

McLennan County Sheriff's Office (TX) Compliance Report for the Use of Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems by a Law Enforcement Agency (Texas Government Code 423.008)

This document satisfies the reporting requirements as listed in Texas Government Code Sec. 423.008, relating to the reporting of unmanned aircraft systems operations by Texas law enforcement agencies.

The McLennan County Sheriff's Office (MSO) operates Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS). All operators are FAA-licensed remote pilots. The MSO UAS Program uses unmanned aircraft to accomplish Sheriff's Office's missions and goals of the protection of human life and property.

Per current Texas Government Code Sec. 423.008:

(a) Not earlier than January 1 and not later than January 15 of each odd-numbered year, each state law enforcement agency and each county or municipal law enforcement agency located in a county or municipality, as applicable, 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 and shall:

(1) retain the report for public viewing; and

(2) post the report on the law enforcement agency's publicly accessible website, if one exists.

(b) The report must include:

(1) the number of times an unmanned aircraft was used, organized by date, time, location, and the types of incidents and types of justification for the use;

(2) the number of criminal investigations aided using 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 unmanned 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; and

(5) the total cost of acquiring, maintaining, repairing, and operating or otherwise using each unmanned aircraft for the preceding 24 months.

The following table contains the required information, as logged and entered by each MSO UAS pilot, from all 2021-2022 MSO law enforcement UAS operations, followed by the total cost of acquiring, maintaining, repairing, and operating or otherwise using each unmanned aircraft for the preceding 24 months.

| Date | Time | Location | Type of Incident | Description of how drone aided investigation | Type of Info Collected |
|------------|-------|--|-----------------------------|--|------------------------|
| 02/24/21 | 11:00 | 31.668746668499793, -97.24820014796799 | Burglary | Burglary | photo |
| 06/09/21 | 14:00 | 31.47992483158338, -96.9336981730999 | Questionable Death | Search for evidence | photo/video |
| 09/17/21 | 13:00 | 31.5675301401315, -97.07593344426171 | Missing Person | Search for Missing Person | Photo |
| 10/11/21 | 8:00 | 31.60213180203429, -97.21345115547172 | Training | Training | None |
| 10/13/21 | 9:00 | 31.551579524658685, -97.13630294426208 | Training | Training | None |
| 10/13/21 | 15:30 | 31.539619983173285, -97.16709402554648 | Escaped | Search for escaped inmate | Photo |
| 05/05/22 | 5:00 | 31.529436526543556, -97.19694447258689 | Assist Waco PD | Assist Waco PD Search Wrnt | Video |
| 05/05/22 | 5:20 | 31.529436526543556, -97.19694447258689 | Assist Waco PD | Assist Waco PD Search Wrnt | None |
| 05/13/22 | 1:22 | 31.66725758702636, -97.25531656145907 | Tactical Operation | Overwatch of area | None |
| 05/17/22 | 11:54 | 31.395483023364438, -97.09209224055694 | Search for escapee(TDC) | Search for escaped inmate | None |
| 05/17/22 | 12:03 | 31.395483023364438, -97.09209224055694 | Search for escapee(TDC) | Search for escaped inmate | None |
| 5/19/2022 | 13:15 | 31.510770549747875, -97.1438461567792 | Operation | High Risk Search Warrant | Video |
| 5/25/2022 | 8:08 | 31.54713133872154, -97.12414339074203 | Training | Live active shooter scenario | Video |
| 6/1/2022 | 10:02 | 31.527884990430863, -96.53942009837884 | Training | Interior building clearing | Video |
| 8/12/2022 | 11:01 | 31.62334289538556, -96.99181773076945 | Warrant Service | Search for Suspect | None |
| 8/12/2022 | 11:50 | 31.62334289538556, -96.99181773076945 | Warrant Service | Search for Suspect | None |
| 8/17/2022 | 14:55 | 31.700621512417154, -97.22329178422048 | Evidence Collection | Evidence Collection | Video |
| 8/17/2022 | 15:15 | 31.700621512417154, -97.22329178422048 | Evidence Collection | Evidence Collection | Video/Photo |
| 8/21/2022 | 18:30 | 31.644938678727723, -96.94363487309636 | Stolen Vehicle/Limestone Co | Search for Suspect | None |
| 8/25/2022 | 5:00 | 31.52573117200553, -97.20653961728054 | Assist Waco PD | Search Warrant | None |
| 9/28/2022 | 22:10 | 31.357906405114395, -97.63060743230714 | Assist Coryell Co SO | Search for Escape Inmate | None |
| 9/30/2022 | 12:30 | 31.33216069724196, -97.56023308473989 | Assist Coryell Co SO | Search for Escape Inmate | None |
| 11/16/2022 | 15:10 | 31.560824065118574, -97.14753764426187 | High Risk Search Warrant | High Risk Search Warrant | Video |
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The McLennan County Sheriff's Office total costs of acquiring, maintaining, repairing, and operating, or otherwise using each manned aircraft for the preceding 24 months has been: \$21,546.97