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Texas Government Code Sec. 423.008  
Law Enforcement Use of UAS Report

January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022

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This document has been created to meet the requirement for law enforcement use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) according to Sec 423.008 of the Texas Government Code.

Background:

In 2013, the 83<sup>rd</sup> Texas Legislature passed H.B. 912. The bill requires that no earlier than January 1 and not later than January 15 of each odd-numbered year, each state law enforcement agency that used or operated an unmanned aircraft during the preceding 24 months shall issue a written report to the governor, and each member of the legislature. The document shall include the following:

1. The number of times an unmanned aircraft was used, organized by date, time, location, and the types of justification for the use;
2. The number of criminal investigations aided by the use of an unmanned aircraft and a description of how the unmanned aircraft aided each investigation;
3. The number of times an 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 aircraft aided each operation;
4. The 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;
5. The total cost of acquiring, maintaining, repairing, and operating or otherwise using each unmanned aircraft for the preceding 24 months.

The Office of Inspector General utilizes a DJI Inspire 1, and three DJI Mavic Pro, which were purchased in 2017, and two Autel EVO II, which were purchased in 2022. The Office of Inspector General is authorized by the Federal Aviation Administration to fly day or night within the State of Texas. Between January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, and December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, the Office of Inspector General conducted 66 deployments:

- 12 Deployments for Public Safety
  - 6 Investigative Case Support – Escape from Prison Facility
  - 2 Investigative Case Support – Aerial Perimeter Assessment
  - 4 Prison Facility Security Assessments
- 1 Community Event Deployment
- 8 Maintenance Deployments
- 45 Training Deployments

In addition, the Office of Inspector General retains the report for public viewing, which can be obtained through an open records request via email to [oig.openrecords@tdcj.texas.gov](mailto:oig.openrecords@tdcj.texas.gov).

**April 2021**

Date	Time	Type of Flight	Flight Location	Flight Description	The 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
04/14/2021	20:00	Maintenance	Huntsville, Texas	Equipment Testing	N/A
04/14/2021	20:00	Training	Huntsville, Texas	Flight Maneuver Training	N/A
04/14/2021	20:00	Training	Huntsville, Texas	Flight Maneuver Training	N/A
04/14/2021	20:00	Training	Huntsville, Texas	Flight Maneuver Training	N/A
04/14/2021	20:00	Training	Huntsville, Texas	Flight Maneuver Training	N/A

**June 2021**

Date	Time	Type of Flight	Flight Location	Flight Description	The 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
06/08/2021	30:00	Maintenance	Huntsville, Texas	Equipment Check/extreme heat	N/A

**July 2021**

Date	Time	Type of Flight	Flight Location	Flight Description	The 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
07/09/2021	30:00	Maintenance	Huntsville, Texas	Flight Maneuver Training	N/A
07/23/2021	30:00	Training	Huntsville, Texas	Building search	N/A
07/23/2021	30:00	Training	Huntsville, Texas	Building search	N/A

**September 2021**

Date	Time	Type of Flight	Flight Location	Flight Description	The 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
09/22/2021	30:00	Maintenance	Galveston, Texas	Equipment Check	N/A
09/22/2021	30:00	Training	Galveston, Texas	Flight maneuvers	N/A
09/28/2021	30:00	Civil	Huntsville, Texas	Public Relations Demonstration	N/A

**October 2021**

Date	Time	Type of Flight	Flight Location	Flight Description	The 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
10/12/2021	30:00	Training	Huntsville, Texas	Indoor flight maneuvers	N/A

**November 2021**

Date	Time	Type of Flight	Flight Location	Flight Description	The 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
11/10/2021	30:00	Maintenance	Jacksboro, Texas	Equipment check	N/A

**December 2021**

Date	Time	Type of Flight	Flight Location	Flight Description	The 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
12/26/2021	30:00	Maintenance	Huntsville, Texas	Equipment Check	N/A
12/26/2021	30:00	Training	Huntsville, Texas	Flight maneuvers	N/A
12/30/2021	45:00	Training	Huntsville, Texas	Indoor flight maneuvers	N/A

**January 2022**

Date	Time	Type of Flight	Flight Location	Flight Description	The 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
01/29/2022	30:00	Training	League City, Texas	Flight Maneuver Training	N/A
01/30/2022	30:00	Training	League City, Texas	Flight Maneuver Training	N/A

**February 2022**

Date	Time	Type of Flight	Flight Location	Flight Description	The 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
02/08/2022	30:00	Public Safety	Little Elm, Texas	Aerial perimeter assessment	N/A
02/08/2022	30:00	Public Safety	Little Elm, Texas	Aerial perimeter assessment	N/A

**April 2022**

Date	Time	Type of Flight	Flight Location	Flight Description	The 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
04/17/2022	30:00	Training	Huntsville, Texas	Indoor flight maneuvers	N/A
04/24/2022	30:00	Training	Huntsville, Texas	Aerial observation	N/A
04/24/2022	30:00	Training	Huntsville, Texas	Aerial observation	N/A

**May 2022**

Date	Time	Type of Flight	Flight Location	Flight Description	The 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
05/09/2022	15:00	Maintenance	Huntsville, Texas	Test new issuance	N/A
05/09/2022	30:00	Training	Huntsville, Texas	New Pilot training	N/A
05/09/2022	22:00	Training	Port Neches, Texas	Training	N/A
05/09/2022	21:00	Training	Port Neches, Texas	Training	N/A
5/11/2022	15:00	Maintenance	Huntsville, Texas	Test new issuance	N/A
5/11/2022	30:00	Training	Huntsville, Texas	New Pilot training	N/A
5/11/2022	20:00	Training	Port Neches, Texas	Training	N/A
5/11/2022	21:00	Training	Port Neches, Texas	Training	N/A
5/11/2022	22:00	Training	Port Neches, Texas	Training	N/A
05/13/2022	20:00	Public Safety	Centerville, Texas	Aerial Assist on Escape	N/A
05/14/2022	30:00	Public Safety	Centerville, Texas	Aerial Assist on Escape	N/A
05/14/2022	21:00	Public Safety	Centerville, Texas	Aerial Assist on Escape	N/A
05/16/2022	21:00	Training	Port Neches, Texas	Landing in tight spaces	N/A
05/16/2022	20:00	Training	Port Neches, Texas	Landing in tight spaces	N/A
05/16/2022	21:00	Training	Port Neches, Texas	Landing in tight spaces	N/A
05/17/2022	30:00	Public Safety	Centerville, Texas	Aerial Assist on Escape	N/A
05/23/2022	21:00	Public Safety	Centerville, Texas	Aerial Crime scene photos	N/A

**June 2022**

Date	Time	Type of Flight	Flight Location	Flight Description	The 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
06/01/2022	17:00	Public Safety	Centerville, Texas	Aerial Assist on Escape	N/A
06/02/2022	21:00	Training	Port Neches, Texas	Flight Maneuver Training	N/A
06/09/2022	30:00	Training	Amarillo, Texas	Flight Maneuver Training	N/A
06/18/2022	19:00	Training	Crystal Beach, Texas	Flight Maneuver Training	N/A
06/18/2022	21:00	Training	Crystal Beach, Texas	Flight Maneuver Training	N/A

**July 2022**

Date	Time	Type of Flight	Flight Location	Flight Description	The 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
07/02/2022	19:00	Training	Toledo Bend Hemphill, Texas	Flight Maneuver Training	N/A

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**August 2022**

Date	Time	Type of Flight	Flight Location	Flight Description	The 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
08/02/2022	18:00	Training	Woodville, Texas	Flight Maneuver Training	N/A

**September 2022**

Date	Time	Type of Flight	Flight Location	Flight Description	The 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
09/28/2022	21:00	Training	Chester, Texas	Flight Maneuver Training	N/A
09/29/2022	21:00	Public Safety	Beaumont, Texas	Aerial observation	N/A
09/29/2022	22:00	Public Safety	Beaumont, Texas	Aerial observation	N/A

**October 2022**

Date	Time	Type of Flight	Flight Location	Flight Description	The 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
10/05/2022	45:00	Training	Tyler, Texas	Flight Maneuver Training	N/A
10/05/2022	30:00	Training	Tyler, Texas	Flight Maneuver Training	N/A
10/06/2022	30:00	Training	Flint, Texas	Flight Maneuver Training	N/A
10/06/2022	30:00	Training	Flint, Texas	Flight Maneuver Training	N/A
10/10/2022	20:00	Training	Port Neches, Texas	Flight Maneuver Training	N/A
10/17/2022	20:00	Public Safety	Beaumont, Texas	Aerial Support search	N/A
10/17/2022	21:00	Public Safety	Beaumont, Texas	Aerial Support search	N/A
10/20/2022	17:00	Training	Jasper, Texas	Flight Maneuver Training	N/A
10/26/2022	45:00	Training	Flint, Texas	Flight Maneuver Training	N/A
10/26/2022	18:00	Training	Clyde, Texas	Flight Maneuver Training	N/A
10/27/2022	21:00	Training	Ovalo, Texas	Flight Maneuver Training	N/A
10/29/2022	20:00	Training	Baird, Texas	Flight Maneuver Training	N/A

**November 2022**

Date	Time	Type of Flight	Flight Location	Flight Description	The 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
11/24/2022	21:00	Training	Osceola, Missouri	Flight Maneuver Training	N/A
11/24/2022	21:00	Training	Osceola, Missouri	Flight Maneuver Training	N/A
11/24/2022	27:00	Training	Lufkin, Texas	Flight Maneuver Training	N/A

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**Financial**

Costs	Reporting Period	Description
Acquisition	\$ 7650	Purchase of two Autel drones 2022
Maintenance	\$ 0	
Repairs	\$ 0	
Operations	\$ 0	
Training	\$ 0	
Other	\$ 0	
Total	\$ 7650	