## AERO LEAPS February 2016 Newsletter City of Lancaster

The Law Enforcement Aerial Platform System (LEAPS) delivers value added aerial surveillance operations to the City of Lancaster. LEAPS is a force multiplier, increasing the effectiveness of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) law enforcement and emergency response teams. LEAPS enhances both tactical (daily operations such as warrant serving, location scouting, officer situational awareness, responder safety and investigation support) and strategic operations such as long term on station surveillance, crime deterrence, and litigation assistance. The LEAPS aircraft is operated and maintained by Aero View LLC for the city.





### January Summary

LEAPS directly supported LASD with 6 arrests and surveillance of 233 locations (56.5 hours of total dispatch time) in January 2016. Of the 207 surveillance events, LASD formally logged 129 service calls where LEAPS supported tactical field operations. The arrest

and dispatch numbers are lower than December due to an operator transitional period where Aero View was working with newly trained LEAPS operators. Aero View will continue to provide training to LASD, in system operation and statistics documentation in order to maximize and record the value LEAPS provides the City of Lancaster.

The notable LEAPS activities for the month of January are as follows. During an undercover operation, a suspect approached and attempted to rob LASD officers. Officers requested LEAPS track the fleeing the suspect's car, which was eventually intercepted by LASD officers. This is a great example of LEAPS enhancing officer and community safety by avoiding dangerous high speed pursuits while never losing visual contact of the suspect. LEAPS supported an LA County initiative to characterize the homeless population by identifying encampments and directing county officials to the locations, saving both time and resources. At the request of LASD, LEAPS was called in to support a missing person search in the desert surrounding Lancaster. The LEAPS mobile unit was deployed at the onsite LASD command center to provide real-time video surveillance to support search activities. Lastly, LEAPS assisted LASD in the recovery of stolen property to include at least one stolen vehicle.

### About Us

Aero View specializes in aerial video surveillance solutions and operations at a competitive price point. Aero View operates the LEAPS aircraft seven days a week, 365 days a year for the City of Lancaster. Aero View also provides all maintenance, training and technical support for the City of Lancaster owned LEAPS aircraft, camera and ground equipment. LEAPS was designed and built by the Lancaster California based company called Spiral Commercial Services, Inc. (SCSI). SCSI is an employee and veteran owned Technology Company with roots in aerospace technology development. By leveraging Department of Defense technology, SCSI has developed aerial imaging products for various industries such as law enforcement, broadcast media and agriculture. Both Aero View and SCSI are dedicated to providing high quality aerial imagery products and support to all our customers.

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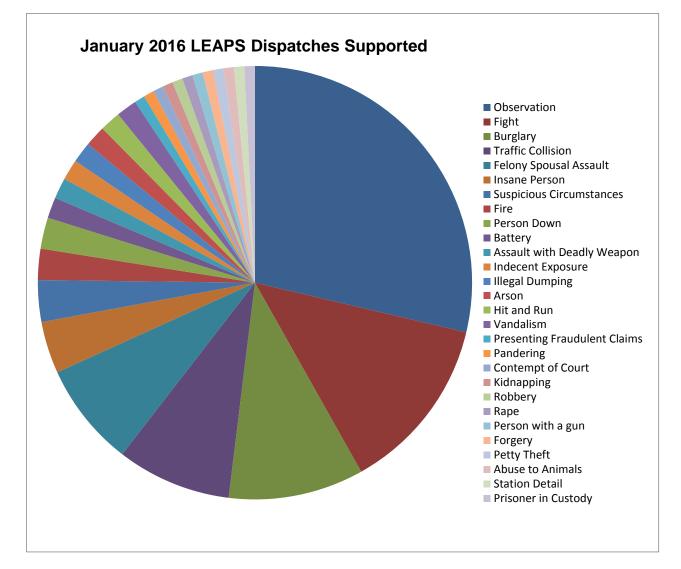


#### **January Dispatch Summary**

The LEAPS service calls in January are listed in the chart below. These events were logged by LASD deputies when LEAPS was directly supporting service calls involving incidents in the Lancaster area. However, another valuable contribution LEAPS makes is



its ability to surveil many different areas in the City of Lancaster without having to send LASD officers if nothing suspicious is observed. These dispatches are not logged against formal events. This is the main the reason LEAPS dispatches are higher than LASD logged events. Some examples of events that were not logged are providing surveillance videos of parks / schools and supporting special team surveillance requests.



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