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TO: Timothy K. Cameron, Sheriff

SUBJECT: 2018 Year End Report – sUAS Unit

During the course of 2018, members of the sUAS Unit conducted (10) live operations and completed (6) bi-monthly trainings. In total, flight time for the unit as a result of these operations was approximately 3,366 minutes for 2018. As of the close of 2018 the unit has a total of (7) remote pilots officially licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The 10 live operations included; a barricade incident, multiple critical missing person incidents, security overwatch during the annual County Fair, assistance with multiple live training scenarios, and other community events.

In January the unit assisted patrol officers and EST members with the search of a property for a suicidal and possibly armed female. Overwatch was provided as EST ultimately made entry into a residence and it was determined the female was elsewhere in the state. As mentioned, the unit was called to assist with multiple critical missing persons. In April the unit assisted with its first critically missing person operation, aiding in the search for an elderly male with dementia. In August the unit assisted with an extensive search of a remote and difficult to access Leonardtown waterway for a subject who had been swept away by high water. Later that same month the unit assisted Maryland State Police in their search of multiple areas in the Hollywood area for a critically missing female. Finally, in September the unit coordinated with the U.S. Navy and the Calvert Dive Team in the search for a missing swimmer near Myrtle Point Park.

The unit also assisted in various community events throughout the year including National Night Out where members of the public were able to learn about and see the sUAS operating in person. Additionally, during the County Fair members of the unit conducted operations to provide aerial perspective and overwatch to patrol officers working security. To close out the year assistance was also provided to the Civil Disturbance Unit (CDU) and Local Fire/EMS during live training exercises in October and December respectively.


Cory Ellis
Sergeant

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Agree

Yes () No, see endorsement. Division
Commander: Cassidy Date 1-16-19

Yes () No, see endorsement. Major: [Signature] Date 1-21-19

Yes () No, see endorsement. Sheriff: [Signature] Date 1-22-19