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TO:

Steven A. Hall, Sheriff

SUBJECT:

2022 Year End Report - sUAS Unit

During 2022, members of the sUAS Unit conducted (17) live operations and completed (6) bi-monthly trainings. This represents a slight decrease over 2021 (23). As of the close of 2022 the unit maintains a total of (7) remote pilots licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). No additional UAS were put into service.

The 17 live operations included multiple crime and motor vehicle accident scene documentations, critical missing person incidents, assistance of outside agencies, and situational awareness during public events. They also included situational awareness for the Emergency Services Team (EST), Criminal Investigations Division (CID), and the Vice Narcotics Division on multiple occasions. Required reporting and documentation for all operations has been accounted for.

Unit supervisors continue to participate in the Maryland Public Safety Drone Working Group in coordination with the Howard County Police Department.

> Cory Ellis Lieutenant

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