



# **MARIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

## **Small Unmanned Aerial Systems (sUAS) Team**

### **Fourth quarter statistics, 2023**

**10/04/2023 – Mission Type: Assist the Marin County Search and Rescue Team with a search for a missing person near Wild Cat Beach.**

**Case: S023-2699**

**Offense: N/A**

The sUAS team was requested to assist the Marin County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Team with a missing persons search in the area of "Wild Cat Beach". Wild Cat Beach is located in the Point Reyes National Seashore. Six flights were conducted in the area for a total flight time of approximately 93 minutes. The missing person was not located.

**10/10/23 – Mission Type: Assist the San Rafael Police Department with a search for a vehicle theft suspect.**

**Case: S023-2762**

**Offense: 10851 CVC**

The sUAS Team was requested to assist the San Rafael Police Department with a search for a vehicle theft suspect in the area of Santa Venetia. One flight was conducted in the area for a total approximate flight time of fifteen minutes. The subject was ultimately located by the San Rafael Police Department in the area.

**10/12/23 – Mission Type: Assist the MCSO Patrol Division with a search for a missing person.**

**Case: S023-2763-02**

**Offense: N/A**

The sUAS Team was requested to assist the MCSO Patrol Division with a search for a missing adult in the area of "Bucks Landing" located in the unincorporated area of San Rafael. Two flights were conducted for a total flight time of approximately 46 minutes. The subject was not located by the UAV.

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**10/17/23 – Mission Type: Assist the Novato Police Department with a search for a subject in the area of a traffic collision**

**Case: SO23-2827**

**Offense: N/A**

The Marin County Sheriff's Office sUAS team was requested by the Novato Police Department (NPD) to check the area of an abandoned vehicle that appeared to have been involved in a traffic collision. NPD wanted the area searched to make sure the driver was not still in the area, possibly in need of medical attention. The sUAS team conducted one flight with a total length of approximately seventeen minutes. No one was located.

**11/1/23 – Mission Type: Assist the MCSO Patrol Division with a suspicious circumstance.**

**Case: SO23-2989-4**

**Offense: Suspicious Circumstance**

The Marin County Sheriff's Office sUAS team was requested to assist the MCSO Patrol Division with a suspicious circumstance call in an unincorporated area of Fairfax. A call came in that the resident was possibly harmed and needed medical attention inside of a residence. While entry to the residence was being made by deputies, the sUAS team flew one flight lasting approximately five minutes to obtain a visual of the situation through an upstairs window. Due to the windows being partially blocked, no visual was made into the residence by the UAV.

**11/12/23 – Mission Type: Assist the San Rafael Police Department in a suspicious circumstance investigation.**

**Case: SO23-3098**

**Offense: N/A**

The Marin County Sheriff's Office sUAS team was requested by the San Rafael Police Department (SRPD) to assist with a suspicious circumstance call. They received information that a violent crime had occurred inside a residence within city limits. The sUAS team was requested to gather intel from within the home by flying around the outside taking video footage through the windows. While SRPD was formulating a plan to gain entry to the residence, one sUAS flight was conducted lasting approximately

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fifteen minutes. Ultimately it was determined that no crime had occurred in the residence and the structure was unoccupied.

**11/13/23 – Mission Type: Assist the MCSO Patrol Division with the search of the area for a prowling suspect.**

**Case: S023-3114-1**

**Offense: 647 (h) PC**

The Marin County Sheriff's Office sUAS team was requested by the MCSO Patrol Division to assist with the search of an area where a prowler was reported. The sUAS team responded and flew two flights totaling approximately twenty-five minutes of flight time. The interior of the residence where the prowler was reported was searched with the UAV as well as the surrounding properties. No one was located.

**11/22/23 – Mission Type: Assist the Central Marin Police Authority with the search for a commercial burglary suspect.**

**Case: S023-3187**

**Offense: 459 PC**

The Marin County Sheriff's Office sUAS team was requested by the Central Marin Police Authority (CMPA) to conduct an aerial search in the area for an outstanding commercial burglary suspect. Two flights were conducted in the area lasting approximately twenty minutes. No suspects were located.

**12/1/23 – Mission Type: Assist the Marin County Fire Department with monitoring traffic flow in the area of an evacuation drill in Inverness Park.**

**Case: S023-3266**

**Offense: N/A**

The Marin County Sheriff's Office sUAS team was requested by the Marin County Fire Department to assist with taking aerial video footage of an evacuation drill in the area of Inverness Park. The video would assist the Marin County Fire Department with improving future evacuation plans in the area. Four total UAV flights were conducted lasting approximately sixty minutes.

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