



# LEAPS May 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 (1) tactical operations, such as warrant serving, location scouting, officer situational awareness, responder safety, and investigation support and (2) 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.



## April Summary

LEAPS directly supported LASD with 11 arrests and surveillance of 243 locations (42.5) hours of total dispatch time in April 2016. Of the 243 surveillance events, LASD formally logged 54 service calls where LEAPS supported tactical field operations. The reduced service calls supported in April was attributed to weather and limited LASD data after 19 April.



The notable LEAPS activities for the month of April are as follows. A special law enforcement team tasked LEAPS to surveil a suspect’s location and vehicle to assist in an ongoing investigation. LEAPS provided burglary suspect location information to responding officers supporting the arrest of seven suspects. LEAPS located, tracked and alerted ground officers of three separate suspects dumping trash in the desert, resulting in citations for each suspect. Another noteworthy activity for LEAPS this month was the demonstration of improved video quality in both daytime and nighttime operations for LASD officers. The goal was to demonstrate the benefits of a technology refresh of the current camera system by showing how image quality improvements will enhance the level of 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 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 Lancaster California based 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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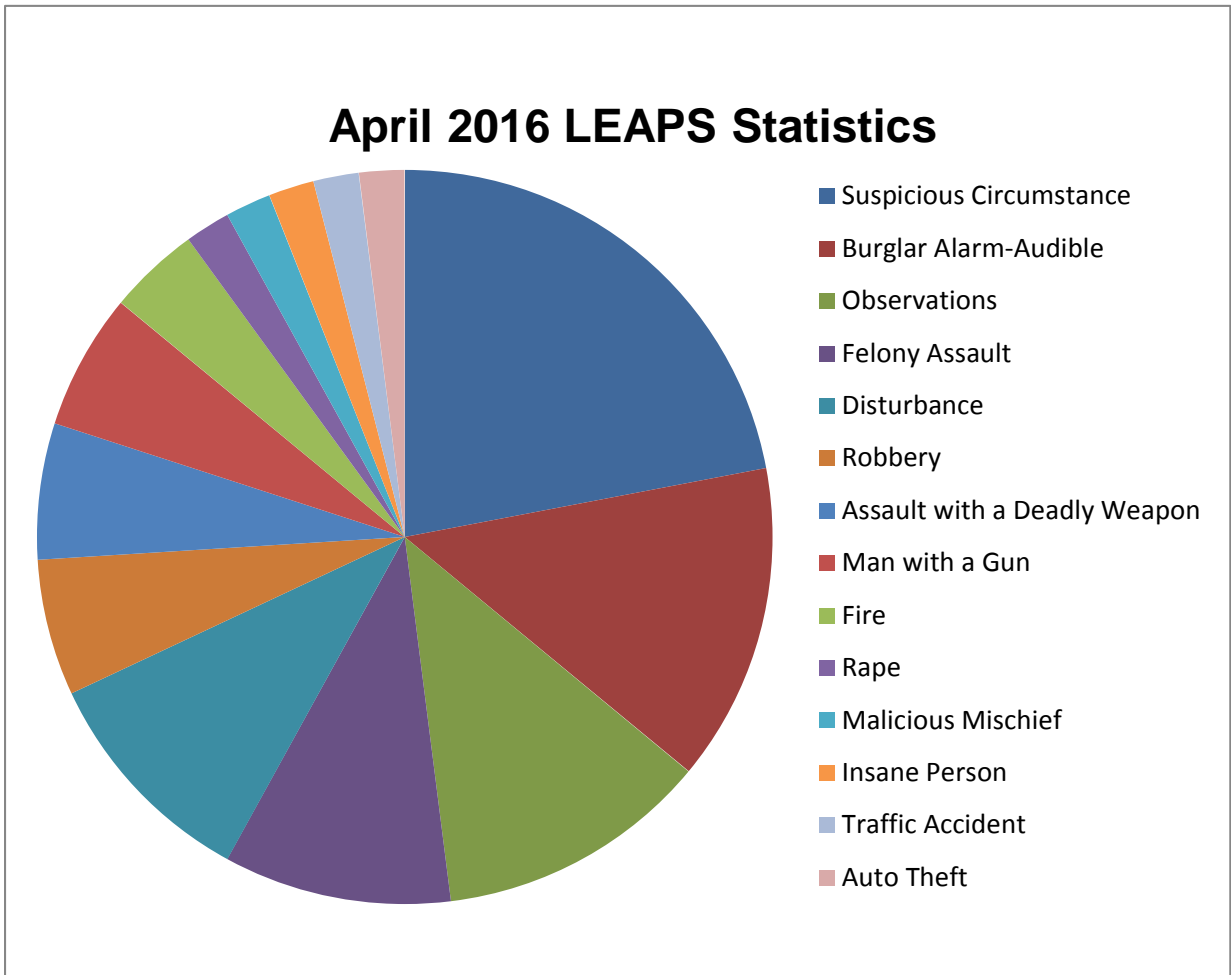


## April Service Call Summary

The LEAPS service calls in April 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 committing LASD officers if nothing suspicious is observed. These dispatches are not logged as formal events. This is the main reason LEAPS dispatches are higher than LASD logged events. Some examples that were not formally logged are providing surveillance of parks / schools, covering special civic events and supporting "special team" surveillance requests.



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