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TO: Steven A. Hall, Sheriff

SUBJECT: 2024 sUAS Annual Report

During 2024, members of the sUAS Unit conducted (36) live operations and completed (6) bi-monthly trainings. As of the close of 2024 the unit has a total of (9) remote pilots licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Both represent increases from 2023's (24) live operations and (8) pilots. No additional sUAS aircraft were put into service during 2024.

The (36) 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) and the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) on multiple occasions.

Unit supervisors continue to participate in the Maryland Public Safety Drone Working Group and coordinate training and support with regional partners from the Charles and Calvert County Sheriff's Office.

Michael Boye

Lieutenant