

Unmanned Aircraft Systems

“Drones”

The Brooklyn Park Police Department is seeking public input as we research and build an Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) program for the city of Brooklyn Park. The use of UAS technology in appropriate and authorized incidents will assist in the coordination and location of individuals in need of assistance when time is of the essence.

Potential UAS Deployment Scenarios:

- Search and rescue of vulnerable or missing adults and children
- Apprehension of suspects actively trying to flee and evade arrest
- To mitigate the risks involved in executing high-risk search warrants
- Emergency situations that pose a public safety risk
- Natural disaster and crime scene management and documentation

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Who is in charge of training the drone operators? *The department will train officers to meet the FAA requirements for UAS pilots.*

Who will be responsible for each UAS deployment? *An on-duty supervisor will need to authorize each deployment and will be held accountable for following state law and our policy.*

How will the residents, Mayor, or Council Members know how many of these flights BPPD has conducted? *The department is required to provide annual flight data to the BCA per state statute.*

How will the department provide the data to the BCA and public? *Third-party software will be used to store all flight data. This includes the dates, times, altitude, speed and direction of the UAS. Any complaints can be thoroughly investigated with the stored flight data.*

All authorized uses will comply with MN State Statute 626.19(2) which requires a search warrant, except as provided in 626.19(3).

Authorized use per Minnesota State Statute 626.19(3):

1. During an emergency that involves the risk of death or great bodily harm
2. Over a public event where there is a heightened safety risk
3. To counter the risk of a terrorist attack indicated by credible intelligence
4. To aid in natural or manmade disasters with planning, rescue, and recovery operations
5. To conduct threat assessments in anticipation of a specific event
6. To collect information from a public area if there is reasonable suspicion of criminal activity
7. To collect information for crash reconstruction involving serious injury or death
8. Over a public area for employee training or public relations purposes
9. To aid other government agencies, if that entity provides a detailed request in writing (which must include the specific reasons for use)

Prohibited use and limitations per Minnesota State Statute 626.19(4):

1. The agency must not equip a UAS with weapons.
2. The agency must not use a UAS to collect data on public protests or demonstrations.
3. The agency must not use a UAS to conduct random surveillance.
4. The agency must not deploy a UAS with facial recognition or other biometric-matching technology.
5. UAS equipment must not be used to target a person based on characteristics such as an individual's race, color, creed, religion, ethnic/national origin, gender, gender identity, age, disability (including pregnancy), or characteristics identified as sexual orientation, affectional preference,

marital status, familial status, status with regarding to public assistance or veteran status.

6. UAS equipment must not be used to harass, intimidate, or discriminate against any individual or group.