for Missing Subject	N	N/A	SAR
139	11/12/2025	Londonderry	Welfare Check	N	N/A	Tactical
140	11/15/2025	Lowell/Montgomery	Search for Missing Subject	N	N/A	SAR
141	11/15/2025	Woodbury	Crash Scene Mapping	N	N/A	CRT

Appendix (B) – Burlington Police Department

Burlington Police
Department



1 North Ave.
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- The Burlington Police Department used a drone for 5 criminal investigations. The drone was used to search a residence for a bank robbery suspect. The drones were used in 3 criminal investigations to provide overwatch surveillance for wanted homicide and robbery suspects who were apprehended by the Emergency Response Team. The Drone was used in 1 criminal barricade to search a residence for an armed suspect.

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- 8/05/2025: While video recording the outdoors arrest of a robbery suspect outdoors, there were other people and homes in the area that were also recorded.
- 8/29/2025: While video recording the outdoors arrest of a murder suspect, there was a person of interest who was also recorded, and there were homes that were also recorded.

4. The cost of the agency's drone program and the program's source of funding.

In 2025 the Burlington Police Department spent \$ 731.21, and the source of finding was General Funds.

*Attached: Appendix (A) –Burlington VT UAS Activations 2025

Burlington Police Department UAS Team Appendix (A)

UAS Activations 2025

Number	Date	Location	Description of Incident	Assist Agency	Which Agency?	Classification
1	9/15/2024	Brookwood Drive, South Burlington	Law Enforcement - Search for Suspect	Yes	SBPD	TAC
2	10/30/2024	86 Oak St, Burlington	Tactical Operations for a wanted person	No	N/A	TAC
3	1/15/2025	Rt 127 / North Ave Exit	Search and rescue after a crash	No	N/A	SAR
4	1/26/2025	Church St	Emergency Services - Special Events	No	N/A	TAC
5	3/17/2025	Rt 127 / North Ave Exit	Search and rescue for missing person	No	N/A	SAR
6	3/18/2025	Burlington Beltline	Law Enforcement - Search and Rescue	No	N/A	SAR
7	3/20/2025	Burlington Beltline, Van Patten	Law Enforcement - Search and Rescue	No	N/A	SAR
8	3/21/2025	79 Pine St	Crime Scene	No	N/A	Crime Scene
9	3/21/2025	Winooski River, Colchester	Law Enforcement - Search and Rescue	No	N/A	SAR
10	3/22/2025	Rt 127 / North Ave Exit	Search and rescue for missing person	No	N/A	SAR
11	4/19/2025	Burlington Beltline, Van Patten	Law Enforcement - Search and Rescue	No	N/A	SAR
12	5/25/2025	Waterfront Park	Law Enforcement - Special Events	No	N/A	TAC
13	7/3/2025	Waterfront Park	Fireworks / Search and Rescue	No	N/A	TAC / SAR
14	8/5/2025	15 Truman Circle	Law Enforcement - Search Warrant	No	N/A	TAC
15	8/14/2025	Lake Champlain	Search and rescue for capsized boat	Yes	Coast Guard	SAR
16	8/20/2025	53 Sears Lane / Pine St	Tactical operations for shooting	No	N/A	TAC
17	8/28/2025	6305 Shelburne Rd, Shelburne	Tactical Operations for a wanted person	No	N/A	TAC
18	8/29/2025	117 Hillside Terrace, Shelburne	Tactical Operations for a wanted person	No	N/A	TAC

Appendix (C) – Essex Police Department

Essex Police



145 Maple Street, Essex Junction, VT 05452

2025 Vermont Law Enforcement Agency Drone Use

In accordance with statute, Essex Police submits the following 2025 law enforcement drone usage information:

1. **The number of times the agency used a drone within the previous 12 months. For each use of a drone, the agency shall report the type of incident involved, the nature of the information collected, and the rationale for deployment of the drone.**
 - See Appendix (A)* for type of incident involved, nature of information collected and reason for deployment
2. **The number of criminal investigations aided and arrests made through use of information gained by the use of drones within the previous 12 months, including a description of how the drone aided each investigation or arrest.**
 - No criminal charges resulted from deployments in this reporting cycle.
3. **The number of times a drone collected data on any person, home, or area other than the target of the surveillance within the previous 12 months and the type of data collected in each instance.**
 - None
4. **The cost of the agency's drone program and the program's source of funding.**
 - \$10,295.00, funded by asset forfeiture

*Attached: Appendix (A) – Essex Police UAS Activations 2025

Essex Police UAS Team Appendix (A)
 UAS Activations 2023

Number	Date	Location	Description of Incident	Assist Agency	Which Agency?	Classification
1	9/4/2024	105 Pearl St, Essex Jct	initial training w/ K9 consent flight	No	N/A	Training
2	9/5/2024	105 Pearl St, Essex Jct	Interoperational training w/ K9 consent flight	No	N/A	Training
3	9/5/2024	145 Maple St, Essex Jct	training demo for administration	No	N/A	Training
4	9/5/2024	52 Center Rd, Essex Jct	public demo (no data)	No	N/A	Training
5	9/5/2024	26 Founders Rd, Essex	Lost child in wooded area, school run away, child found	No	N/A	SAR
6	9/12/2024	145 Maple St, Essex Jct	Training at PD	No	Colchester Police	Training
7	9/13/2024	1448 Main St, Colchester	Motorcycle crash scene documentation, serious injury	Yes	Colchester Police	Crash
8	9/20/2024	150 Indian Brook Rd, Essex	Training over public res/vour (no data)	No		Training
9	9/28/2024	145 Maple St, Essex Jct	Training at PD	No		Training
10	10/7/2024	145 Maple St, Essex Jct	Training at PD	No		Training
11	10/8/2024	145 Maple St, Essex Jct	Training at PD	No		Training
12	10/25/2024	145 Maple St, Essex Jct	Training at PD	No		Training
13	11/21/2024	146 Maple St, Essex Jct	Training at PD	No		Training
14	3/6/2025	51 Park St, Essex Jct	Pedestrian fatal crash scene documentation	No		Crash
15	3/7/2025	51 Park St, Essex Jct	Pedestrian fatal crash scene, daytime scene follow-up	No		Crash
16	3/10/2025	Autumn Pond Way, Essex Jct	Missing venerable young adult, wooded area search and K9 overwatch (no data)	No		SAR
17	4/13/2025	80 Upper Main St, Essex	Welfare Check missing person (no data)	No		SAR
18	4/23/2025	Hills Point Rd, Charlotte	Missing person w/ cell ping in area.	Yes	State Police	SAR
19	4/24/2025	Lake Rd, Charlotte	Missing Person area search from located vehicle, continuation from above case. Person found on shoreline.	Yes	State Police	SAR
20	5/21/2025	Railroad/Maple St, Essex Jct	Train v. Pedestrian fatal accident, scene documentation	Yes	State Police	SAR
21	6/19/2025	Laurel Dr, Essex	Shots fired barricaded subject (no data, live observation), warrant after the fact	No		Crash/Accident
22	7/28/2025	145 Maple St, Essex Jct	Training at PD	No		Tac
23	8/18/2025	Malletts Bay Ave/Blum Court, Colchester	Car v. Pedestrian fatal crash daytime scene documentation	Yes	Colchester Police	Crash
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Appendix (D) – Hartford Police Department

Hartford Police Department



2025 Vermont Law Enforcement Agency Drone Use

Vermont law enforcement agencies must report to DPS the following information:

- (1) The number of times the agency used a drone within the previous 12 months. For each use of a drone, the agency shall report the type of incident involved, the nature of the information collected, and the rationale for deployment of the drone.
- (2) The number of criminal investigations aided and arrests made through use of information gained by the use of drones within the previous 12 months, including a description of how the drone aided each investigation or arrest.
- (3) The number of times a drone collected data on any person, home, or area other than the target of the surveillance within the previous 12 months and the type of data collected in each instance.
- (4) The cost of the agency's drone program and the program's source of funding.

See 20 V.S.A. § 4624(a).

In accordance with statute, **HARTFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT** submits the following **2025** law enforcement drone usage information:

1. **The number of times the agency used a drone within the previous 12 months. For each use of a drone, the agency shall report the type of incident involved, the nature of the information collected, and the rationale for deployment of the drone.**
 - See Appendix (A)* for type of incident involved, nature of information collected and reason for deployment

2. The number of criminal investigations aided and arrests made through use of information gained by the use of drones within the previous 12 months, including a description of how the drone aided each investigation or arrest.
 - Drone deployed for two criminal investigations, a sexual assault and an arson investigation. Each time the drone was utilized for crime scene documentation as the sexual assault occurred outside and the drone was used to document a fire scene at a residence.
3. The number of times a drone collected data on any person, home, or area other than the target of the surveillance within the previous 12 months and the type of data collected in each instance.
 - On one instance a drone collected other data as it was utilized to search the Quechee Gorge for a person who was suspected to have jumped from the bridge to into the gorge. The area of the gorge is adjacent to a well traveled state park, state highway and public parking area where patrons visiting the gorge park to walk down the trail to the bottom.
4. The cost of the agency's drone program and the program's source of funding.
 - \$15,000. The HPD program was started through a \$2000 grant from Walmart and then a \$10,000 grant from the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation. The remaining funding came from the HPD operating budget.

*Attached: Appendix (A) – Hartford Police Department UAS Activations 2025

Number	Date	Location
1	8/20/2025	812 VA Cutoff Road WRJ VT
2	8/30/2025	812 VA Cutoff Road WRJ VT
3	10/11/2024	812 VA Cutoff Road WRJ VT
4	1/3/2025	812 VA Cutoff Road WRJ VT
5	2/11/2025	Old River Road WRJ VT
6	3/20/2025	812 VA Cutoff Road WRJ VT
7	5/1/2025	Costello Road WRJ VT
8	5/13/2025	812 VA Cutoff Road WRJ VT
9	5/15/2025	812 VA Cutoff Road WRJ VT
10	5/25/2025	Costello Road WRJ VT
11	5/26/2025	Costello Road WRJ VT
12	7/10/2025	812 VA Cutoff Road WRJ VT
13	9/4/2024	Quechee Gorge
14	9/27/2024	812 VA Cutoff Road WRJ VT
15	1/28/2025	Valley View Road WRJ VT
16	6/29/2025	Arboretum Lane WRJ VT
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Hartford PD - UAS Team Appendix (A)

UAS Activations 2025

Description of Incident	Assist Agency
Training flight at PD	N
Training flight at PD	N
Training flight at PD	N
Interior flight training flight at PD	N
Sexual Assault - Outdoor crime scene documentation	N
Training flight at PD	N
Training flight	N
Training flight at PD	N
Training flight at PD	N
Training flight	N
Training flight	N
Interior flight training flight at PD	N
Search and Rescue	Y
Training flight at PD	N
Assist fire department with arson investigation	Y
Public Speaking / Demonstration	N

Which Agency?	Classification	Pilot
N	Training	Clifford
N	Training	Clifford
N	Training	Clifford
N	Training	Clifford
N	Criminal	Clifford
N	Training	Clifford
N	Training	Clifford
N	Training	Clifford
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N	Training	Clifford
N	Training	Clifford
Springfield PD	S&R	Keeling
N	Training	Keeling
Hartford Fire	Criminal	Keeling
N	Training	Keeling

Appendix (E) – Middlebury Police Department

Middlebury Police
Department



1 Lucius Shaw Lane,
Middlebury, VT, 05753

2025 Vermont Law Enforcement Agency Drone Use

Vermont law enforcement agencies must report to DPS the following information:

- (1) The number of times the agency used a drone within the previous 12 months. For each use of a drone, the agency shall report the type of incident involved, the nature of the information collected, and the rationale for deployment of the drone.
- (2) The number of criminal investigations aided and arrests made through use of information gained by the use of drones within the previous 12 months, including a description of how the drone aided each investigation or arrest.
- (3) The number of times a drone collected data on any person, home, or area other than the target of the surveillance within the previous 12 months and the type of data collected in each instance.
- (4) The cost of the agency's drone program and the program's source of funding.

See 20 V.S.A. § 4624(a).

In accordance with statute, Middlebury Police Department submits the following 2025 law enforcement drone usage information:

1. **The number of times the agency used a drone within the previous 12 months. For each use of a drone, the agency shall report the type of incident involved, the nature of the information collected, and the rationale for deployment of the drone.**
 - The Middlebury Police Department report deploying a drone 12 times in 2025:
 - Search and Rescue / Missing Persons: 8*
 - Criminal Investigations: 0
 - Public Safety: 1
 - Public Interest: 3

**One SAR/Missing Person deployment for the purpose of locating a fleeing suspect (overlapping criminal investigation) who was identified to be at significant risk of cold weather exposure. It was later determined that other suspects fictitiously reported the individual fled from officers. This drone deployment was not conducted to aid in the criminal investigation and is not reported as such.*

- See Appendix (A)* for type of incident involved, nature of information collected and reason for deployment

2. The number of criminal investigations aided and arrests made through use of information gained by the use of drones within the previous 12 months, including a description of how the drone aided each investigation or arrest.

- The Middlebury Police Department used drones to support criminal investigations 0 times in 2025.*

**As stated in Section 1 above, one drone deployment is reported as a SAR/Missing Person activation which was conducted in the context of a criminal investigation. The purpose of the deployment was to locate a juvenile at significant risk of environmental exposure after reportedly having fled from police. This individual was later determined to be fictitious. No information collected through the deployment of the drone was used toward the underlying criminal investigation.*

3. The number of times a drone collected data on any person, home, or area other than the target of the surveillance within the previous 12 months and the type of data collected in each instance.

- The Middlebury Police Department collected data, in the form of aerial photos (non-thermal) and videos, as part of their deployment on 3 incidents:
 - Public Interest: 3
 - Public Works (Middlebury Town) – Wastewater Treatment Facility Plant
 - Public Works (Middlebury Town) – Crosswalk Painting (Pride Month)
 - Mary Hogan Elementary / MUMS – Evacuation Route Photography

4. The cost of the agency's drone program and the program's source of funding.

- The Middlebury Police Department UAS Program expenditures paid for using town funds include the following:
 - **Training:** LEDA Conference (Boston) - \$898.00 (2 Attendees)
 - LEDA Conference Food, Lodging - \$795.00 (2 Attendees)

Total: \$1,693.00

- A public donation was received to cover the purchase of two M30T batteries:
 - M30T Batteries (2):
Total: \$834.00

- Additional UAS Program equipment acquisitions were paid for by officers of the Middlebury PD. Departmental policy allows the use of personally owned UAS equipment for on-duty use. One drone, an “Avata 2” was purchased by an officer for use by the UAS program. Additional associated equipment for the Avata 2 was also acquired.
 - **Equipment:**
 - DJI Avata 2 - \$1,200.00
 - Other Miscellaneous Equipment - \$400.00

Total: \$1,600.00

***Attached:**

Appendix (A) – “Middlebury Police Department UAS Activations 2025”

Middlebury Police Department

Drone Activations 2025

Number	Date	Location	Agency Assist	Which Agency	Classification
1	1/10/2025	Industrial Ave, Middlebury, VT	Y	Public Works, Middlebury Twn	Public Interest- Videography
2	1/11/2025	Abbey Pond Rd, Middlebury, VT	N	N/A	SAR/Missing Person
3	1/23/2025	Valley View Rd, Middlebury, VT	N	N/A	SAR/Missing Person
4	2/20/2025	Abbey Pond Rd, Middlebury, VT	N	N/A	SAR/Missing Person
5	6/4/2025	Downtown, Middlebury, VT	Y	Public Works, Middlebury Twn	Public Interest- Videography
6	7/15/2025	South St Extension, Middlebury, VT	N	N/A	SAR/Missing Person
7	7/24/2025	Mill Street, Middlebury, VT	N	N/A	SAR/Missing Person
8	10/2/2020	Mary Hogan Drive, Middlebury, VT	Y	Middlebury Union School	Public Interest- Videography
9	10/20/2025	Route 7 N, New Haven, VT	N	N/A	SAR/Missing Person
10	10/20/2025	Route 125 West, Middlebury, VT	N	N/A	SAR/Missing Person
11	10/21/2025	Creek Road, Middlebury, VT	N	N/A	SAR/Missing Person
12	11/24/2025	Seymour St Extension, Middlebury, VT	Y	Middlebury FD	Public Safety- Training

Appendix (F) – Milton Police Department

Department of Public Safety Report
House and Senate Judiciary
House and Senate Government Operations
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2025 Milton Police Department Agency Drone Use

This document serves as the 2025 reporting requirement mandated by Section 4624 of Title 20. By statute, law enforcement agencies are required to send the Department of Public Safety (DPS) information related to any drone use within the previous 12 months. See 20 V.S.A. § 4624(a). Annually, DPS must forward the information collected pursuant to subsection (a) of this statute to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary and on Government Operations. See 20 V.S.A. § 4624(b).

Vermont law enforcement agencies must report to DPS the following information:

(1) The number of times the agency used a drone within the previous 12 months. For each use of a drone, the agency shall report the type of incident involved, the nature of the information collected, and the rationale for deployment of the drone.

(2) The number of criminal investigations aided and arrests made through use of information gained by the use of drones within the previous 12 months, including a description of how the drone aided each investigation or arrest.

(3) The number of times a drone collected data on any person, home, or area other than the target of the surveillance within the previous 12 months and the type of data collected in each instance.

(4) The cost of the agency's drone program and the program's source of funding.

See 20 V.S.A. § 4624(a).

In accordance with statute, Milton PD submits the following 2024 law enforcement drone usage information received from the Milton Police Department via the Vermont State Police UAS program:

1. **The number of times Milton Police used a drone within the previous 12 months. For each use of a drone, the agency shall report the type of incident involved, the nature of the information collected, and the rationale for deployment of the drone.**
 - The Milton Police Department report deploying a drone 15 times between September 1, 2024 and September 1, 2025.
 - See Appendix A attached 'MPD UAS Deployment Record Sheet' for type of incident involved, nature of information collected and reason for deployment as well as whether a warrant was sought/obtained.

2. **The number of criminal investigations aided and arrests made through use of information gained by the use of drones within the previous 12 months, including a description of how the drone aided each investigation or arrest.**
- The Milton Police Department used drones to support criminal investigations 8 times with 2 times resulting in an arrest. As a result of these 8 times the drones were used for criminal investigations, warrants were sought and granted on all 8 occasions.
 - Milton Police Department drones were used to aid investigations by searching for fleeing suspects, supporting officers during armed barricades, conducting searches where suspects had fired shots on arrival of officers, and searching for wanted subjects barricaded inside residences.
 - The Milton Police Department used drones 7 times for Search and Rescue incidents.
 - The use of Milton Police drones and the information gained by this use was never the sole basis for an arrest.

3. **The number of times a drone collected data on any person, home, or area other than the target of the surveillance within the previous 12 months and the type of data collected in each instance.**
- The Milton Police Department is not aware of any collected data on any person, home, or area other than the target of the surveillance and in accordance with Title 20 V.S.A § 4622. During external uses, the recording function was only used during an observed criminal event.

4. **The cost of the agency's drone program and the program's source of funding.**
- During this calendar year period from September 1, 2024 – September 1, 2025, the Milton Police Department purchased a DJI M30T drone and public safety package at a total cost of \$14,507.00.

The funding for the purchase of the M30T public safety package, was made using authorized forfeiture funds from the DEA asset forfeiture program in 2025. These program costs are listed below:

M30T Public Safety Bundle (OS) w/LP12 × 1 \$13,170.00
Matrice 30 Series - TB30 Intelligent Flight Battery× 2 \$658.00
DJI Care Enterprise Basic - Matrice M30T× 1\$679.00
Grand Total = \$14,507.00

A complete listing of all individual uses of the MPD UAS program resources are listed in the attached Appendix A.

-Appendix A – 'Sep 2024-Sep 2025 MPD UAS Deployment Record Sheet'



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****Complete the following for each use of the sUAS. Briefly describe the nature and extent of 3rd party data which may have been collected during the course of any investigations. A full reading of the statute pertaining to reporting is included on the final page of this document. Record all required information for each incident under the call description section. A full report is not required for this document and can be referenced in the full incident report.****

1. Date Incident #	Call Type	Warrant Obtained?	Arrest?	3 rd Party Data?
9-13-24 24MT004448	Search and Rescue	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Assist Agency?	Which Agency?	
		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Brief Call Description and Outcome:

MPD Responded to a motorcycle crash where operator was not present. UAS was utilized to check surrounding fields to make sure that operator was not injured and in need of medical assistance. A check of the area was conducted and the operator was not found. Contact was later made with operator when they call the Police Department

2. Date Incident #	Call Type	Warrant Obtained?	Arrest?	3 rd Party Data?
9-16-24 24MT004513	Search and Rescue	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Assist Agency?	Which Agency?	Milton Fire Dept
		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

Brief Call Description and Outcome:

On 09/16/24 requested to assist Milton Fire Department with locating a van that had gone off a cliff on a large farm. Operator had been injured and walked to help. Uncertain if he was only one in vehicle. UAS was utilized to look for Van from air while Fire Dept conducted ground search. Van was located in a ravine under foliage by Fire Dept. Vehicle was hard to see from above due to tree foliage and time of day and temperature. (Sunny and hot)

3. Date Incident #	Call Type	Warrant Obtained?	Arrest?	3 rd Party Data?
09-30-24 24MT004771	Standoff/Barricade	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Assist Agency?	Which Agency?	
		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Brief Call Description and Outcome:

MPD responded to a domestic assault where shots were fired and the victim fled the residence. MPD engaged in a multi-hour standoff with the armed assailant and utilized the drone to gain intelligence on the suspects location and overwatch on approach to take the subject into custody. A warrant was obtained post incident due to exigency.

4. Date Incident #	Call Type	Warrant Obtained?	Arrest?	3 rd Party Data?
10-28-24 24MT005265	Missing Juvenile	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Assist Agency?	Which Agency?	
		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Brief Call Description and Outcome:

UAS was used to check wooded areas behind residence after a suicidal juvenile left home. Cell ping was attempted and pinged in the area, however with a very wide radius (4miles). Due to cold weather, wooded area



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was checked as juvenile had previously stated he would attempt suicide by consuming bleach/cleaner. No recording and no heat signatures were observed in the wooded areas checked.

5. Date Incident #	Call Type	Warrant Obtained?	Arrest?	3 rd Party Data?
11-12-24 24MT005487	Missing Person	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Assist Agency?	Which Agency?	
		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Brief Call Description and Outcome:

Missing elderly female with late stage Alzheimers left residence unattended. Was not dressed for the weather. 36f temp, clear and cold. Drone was used to search inaccessible swampy ravine area near the residence. Female located about 15 minutes after the drone was launched about 2 miles away on the Interstate by VSP.

6. Date Incident #	Call Type	Warrant Obtained?	Arrest?	3 rd Party Data?
01-14-25 25MT000222	Armed standoff	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Assist Agency?	Which Agency?	Essex Police
		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

Brief Call Description and Outcome:

Responded to River Rd in Essex for a male armed with a handgun blocking traffic, pointing the gun at motorists and responding officers. I initially responded per request as a negotiator, however, utilized the UAS at request of EPD as they had lost sight of the subject and were concerned he might attempt to ambush officers through the woods. The UAS was used to ensure officer safety from possible suspect ambushes and provide real-time updates to ground units on the subjects location during the several instances he left his residence.

7. Date Incident #	Call Type	Warrant Obtained?	Arrest?	3 rd Party Data?
01-26-25 25MT000416	SAR	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Assist Agency?	Which Agency?	
		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Brief Call Description and Outcome:

Assisted with attempting to locate a lost dog at the Sandbar State Park in the swamp/marshland area due to danger to ground searchers.

8. Date Incident #	Call Type	Warrant Obtained?	Arrest?	3 rd Party Data?
04-23-25 25MT001896	Barricade	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Assist Agency?	Which Agency?	VSP
		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

Brief Call Description and Outcome:

MPD responded to a structure fire. Officers were fired upon and one MPD officer was shot twice. I utilized the UAS (M3T) after the scene had been contained to monitor the subject residence due to the ongoing firearm threat. I halted use upon deployment of VSP UAS assets. Warrants and investigations were both taken over by VSP Major Crimes.

9. Date Incident #	Call Type	Warrant Obtained?	Arrest?	3 rd Party Data?
5-30-25 25MT002490	SAR	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Assist Agency?	Which Agency?	LCSD
		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

Brief Call Description and Outcome:



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Lamoille County SD requested UAS support for a missing 15-year-old. LCSD initially had concerns the juvenile had walked into the woods while experiencing a diabetic emergency. Upon arriving, juvenile was subsequently located safely and was not experiencing a medical episode. The UAS was not utilized.

10. Date Incident #	Call Type	Warrant Obtained?	Arrest?	3 rd Party Data?
6-12-2025 25MT002771	Fleeing Suspects	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Assist Agency?	Which Agency? Colchester PD	
		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

Brief Call Description and Outcome:

Multiple County agencies dealing with stolen pick up truck. Colchester PD had it for Agg OOC, LSA, and ATE. Vehicle found at end of depot road. Immediate area was searched with drone. Suspects not located.

11. Date Incident #	Call Type	Warrant Obtained?	Arrest?	3 rd Party Data?
6-19-25 25MT002886	Assist Agency	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Assist Agency?	Which Agency? Essex PD	
		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

Brief Call Description and Outcome:

Essex PD requested UAS support for interior search of a residence. They responded to a domestic disturbance and upon arrival, heard what they believed to be a gunshot. I responded and utilized the Avata to conduct an interior search of the residence and located the POI deceased in the living room. Also observed two dogs secured in their crates. Experienced two crashes due to combo of interference and pilot error. Also multiple ceiling and standing fans in the residence creating additional turbulence. EPD was going to obtain a warrant for further entry.

12. Date Incident #	Call Type	Warrant Obtained?	Arrest?	3 rd Party Data?
6-27-25 25MT003038	Fleeing suspect	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Assist Agency?	Which Agency?	
		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Brief Call Description and Outcome:

MPD request attempt to locate operator who fled from serious injury collision on Middle Rd. No data retention. Warrant obtained. No suspect located. No containment of the crash scene. No operator ID. Mavic 3T.

13. Date Incident #	Call Type	Warrant Obtained?	Arrest?	3 rd Party Data?
08-10-25 25MT003860	SAR	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Assist Agency?	Which Agency?	
		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Brief Call Description and Outcome:

SAR for a person in distress. Complainant reported hearing a person screaming for help. Officers arrived and could hear a person in the woods moaning. MFD and Colchester Tech Rescue responded to assist. The UAS was used to assist in searching inaccessible areas including river banks and steep rocky inclines. Male located and transported to UVMHC. Mental health related concerns.

14. Date Incident #	Call Type	Warrant Obtained?	Arrest?	3 rd Party Data?
08-13-25 25MT003917	Barricaded Person	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Assist Agency?	Which Agency? SAPD	
		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

Brief Call Description and Outcome:



Milton Police Department
37 Bombardier Road
Milton, VT 05468
(802) 893-6171 Voice (802) 893-2424 Dispatch
(802) 893-6032 Fax



SAPD requested interior search UAS response for a male who was involved in a vehicle pursuit, then foot pursuit into the residence of his ex-girlfriends residence, who had a TRO in place against him. He was also in violation of 24-hr curfew. The Avata was used to conduct search of the interior of the residence prior to a PD search. VSP UAS team also responded and we worked in conjunction with St. Albans SRT to search the residence and determine the suspect was not inside and likely escaped prior to full containment being set up. SAPD requested and were granted a search warrant prior to the search.

15. Date Incident #	Call Type	Warrant Obtained?	Arrest?	3 rd Party Data?
08-26-25 25MT004140	Fugitive	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Assist Agency?	Which Agency? Colchester PD	
		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

Brief Call Description and Outcome:

Colchester PD located a stolen truck and engaged in a short pursuit of the vehicle before the operator fled on foot in the area of Andrea Lane, Milton, VT. MPD K9 and UAS unit responded to assist in attempting to locate the suspect. The suspect was not located. A warrant was applied for and granted after the incident due to exigency of the event.

Appendix (G) – Morristown Police Department

Morristown Police
Department
121 Lower Main Street
Morrisville, VT 05601

2025 Vermont Law Enforcement Agency Drone Use

Vermont law enforcement agencies must report to DPS the following information:

- (1) The number of times the agency used a drone within the previous 12 months. For each use of a drone, the agency shall report the type of incident involved, the nature of the information collected, and the rationale for deployment of the drone.
- (2) The number of criminal investigations aided and arrests made through use of information gained by the use of drones within the previous 12 months, including a description of how the drone aided each investigation or arrest.
- (3) The number of times a drone collected data on any person, home, or area other than the target of the surveillance within the previous 12 months and the type of data collected in each instance.
- (4) The cost of the agency's drone program and the program's source of funding.

See 20 V.S.A. § 4624(a).

In accordance with statute, **Morristown Police Department** submits the following **2025** law enforcement drone usage information:

- 1. The number of times the agency used a drone within the previous 12 months. For each use of a drone, the agency shall report the type of incident involved, the nature of the information collected, and the rationale for deployment of the drone.**

Our Drone was deployed on two separate incidents. On May 15th, 2025, Morristown Police Department's drone was deployed to locate a missing juvenile. The juvenile was 11 years old and had fled from school into a wooded area. The juvenile ran away from teachers when they attempted to stop him.

Our Drone was Deployed on May 10th, 2025 to search for a missing 10 year old juvenile that had run away from school and teachers into a

wooded area. Drone did not locate the juvenile during flight, later found near the area by a parent.

2. The number of criminal investigations aided and arrests made through use of information gained by the use of drones within the previous 12 months, including a description of how the drone aided each investigation or arrest.

- Our drone was used when a male fell from a third story apartment balcony. At the time of the call, it was unsure if the male fell on his own or was pushed. The male in question and others at the time were intoxicated. The drone was used to document the outside of the apartment building. The path of the fall, photos and video of the building were taken as well. This investigation concluded with no arrest, and it was later determined the male fell from the balcony while trying to sit on an air conditioner unit.

3. The number of times a drone collected data on any person, home, or area other than the target of the surveillance within the previous 12 months and the type of data collected in each instance.

- During a search and rescue mission
- While documenting possible crime scene.

4. The cost of the agency's drone program and the program's source of funding.

- Initial cost with training for department members involved in our sUAS team was approximately \$10,000.
- Source of funding was from seized drug money.

*Attached: Appendix (A) – Agency Name UAS Activations Year

Number	Date	Location
1	<i>Date of use</i>	<i>location of flight</i>
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Appendix (H) – Springfield Police Department

STATE OF VERMONT



SPRINGFIELD POLICE
DEPARTMENT
201 Clinton St
Springfield Vermont 05156

2025 Vermont Law Enforcement Agency Drone Use

Vermont law enforcement agencies must report to DPS the following information:

- (1) The number of times the agency used a drone within the previous 12 months. For each use of a drone, the agency shall report the type of incident involved, the nature of the information collected, and the rationale for deployment of the drone.
- (2) The number of criminal investigations aided and arrests made through use of information gained by the use of drones within the previous 12 months, including a description of how the drone aided each investigation or arrest.
- (3) The number of times a drone collected data on any person, home, or area other than the target of the surveillance within the previous 12 months and the type of data collected in each instance.
- (4) The cost of the agency's drone program and the program's source of funding.

See 20 V.S.A. § 4624(a).

In accordance with statute, Springfield Police Department submits the following 2025 law enforcement drone usage information:

1. **The number of times the agency used a drone within the previous 12 months. For each use of a drone, the agency shall report the type of incident involved, the nature of the information collected, and the rationale for deployment of the drone.**
 - See Appendix (A)* for type of incident involved, nature of information collected and reason for deployment

2. The number of criminal investigations aided and arrests made through use of information gained by the use of drones within the previous 12 months, including a description of how the drone aided each investigation or arrest.

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3. The number of times a drone collected data on any person, home, or area other than the target of the surveillance within the previous 12 months and the type of data collected in each instance.

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4. The cost of the agency's drone program and the program's source of funding.

• Town of Springfield, \$2000

*Attached: Appendix (A) – Springfield Police Department UAS Activations 2025

Springfield Police UAS Team Appendix (A)

UAS Activations 2025

Number	Date	Location	Description of Incident
1	<i>Date of use</i>	<i>location of flight</i>	<i>brief description of use</i>
2	5/13/2025	Massey Rd	Assist Springfield Fire during active structure fire
3	6/24/2025	Best Western Hotel	Assist Springfield Fire during Fire Investigation
4	7/10/2025	Park St	Assist Springfield Fire during Porch Fire
5	11/7/2025	Rt 5 South Windsor	Assist Windsor County Sheriff's during Search Warrant
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Gold Seal	\$ 199.00
Test Cost	\$ 175.00
Wind Meter	\$ 89.00
Sunglasses	\$ 140.00
Drone registration	\$ 5.00
Drone + Accessories	\$1,361.00
	\$1,969.00

Appendix (I) – Swanton Village Police Department

Swanton Village Police

120 First St. Swanton,
VT

2025 Vermont Law Enforcement Agency Drone Use

Vermont law enforcement agencies must report to DPS the following information:

- (1) The number of times the agency used a drone within the previous 12 months. For each use of a drone, the agency shall report the type of incident involved, the nature of the information collected, and the rationale for deployment of the drone.
- (2) The number of criminal investigations aided and arrests made through use of information gained by the use of drones within the previous 12 months, including a description of how the drone aided each investigation or arrest.
- (3) The number of times a drone collected data on any person, home, or area other than the target of the surveillance within the previous 12 months and the type of data collected in each instance.
- (4) The cost of the agency's drone program and the program's source of funding.

See 20 V.S.A. § 4624(a).

In accordance with statute, **Swanton Village Police** submits the following **2025** law enforcement drone usage information:

- 1. The number of times the agency used a drone within the previous 12 months. For each use of a drone, the agency shall report the type of incident involved, the nature of the information collected, and the rationale for deployment of the drone.**
 - See Appendix (A)* for type of incident involved, nature of information collected and reason for deployment
- 2. The number of criminal investigations aided and arrests made through use of information gained by the use of drones within the previous 12 months, including a description of how the drone aided each investigation or arrest.**

- Two case where the drone was utilized to search for an ATV that was stolen and possible abandoned in a wooded area. The drone did not locate the ATV. The second case was an assist to VSP attempting to locate male who walked away from scene regarding a conditions violation incident. He was not located.

3. The number of times a drone collected data on any person, home, or area other than the target of the surveillance within the previous 12 months and the type of data collected in each instance.

- None

4. The cost of the agency's drone program and the program's source of funding.

- The purchase price of the drone from prior to 2022 which came out of the Police Department budget.

*Attached: Appendix (A) – Swanton Village UAS Activations 2025

Number	Date	Location
1	<i>Date of use</i>	<i>location of flight</i>
2	7/12/2025	768 Goose Pond Rd. Fairfax
3	7/18/2025	16 Jewett St. Swanton
4	9/5/2025	Rte 78/ Rte 2 Alburgh, VT
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Which Agency?

Classification

Who was assisted

SAR/Crash/Tac/Evid/etc.

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Appendix (J) – Washington County Sheriff's
Department



Washington County Sheriff's Department
Marc P. Poulin, Sheriff
10 Elm St * PO Box 678
Montpelier, VT 05601-0678
802-223-3001 * Fax 802-828-3611

2024/2025 Vermont Law Enforcement Agency Drone Use

Vermont law enforcement agencies must report to DPS the following information:

- (1) The number of times the agency used a drone within the previous 12 months. For each use of a drone, the agency shall report the type of incident involved, the nature of the information collected, and the rationale for deployment of the drone.
- (2) The number of criminal investigations aided and arrests made through use of information gained by the use of drones within the previous 12 months, including a description of how the drone aided each investigation or arrest.
- (3) The number of times a drone collected data on any person, home, or area other than the target of the surveillance within the previous 12 months and the type of data collected in each instance.
- (4) The cost of the agency's drone program and the program's source of funding.

See 20 V.S.A. § 4624(a).

In accordance with statute, the Washington County Sheriff's Department submits the following 2024/2025 law enforcement drone usage information:

- 1. The number of times the agency used a drone within the previous 12 months. For each use of a drone, the agency shall report the type of incident involved, the nature of the information collected, and the rationale for deployment of the drone.**

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- 2. The number of criminal investigations aided and arrests made through use of information gained by the use of drones within the previous 12 months, including a description of how the drone aided each investigation or arrest.**

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- 3. The number of times a drone collected data on any person, home, or area other than the target of the surveillance within the previous 12 months and the type of data collected in each instance.**

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4. The cost of the agency's drone program and the program's source of funding.

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