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SUBJECT: The Duluth Police Department expands Unmanned Aerial System Operation

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NATURE OF INCIDENT:

CASE NO.:

INCIDENT DATE:

INCIDENT TIME:

INCIDENT LOCATION:

The Duluth Police Department expands Unmanned Aerial System Operation

The Duluth Police Department is expanding its Unmanned Aerial System Operation. The purpose of unmanned aerial systems (UAS) is to enhance the mission of protecting lives and property when other means and resources are not available or are less effective. This expansion of the UAS Operation will allow our officers to utilize another tool to provide a safe Duluth for all. The expansion of the UAS policy also discusses the importance of utilizing this new technology to search potentially dangerous areas without putting human or K9's lives at risk.

The Citizen Review Board will be hosting a public meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 26. You are encouraged to attend the meeting at the Public Safety Building Training Room (2030 N Arlington Ave). The meeting will be Facebook Livestreamed (@DuluthMNPOLICE) and if you cannot attend the public input meeting, it'll be recorded on the Citizen Review Board's website.

The Unmanned Aerial System Operations Policy is on the Duluth Police Department's website for review (www.duluthmn.gov/police). We encourage the public to provide their thoughts and input regarding the updated policy. You can do so either by attending the public input meeting or through mail (Attn: Lt. Steve Ring, 2030 N Arlington Ave) or electronically through email at police@duluthmn.gov. The public comment period will be open for an additional two weeks after the public input meeting.

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