



# Austin Police Department

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## **Compliance Report for the Use of Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems by a Law Enforcement Agency; Texas Government Code 423.008**



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Report for the use of Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems

Texas Government Code 423.008 – REPEORTING BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

Texas Government Code 423.008 requires that no earlier than January 1 and not later than January 15 of each odd-numbered year, a municipal law enforcement agency located in a county or municipality with a population greater than 150,000 that used or operated an unmanned aircraft during the preceding 24 months shall issue a written report to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and each member of the Legislature.

The Austin Police Department (APD) is authorized by the Federal Aviation Administration to operate two battery-powered UAVs to conducted flights during the reporting period. APD's UAV program is fairly new, so the report is only inclusive from the inception of the program in April of 2018 until years end. These flight are used solely in a forensic manner to map and reconstruct fatal traffic crash scenes. In accordance with Texas Government Code 423.008, this report includes:

- Number of times the unmanned aircraft was used, organized by date, time, location, and the types of incidents and types of justification for the use;
- Number of criminal investigations aided by the use of the unmanned aircraft and a description of how the unmanned aircraft aided each investigation;
- number of times the unmanned aircraft was used for a law enforcement operation other than a criminal investigation, the dates and locations of those operations, and a description of how the unmanned aircraft aided each operation;
- Type of information collected on an individual, residence, property, or area that was not the subject of a law enforcement operation and the frequency of the collection of this information; and
- Total cost of acquiring, maintaining, repairing, and operating or otherwise using each unmanned aircraft for the preceding 24 months.



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Date	Case Number	Officer's Involved	Location	Type of Incident	Description of How Drone Aided Investigation	Type of Information Collected	Photos kept as evidence?
<b>EXAMPLE</b>	Training Only	Det. Jones 3000 / Det. Smith 2000	123 Main St. Austin TX 78731	Training	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>EXAMPLE</b>	18-3871234	Det. Jones 3000 / Det. Smith 2000	400 Block Maple Ave. Austin, TX 78731	Fatality Crash Scene	Aerial Video mapping of the crash scene to aid in investigation / reconstruction as needed.	Video of vehicles involved in crash, both identified in the report	yes
4/5/2018	Training Only	J. Eads #2640/G. Ignal #4810	6301 West Slaughter Lane	Training	N/A	N/A	N/A
4/5/2018	Training Only	R. Harrington#2423, A. Cortez #3086, R. Fox#3108, J. Slater	1410 Huntington Trail, Round Rock	Training	N/A	N/A	N/A
4/19/2018	Training Only	J. Eads #2640/D. Drake #3934	8200 South Congress Avenue	Training	N/A	N/A	N/A
4/26/2018	Training Only	J. Eads #2640/D. Drake #3934/R. Fox #3108/L. Knouse #5931	6301 West Slaughter Lane	Training	N/A	N/A	N/A
5/8/2018	Training Only	J. Eads #2640	6301 West Slaughter Lane	Training	N/A	N/A	N/A
5/10/2018	Training Only	R. Fox #3108/L. Knouse #5931	3000 Magellan Way, Round Rock	Training	N/A	N/A	N/A
6/11/2018	Training Only	J. Eads #2640	6301 West Slaughter Lane	Training	N/A	N/A	N/A
6/18/2018	Training Only	J. Eads #2640	6301 West Slaughter Lane	Training	N/A	N/A	N/A
7/3/2018	Training Only	J. Eads #2640/D. Drake #3934	6301 West Slaughter Lane	Training	N/A	N/A	N/A
7/5/2018	Training Only	J. Eads #2640/D. Drake #3934/L. Knouse #5931/R. Fox #3108	4201 Ed Bluestein Boulevard	Training	N/A	N/A	N/A
8/20/2018	Training Only	L. Knouse #5931/R. Fox #3108/A. Cortez #3086	2001 N. Kenney Fort Blvd Round Rock, TX 78665	Training	N/A	N/A	N/A
8/27/2018	Training Only	J. Eads #2640	6301 West Slaughter Lane	Training	N/A	N/A	N/A
9/12/2018	Training Only	J. Eads #2640	6301 West Slaughter Lane	Training	N/A	N/A	N/A
9/13/2018	Training Only	J. Eads #2640/G. Ignal #4810/D. Drake #3934	205 Farley Drive	Training	N/A	N/A	N/A
9/18/2018	Training Only	J. Eads #2640/R. Harrington #2423/M. Horn #2764	4201 Ed Bluestein Boulevard	Training	N/A	N/A	N/A
9/18/2018	Training Only	J. Eads #2640	6301 West Slaughter Lane	Training	N/A	N/A	N/A
9/24/2018	Training Only	J. Eads #2640/R. Fox #3108	6900 Onion Creek Drive	Training	N/A	N/A	N/A
9/27/2018	Training Only	J. Eads #2640/R. Fox #3108/A. Cortez #3086/D. Drake #3934/M. Horn #2764	6900 Onion Creek Drive	Training	N/A	N/A	N/A
10/4/2018	Training Only	J. Eads #2640/M. Horn #2764	205 Farley Drive	Training	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/2/2018	18-3060392	M. Horn #2764/L. Knouse #5931	6200 Manchaca Road	Fatality Crash Scene	Aerial Photographs to be used to make a scale diagram of scene	Photos of roadway	Photos in electronic case jacket
11/8/2018	18-2900992	Eads #2640/Knouse #5931	1200 FM 1327	Fatality Crash Scene	Aerial Photographs to be used to make a scale diagram of scene	Photos of roadway	Photos in electronic case jacket
11/17/2018	18-3131903	Horn #2764/Cortez #3086/ Drake 3934	fm 969/Regency	Fatality Crash Scene	Aerial Photographs to be used to make a scale diagram of scene	Photos of roadway	Photos in electronic case jacket
11/17/2018	Training Only	Horn #2764	115 wimberley	training	n/a	n/a	n/a
11/21/2018	18-3131903	Eads #2640/Harrington #2423	FM 969/Regency Drive	Fatality Crash Scene	Aerial Photographs to be used to make a scale diagram of scene	Photos of roadway	Photos in electronic case jacket
11/27/2018	Training Only	Eads #2640	6900 Hansa Loop	Training	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/27/2018	18-3310794	Knouse #5931/Drake #3934/Fox #3108/Cortez #3086	7500 N IH 35	Fatality Crash Scene	Aerial Photographs to be used to make a scale diagram of scene	Photos of roadway	Photos in electronic case jacket
11/29/2018	Training Only	Eads #2640/Horn #2764/Knouse #5931	6900 Onion Creek Drive	Training	N/A	N/A	N/A
12/6/2018	18-3381590	Fox #3108/Harrington#2423/Cortez #3086/Knouse #5931	8800 Research Boulevard	Fatality Crash Scene	Aerial Photographs to be used to make a scale diagram of scene	Photos of roadway	Photos in electronic case jacket
12/22/2018	Training Only	Knouse #5931	Redbud Trail Round Rock	Training	N/A	N/A	N/A
12/24/2018	18-3580383	Knouse #5931/Horn #2764	East Ave/Cummings St	Serious Injury Crash	Aerial Photographs to be used to make a scale diagram of scene	Photos of roadway	Photos in electronic case jacket

The only costs associated with this reporting period are as follows:

- initial purchase of the 2 UAVs (w/ accessories): \$10,467.96;
- training / certification of operators as FAA Part 107 UAV pilots: \$1308



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