AERO LEAPS April 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 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.



LEAPS assisted with	26 ARRES	TS in March 2016
5 Robberies 3 Assault with a Deadly Weapon		
1 Hit and Run	3 Burglaries	4 Fights
2 Arson Fires	1 Drunk Driving	2 Person with a Gun
1 Battery	3 Domestic Abuse	1 Insane Person

March Summary

LEAPS directly supported LASD with 26 arrests and surveillance of 133 locations (26.7 hours of total dispatch time) in March 2016. Of the 133 surveillance events, LASD formally logged 40 service calls where LEAPS supported tactical field operations. The drop in service calls supported in March is attributed to weather and non-standard maintenance activity. However, the arrest statistics logged by sheriff's deputies remained slightly higher than prior monthly averages.

The notable LEAPS activities for the month of March are as follows. LEAPS located and tracked three robbery suspects from the crime scene and alerted law enforcement personnel, resulting in the capture of all three suspects. A special law enforcement team tasked LEAPS to surveil a suspect's vehicle to assist in an ongoing investigation. Another noteworthy activity that occurred on LEAPS this month was the installation of a new, more capable camera system. The new camera has greatly improved daytime and nighttime resolution. The new infrared camera also offers upgraded focusing and tracking capabilities. This new technology will be employed in the month of April to improve the service LEAPS provides to the City of Lancaster.

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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March Service Call Summary

The LEAPS service calls in March are listed in the chart below. These events were logged by LASD deputies when LEAPS was directly supporting service calls involving incidents in Lancaster. 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 events 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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