

**Memorandum**

To: Wayne D. Hudson, Chief of Police

From: Timothy Kohanski, Commander

Date: January 27, 2026

Re: 2025 Annual Audit Report for sUAS

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The sUAS (drone program) for the Shaker Heights Police Department continued operations throughout calendar year 2025. In accordance with General Order 4611, an annual audit and report are required to document authorized flight missions conducted during the year.

- In 2025, there were sixty-nine (69) calls for service requesting the assistance of the sUAS.
- The sUAS assisted in suspect apprehensions in six (6) incidents.
- The sUAS assisted in evidence location or documentation in four (4) incidents.
- Remaining deployments involved authorized uses where suspects were not located, situational awareness was provided, or operational support was rendered.
- There were no safety incidents involving officers or the public.
- There were minimal equipment concerns, all documented and reviewed through supervisory oversight.
- Certified pilots maintained proficiency through operational deployments and ongoing training.

A review of all sUAS missions conducted in 2025 indicates that each deployment complied with General Order 4611, which authorizes sUAS use for situational awareness, search and rescue, tactical deployment, incident documentation, and community engagement.

This report will be published on the City of Shaker Heights Police Department website in accordance with policy to promote transparency and public awareness.

Not all missions resulted in the apprehension of suspects or the recovery of evidence. Factors influencing outcomes include reporting delays, launch time, perimeter effectiveness, suspect movement, and environmental conditions. Despite these limitations, the sUAS program continues to enhance officer safety and investigative effectiveness.

The Shaker Heights Police Department also continues to support neighboring agencies through established Mutual Aid agreements, consistent with prior years.

Overall, the 2025 sUAS program remained compliant, effective, and a valuable operational asset.



Attached is the information for each call with the flight log data:

### **Incident #1**

**Date:** 01/15/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000096  
**Location:** 16601 Fernway Rd  
**Mission Type:** Fleeing / Eluding – Driver crashed and fled  
**RPIC:** Steinmetz #27  
**Visual Observer(s):** Derry #12  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 6 minutes  
**Outcome:** Aerial search conducted; suspect not located  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Wedeking

### **Incident #2**

**Date:** 01/19/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000110  
**Location:** 20050 Shaker Blvd  
**Mission Type:** MVA – Driver fled  
**RPIC:** Ward #79  
**Visual Observer(s):** Lagruth #82  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 10 minutes  
**Outcome:** Area search conducted; suspect not located  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Lagruth

### **Incident #3**

**Date:** 01/23/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000132  
**Location:** 3725 Pennington Rd  
**Mission Type:** Male breaking into vehicles / GTMV  
**RPIC:** Ward #79  
**Visual Observer(s):** Lagruth #82  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 12 minutes  
**Outcome:** Suspect not located  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Lagruth

**Incident #4**

**Date:** 01/25/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000147  
**Location:** 18501 North Park Blvd  
**Mission Type:** Suspicious person / Trespassing  
**RPIC:** Palm #75  
**Visual Observer(s):** Lewis #70  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 30 minutes  
**Outcome:** Area cleared; no suspect located  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Emlaw

**Incident #5**

**Date:** 01/25/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000143  
**Location:** Cedar Rd / Lee Rd – Cleveland Heights  
**Mission Type:** Structure Fire (Mutual Aid)  
**RPIC:** Barnett #05  
**Visual Observer(s):** Mikhail #91  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 79 minutes  
**Outcome:** Aerial overwatch provided to fire personnel  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Wedeking

**Incident #6**

**Date:** 02/08/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000214  
**Location:** 3301 Chadbourne Rd  
**Mission Type:** Male looking into vehicles  
**RPIC:** Steinmetz #27  
**Visual Observer(s):** None  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 15 minutes  
**Outcome:** Suspect not located  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Lewis



## Incident #7

**Date:** 02/13/2025

**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000240

**Location:** 3455 Colton Rd

**Mission Type:** Garage Fire

**RPIC:** Barnett #05

**Visual Observer(s):** Mikhail #91

**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T

**Flight Duration:** 5 minutes

**Outcome:** Fire scene aerial assessment

**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None

**Supervisor Review:** Sidders

## Incident #8

**Date:** 02/26/2025

**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000306

**Location:** 21016 Claythorne Rd

**Mission Type:** Male checking door handles

**RPIC:** Ward #79

**Visual Observer(s):** Brown #94 / UHPD Delpra

**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T

**Flight Duration:** 46 minutes

**Outcome:** Area search conducted; suspect not located

**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None

**Supervisor Review:** Emlaw

## Incident #9

**Date:** 03/04/2025

**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000339

**Location:** 446 Richmond Park East – Richmond Heights

**Mission Type:** Homicide – Suspect fled on foot (Mutual Aid)

**RPIC:** Steinmetz #27

**Visual Observer(s):** Derry #12

**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T

**Flight Duration:** 42 minutes

**Outcome:** Area search conducted; suspect not located

**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None

**Supervisor Review:** Wedeking

**Incident #10**

**Date:** 03/09/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000367  
**Location:** 2684 Ashley Rd  
**Mission Type:** Male trespassing through backyards  
**RPIC:** Ward #79  
**Visual Observer(s):** None  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 7 minutes  
**Outcome:** Area search conducted; suspect not located  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Wedeking

**Incident #11**

**Date:** 03/22/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000445  
**Location:** 1217 Oakridge Dr – Cleveland Heights  
**Mission Type:** Males checking door handles (Mutual Aid)  
**RPIC:** Steinmetz #27  
**Visual Observer(s):** Tse #42  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 37 minutes  
**Outcome:** Area search conducted; suspects not located  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Wedeking

**Incident #12**

**Date:** 03/23/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000452  
**Location:** Charney Rd / Meadowbrook Blvd – University Heights  
**Mission Type:** Male checking residence doors (Mutual Aid)  
**RPIC:** Steinmetz #27  
**Visual Observer(s):** Tse #42  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 25 minutes  
**Outcome:** Area cleared; suspect not located  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Wedeking



### Incident #13

**Date:** 03/23/2025

**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000454

**Location:** 3047 Ludlow Rd

**Mission Type:** Male fled from burglary

**RPIC:** Barnett #05

**Visual Observer(s):** Roberts #95

**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T

**Flight Duration:** 15 minutes

**Outcome:** Area search conducted; suspect not located

**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None

**Supervisor Review:** Cpl. Saddler

### Incident #14

**Date:** 03/24/2025

**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000461

**Location:** Bessemer Ave / E. 55th St – University Circle

**Mission Type:** Aggravated robbery vehicle crash – suspects fled

**RPIC:** Ward #79

**Visual Observer(s):** Musson #76

**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T

**Flight Duration:** 11 minutes

**Outcome:** Aerial assistance provided; suspects not located

**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None

**Supervisor Review:** Lewis

### Incident #15

**Date:** 03/25/2025

**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000475

**Location:** 17607 Scottsdale Blvd

**Mission Type:** Open-door investigation

**RPIC:** Ward #79

**Visual Observer(s):** Rybka #17

**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Avata

**Flight Duration:** 10 minutes

**Outcome:** Structure checked; no suspects located

**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None

**Supervisor Review:** Lewis

**Incident #16**

**Date:** 04/01/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000512  
**Location:** 16500 Van Aken Blvd  
**Mission Type:** Homicide – Evidence location  
**RPIC:** Palm #75  
**Visual Observer(s):** None  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** Not documented  
**Outcome:** Assisted with evidence location  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Sgt. Emlaw

**Incident #17**

**Date:** 04/04/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000536  
**Location:** 16500 Van Aken Blvd  
**Mission Type:** Homicide – Evidence location  
**RPIC:** Barnett #05  
**Visual Observer(s):** None  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** Unknown  
**Outcome:** Assisted with evidence documentation  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Sidders

**Incident #18**

**Date:** 04/07/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000554  
**Location:** 891 Ravine Rd – Cleveland Heights  
**Mission Type:** Pursuit – suspect fled (Mutual Aid)  
**RPIC:** Steinmetz #27  
**Visual Observer(s):** Tse #42  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 28 minutes  
**Outcome:** Aerial search conducted; suspect not located  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Wedeking



### **Incident #19**

**Date:** 04/08/2025

**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000561

**Location:** 3301 Chadbourne Rd

**Mission Type:** Females checking vehicles

**RPIC:** Ward #79

**Visual Observer(s):** Brown #94

**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T

**Flight Duration:** 3 minutes

**Outcome:** Area search conducted; suspects not located

**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None

**Supervisor Review:** Emlaw

### **Incident #20**

**Date:** 04/10/2025

**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000580

**Location:** 2869 Drummond Rd

**Mission Type:** Male checking vehicles

**RPIC:** Steinmetz #27

**Visual Observer(s):** Campbell #31

**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T

**Flight Duration:** 16 minutes

**Outcome:** Suspect not located

**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None

**Supervisor Review:** Lewis

### **Incident #21**

**Date:** 04/11/2025

**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000590

**Location:** 12378 Cedar Rd – Cleveland Heights

**Mission Type:** Stolen vehicle crash – males fled (Mutual Aid)

**RPIC:** Ward #79

**Visual Observer(s):** CHPD Montgomery

**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T

**Flight Duration:** 20 minutes

**Outcome:** Assisted with suspect apprehension

**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None

**Supervisor Review:** Emlaw

**Incident #22**

**Date:** 04/22/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000645  
**Location:** 1783 Wheeler Ave – East Cleveland  
**Mission Type:** Aggravated robbery vehicle crash – suspects fled (Mutual Aid)  
**RPIC:** Ward #79  
**Visual Observer(s):** Mitri #65 / Kern #93  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 13 minutes  
**Outcome:** Area search conducted; suspects not located  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Emlaw

**Incident #23**

**Date:** 04/23/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000657  
**Location:** E. 93rd St / Quebec Ave – University Circle  
**Mission Type:** Felonious assault vehicle crash – suspect fled (Mutual Aid)  
**RPIC:** Ward #79  
**Visual Observer(s):** Musson #76  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 24 minutes  
**Outcome:** Aerial search conducted; suspect not located  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Lewis

**Incident #24**

**Date:** 04/25/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000676  
**Location:** Southington Rd / Van Aken Blvd  
**Mission Type:** Suspicious person / Trespassing  
**RPIC:** Ward #79  
**Visual Observer(s):** None  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 3 minutes  
**Outcome:** Area cleared  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Lewis



## Incident #25

**Date:** 04/26/2025

**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000689

**Location:** Silsby Rd / Lelamant Rd – University Heights

**Mission Type:** Runaway juvenile (Mutual Aid)

**RPIC:** Ward #79

**Visual Observer(s):** Davis #99

**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T

**Flight Duration:** 23 minutes

**Outcome:** Search assistance provided

**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None

**Supervisor Review:** Emlaw

## Incident #26

**Date:** 04/26/2025

**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000692

**Location:** Noble Rd / Greyton Rd – Cleveland Heights

**Mission Type:** Juveniles fled stolen vehicle (Mutual Aid)

**RPIC:** Ward #79

**Visual Observer(s):** Davis #99

**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T

**Flight Duration:** 31 minutes

**Outcome:** Assisted with the apprehension of two juveniles

**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None

**Supervisor Review:** Emlaw

## Incident #27

**Date:** 05/11/2025

**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000782

**Location:** 14783 Superior Rd – Cleveland Heights

**Mission Type:** Male fled from a stolen vehicle (Mutual Aid)

**RPIC:** Ward #79

**Visual Observer(s):** Kern #93

**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T

**Flight Duration:** 30 minutes

**Outcome:** Area search conducted; suspect not located

**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None

**Supervisor Review:** Emlaw

**Incident #28**

**Date:** 05/17/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000823  
**Location:** 20600 Shaker Blvd  
**Mission Type:** Prom detail / Overwatch  
**RPIC:** Ward #79  
**Visual Observer(s):** Saddler #25  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 109 minutes  
**Outcome:** Event monitoring completed  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Dunn

**Incident #29**

**Date:** 05/23/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000864  
**Location:** Coventry Rd / Drexmore Rd  
**Mission Type:** Stolen vehicle crash – male fled  
**RPIC:** Barnett #05  
**Visual Observer(s):** Krakora #56  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 20 minutes  
**Outcome:** Area search conducted; suspect not located  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Sidders

**Incident #30**

**Date:** 05/25/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000878  
**Location:** 3631 Lindholm Rd  
**Mission Type:** Shots fired inside residence  
**RPIC:** Ward #79  
**Visual Observer(s):** Rybka #17  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Avata  
**Flight Duration:** 10 minutes  
**Outcome:** Tactical overwatch provided  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Emlaw



### **Incident #31**

**Date:** 05/26/2025

**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000884

**Location:** 3701 Winchell Rd

**Mission Type:** Male running through backyards

**RPIC:** Emlaw #64

**Visual Observer(s):** Brown #94

**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T

**Flight Duration:** 10 minutes

**Outcome:** Area search conducted; suspect not located

**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None

**Supervisor Review:** Emlaw

### **Incident #32**

**Date:** 05/29/2025

**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000907

**Location:** 4400 Clarkwood Pkwy

**Mission Type:** Shoplifting suspect fled the vehicle and on foot (Mutual Aid)

**RPIC:** Yung #52

**Visual Observer(s):** Falke #16

**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T

**Flight Duration:** 9 minutes

**Outcome:** Search assistance provided; suspect not located

**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None

**Supervisor Review:** Lagruth

### **Incident #33**

**Date:** 05/29/2025

**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000911

**Location:** Chagrin Blvd / Lomond Blvd

**Mission Type:** Juveniles fled a stolen vehicle

**RPIC:** Ward #79

**Visual Observer(s):** Kern #93

**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T

**Flight Duration:** 33 minutes

**Outcome:** Area search conducted; suspects not located

**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None

**Supervisor Review:** Emlaw

**Incident #34**

**Date:** 05/29/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000910  
**Location:** Chagrin Blvd / Lomond Blvd  
**Mission Type:** Male fled a traffic stop  
**RPIC:** Ward #79  
**Visual Observer(s):** Emlaw #64  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 10 minutes  
**Outcome:** Assisted with suspect apprehension  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Emlaw

**Incident #35**

**Date:** 05/31/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-000914  
**Location:** E. 128th St / Forest Ave – Cleveland  
**Mission Type:** Two males fled after pursuit and crash (Mutual Aid)  
**RPIC:** Barnett #05  
**Visual Observer(s):** Douglas #61  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 32 minutes  
**Outcome:** Search assistance provided  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Sidders

**Incident #36**

**Date:** 06/27/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-001060  
**Location:** Coit Ave / Euclid Ave – East Cleveland  
**Mission Type:** Stolen vehicle crash – occupants fled (Mutual Aid)  
**RPIC:** Ward #79  
**Visual Observer(s):** Musson #76  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 18 minutes  
**Outcome:** Area search conducted; suspects not located  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Emlaw



### **Incident #37**

**Date:** 06/27/2025

**Report Number:** SHPD2025-001061

**Location:** 16712 Chagrin Blvd

**Mission Type:** Business alarm / Open door

**RPIC:** Ward #79

**Visual Observer(s):** Lockhart #96

**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Avata

**Flight Duration:** 2 minutes

**Outcome:** Structure checked; no suspects located

**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None

**Supervisor Review:** Emlaw

### **Incident #38**

**Date:** 07/01/2025

**Report Number:** SHPD2025-001086

**Location:** E. 93rd St / Kinsman Rd

**Mission Type:** Mapping (SHPD Detective incident)

**RPIC:** Ward #79

**Visual Observer(s):** Palm #75

**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T

**Flight Duration:** 20 minutes

**Outcome:** Mapping completed

**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None

**Supervisor Review:** Clementi

### **Incident #39**

**Date:** 07/15/2025

**Report Number:** SHPD2025-001176

**Location:** 3615 Warrensville Center Rd

**Mission Type:** Aggravated menacing – juveniles fled

**RPIC:** Ward #79

**Visual Observer(s):** UHPD Frye

**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T

**Flight Duration:** 22 minutes

**Outcome:** Area search conducted; suspects not located

**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None

**Supervisor Review:** Emlaw

**Incident #40**

**Date:** 07/25/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-001245  
**Location:** Avalon Rd / Van Aken Blvd  
**Mission Type:** Juveniles fled on foot  
**RPIC:** Emlaw #64  
**Visual Observer(s):** Brown #94  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 23 minutes  
**Outcome:** Search assistance provided  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Emlaw

**Incident #41**

**Date:** 08/12/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-001348  
**Location:** 1760 Lee Rd – Cleveland Heights  
**Mission Type:** Barricaded suspect (Mutual Aid)  
**RPIC:** Palm #75  
**Visual Observer(s):** None  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Avata  
**Flight Duration:** 25 minutes  
**Outcome:** Tactical overwatch provided  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Lt. Allison

**Incident #42**

**Date:** 08/16/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-001379  
**Location:** 3619 Lindholm Rd  
**Mission Type:** Juveniles checking vehicles  
**RPIC:** Emlaw #64  
**Visual Observer(s):** BWPD Liz  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 10 minutes  
**Outcome:** Area search conducted; suspects not located  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Emlaw



### **Incident #43**

**Date:** 08/18/2025

**Report Number:** SHPD2025-001389

**Location:** 3372 Westbury Rd

**Mission Type:** Domestic violence barricade

**RPIC:** Yung #52

**Visual Observer(s):** Childress #04

**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T / DJI Avata

**Flight Duration:** 45 minutes

**Outcome:** Tactical overwatch provided

**Equipment / Safety Issues:** Avata lost signal; light mount damaged

**Supervisor Review:** Lewis

### **Incident #44**

**Date:** 08/19/2025

**Report Number:** SHPD2025-001397

**Location:** 16510 Scottsdale Blvd #9

**Mission Type:** Possible barricaded suspect

**RPIC:** Palm #75

**Visual Observer(s):** None

**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Avata

**Flight Duration:** 5 minutes

**Outcome:** Aerial check conducted

**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None

**Supervisor Review:** Lewis

### **Incident #45**

**Date:** 08/22/2025

**Report Number:** SHPD2025-001421

**Location:** 20001 South Park Blvd

**Mission Type:** Male in the backyard

**RPIC:** Emlaw #64

**Visual Observer(s):** Rybka #17

**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T

**Flight Duration:** 19 minutes

**Outcome:** Area search conducted; suspect not located

**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None

**Supervisor Review:** Emlaw

**Incident #46**

**Date:** 08/28/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-001464  
**Location:** 3401 Tuttle Rd  
**Mission Type:** Juveniles with a reported firearm fled  
**RPIC:** Steinmetz #27  
**Visual Observer(s):** Singleton #88  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 39 minutes  
**Outcome:** Assisted with suspect apprehension  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Wedeking

**Incident #47**

**Date:** 09/08/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-001523  
**Location:** 20600 Shaker Blvd  
**Mission Type:** Missing autistic juvenile  
**RPIC:** Palm #75  
**Visual Observer(s):** Calhoun #03  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 18 minutes  
**Outcome:** Search assistance provided  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Emlaw

**Incident #48**

**Date:** 09/13/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-001566  
**Location:** 17125 Scottsdale Blvd  
**Mission Type:** Stolen vehicle crash – occupants fled  
**RPIC:** Barnett #05  
**Visual Observer(s):** None  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** Not documented  
**Outcome:** Aerial assistance provided  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Lagruth



### **Incident #49**

**Date:** 09/23/2025

**Report Number:** SHPD2025-001638

**Location:** 2685 Endicott Rd

**Mission Type:** Male attempting vehicle break-ins

**RPIC:** Barnett #05

**Visual Observer(s):** Rybka #17

**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T

**Flight Duration:** 48 minutes

**Outcome:** Assisted with suspect apprehension

**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None

**Supervisor Review:** Lagruth

### **Incident #50**

**Date:** 10/01/2025

**Report Number:** SHPD2025-001697

**Location:** 20035 Sussex Rd

**Mission Type:** Felonious assault shooting

**RPIC:** Barnett #05

**Visual Observer(s):** None

**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T

**Flight Duration:** Not documented

**Outcome:** Scene support provided

**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None

**Supervisor Review:** Lagruth

### **Incident #51**

**Date:** 10/07/2025

**Report Number:** SHPD2025-001729

**Location:** Avalon Rd / Van Aken Blvd

**Mission Type:** Male fled on foot from a traffic stop

**RPIC:** Barnett #05

**Visual Observer(s):** Rybka #17

**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T

**Flight Duration:** 15 minutes

**Outcome:** Area search conducted; suspect not located

**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None

**Supervisor Review:** Lagruth

**Incident #52**

**Date:** 10/08/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-001737  
**Location:** 26260 Chardon Rd – Richmond Heights  
**Mission Type:** Domestic violence suspect on foot (Mutual Aid)  
**RPIC:** Steinmetz #27  
**Visual Observer(s):** Campbell #31  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 30 minutes  
**Outcome:** Area search conducted  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Wedeking

**Incident #5**

**Date:** 10/12/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-001764  
**Location:** 3128 Keswick Rd  
**Mission Type:** Male fled from the crash  
**RPIC:** Barnett #05  
**Visual Observer(s):** Lagruth #82 / Lockhart #96  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 32 minutes  
**Outcome:** Area search conducted; suspect not located  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Lagruth

**Incident #54**

**Date:** 10/15/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-001786  
**Location:** Van Aken Blvd / Ashby Rd  
**Mission Type:** Department crash documentation  
**RPIC:** Childress #04  
**Visual Observer(s):** Douglas #61  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 4 minutes  
**Outcome:** Crash documentation completed  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** Gimbal locked error; pilot error  
**Supervisor Review:** Lewis



### **Incident #55**

**Date:** 10/21/2025

**Report Number:** SHPD2025-001821

**Location:** E. 121st St / Luke Ave – Cleveland

**Mission Type:** Male wanted for robbery (Mutual Aid)

**RPIC:** Barnett #05

**Visual Observer(s):** Rybka #17

**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T

**Flight Duration:** 24 minutes

**Outcome:** Suspect observed via drone; not apprehended

**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None

**Supervisor Review:** Lagruth

### **Incident #56**

**Date:** 10/24/2025

**Report Number:** SHPD2025-001838

**Location:** E. 135th St / Union Ave – Cleveland

**Mission Type:** Vehicle fled SHPD, crashed – suspect apprehended (Mutual Aid)

**RPIC:** Childress #04

**Visual Observer(s):** Douglas #61

**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T

**Flight Duration:** 5 minutes

**Outcome:** Assisted with suspect apprehension

**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None

**Supervisor Review:** Lewis

### **Incident #57**

**Date:** 10/24/2025

**Report Number:** SHPD2025-001839

**Location:** 3577 Daleford Rd

**Mission Type:** Male in the backyard

**RPIC:** Childress #04

**Visual Observer(s):** Musson #76

**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T

**Flight Duration:** 18 minutes

**Outcome:** Area search conducted; suspect not located

**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None

**Supervisor Review:** Lewis

**Incident #58**

**Date:** 10/24/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-001847  
**Location:** 15911 Aldersyde Dr  
**Mission Type:** Football game crowd monitoring  
**RPIC:** Yung #52  
**Visual Observer(s):** Musson #76  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 45 minutes  
**Outcome:** Crowd monitoring completed  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Lagruth

**Incident #59**

**Date:** 11/04/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-001919  
**Location:** 3355 Lee Rd  
**Mission Type:** Citizen Police Academy demonstration  
**RPIC:** Ward #79  
**Visual Observer(s):** Lagruth #82  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 7 minutes  
**Outcome:** Demonstration completed  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Lagruth

**Incident #60**

**Date:** 11/06/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-001936  
**Location:** 1 John Carroll Blvd – University Heights  
**Mission Type:** Breaking and entering – construction site (Mutual Aid)  
**RPIC:** Childress #04  
**Visual Observer(s):** Hagwood #26  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 9 minutes  
**Outcome:** Search assistance provided  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Adrine



### **Incident #61**

**Date:** 11/07/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-001942  
**Location:** 3372 Sutton Rd  
**Mission Type:** Domestic violence barricade  
**RPIC:** Palm #75  
**Visual Observer(s):** Emlaw #64  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T / DJI Avata  
**Flight Duration:** 10 minutes  
**Outcome:** Tactical overwatch provided  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Emlaw

### **Incident #62**

**Date:** 11/07/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-001943  
**Location:** Avalon Rd / Winslow Rd  
**Mission Type:** Male fled vehicle after robbery  
**RPIC:** Ward #79  
**Visual Observer(s):** Palm #75  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 47 minutes  
**Outcome:** Area search conducted; suspect not located  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Lagruth

### **Incident #63**

**Date:** 11/09/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-002023  
**Location:** 19000 S. Woodland Rd  
**Mission Type:** Overwatch detail. Special event.  
**RPIC:** Ward #79  
**Visual Observer(s):** Kern #93  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 132 minutes  
**Outcome:** Overwatch completed  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Grafton



#### Incident #64

**Date:** 12/12/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-002127  
**Location:** North Moreland Blvd / Hampton Rd  
**Mission Type:** Two suspects fled a traffic stop  
**RPIC:** Steinmetz #27  
**Visual Observer(s):** Saddler #25  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 25 minutes  
**Outcome:** Area search conducted; suspects not located  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Saddler

#### Incident #65

**Date:** 12/21/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-002184  
**Location:** 23511 Chagrin Blvd  
**Mission Type:** Barricaded suspect  
**RPIC:** Ward #79  
**Visual Observer(s):** Barnett #05 / Rybka #17  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 137 minutes  
**Outcome:** Tactical overwatch provided  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Act Sgt Flynt

#### Incident #66

**Date:** 11/17/2025  
**Report Number:** SHPD2025-001995  
**Location:** 2961 Fairfax Rd – Cleveland Heights  
**Mission Type:** Structure Fire (Mutual Aid)  
**RPIC:** Yung #52  
**Visual Observer(s):** Lias #39  
**Aircraft Utilized:** DJI Matrice M30T  
**Flight Duration:** 20 minutes  
**Outcome:** Aerial overwatch provided for fire operations  
**Equipment / Safety Issues:** None  
**Supervisor Review:** Saddler



**Incident #67**

Date: 11/22/2025  
Report Number: SHPD2025-002020  
Location: Scottsdale Blvd / Lindholm Rd  
Mission Type: Male fled from a traffic stop  
RPIC: Tse #42  
Visual Observer(s): Saddler #25  
Aircraft Utilized: DJI Matrice M30T  
Flight Duration: 27 minutes  
Outcome: Area search conducted; suspect not located  
Equipment / Safety Issues: None  
Supervisor Review: Saddler

**Incident #68**

Date: 11/23/2025  
Report Number: SHPD2025-002035  
Location: 2550 Kemper Rd  
Mission Type: Male breaking into cars / attempted GTMV  
RPIC: Ward #79  
Visual Observer(s): Lockhart #96  
Aircraft Utilized: DJI Matrice M30T  
Flight Duration: 18 minutes  
Outcome: Area search conducted; suspect not located  
Equipment / Safety Issues: None  
Supervisor Review: Act Sgt Flynt

**Incident #69**

Date: 12/28/2025  
Report Number: SHPD2025-002218  
Location: 16611 Chagrin Blvd  
Mission Type: Theft suspect fled  
RPIC: Tse #42  
Visual Observer(s): Jackson #92  
Aircraft Utilized: DJI Matrice M30T  
Flight Duration: 25 minutes  
Outcome: Area search conducted; suspect not located  
Equipment / Safety Issues: None  
Supervisor Review: Palm

In review of these sixty-nine calls for service involving the drone, each mission has met General Order 4611 parameters of:

“The sUAS shall be used only to support police operations.

1. Authorized mission may include, but is not limited to:
  - a. Situational awareness.
  - b. Search and Rescue
  - c. Tactical deployment
  - d. Incident scene documentation (crime, traffic crash, disaster), and
  - e. Community Engagement Event “

In compliance with General Order 4611, this report will be published on the City of Shaker Heights Police Department website to share this information with the public and community.

It should be noted that a number of drone missions resulted in no suspects being located. Several factors may contribute to this outcome, including the timeliness of contacting the drone operator and launching the drone, whether the drone was already deployed, and the ability (or inability) to establish an effective perimeter to contain the suspect.

It should also be noted that the Shaker Heights Police Department has numerous Mutual Aid agreements with neighboring communities. Similar to a K-9 request, another city may contact our department to see if we can provide mutual aid with the drone. These missions facilitate resource sharing and can increase safety when the drone provides critical information to the neighboring jurisdictions.

A few training modifications will be updated in 2026. This will include mandatory training sessions for drone pilots. There will also be a requirement that each drone pilot maintain at least 80 hours of flight time during the year to demonstrate proficiency in drone operations and document this training.

