



Lake Forest Park Police Department

Specialized Units

October 2023

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Investigations

SWAT / HNT

Traffic

RADAR/ RCR

K9

UAV Operator

Narcotics Unit

Gangs

Marine Patrol





Investigations

- LFPPD – Detectives
- IFIT- KC (Independent Force Investigation Team-King County)
- CSPA (Coalition of Small Police Agencies)
 - MCTF (Major Crime Task Force)



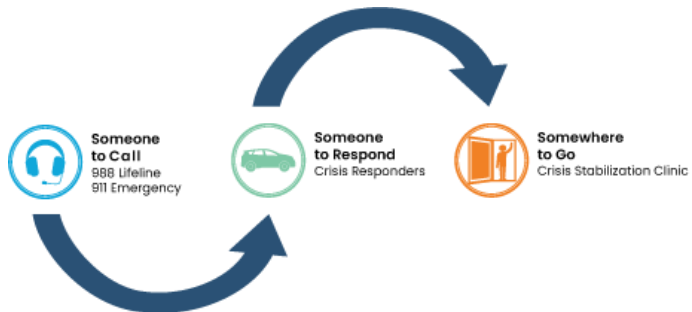


SWAT / HNT

- The Lake Forest Park Police Department is a member agency of the North Sound Metro SWAT Team (NSM). North Sound Metro SWAT is a regional Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team that is composed of two distinct elements: the SWAT (tactical) team, and the Hostage Negotiation Team (HNT). The team is comprised of officers from the following municipal jurisdictions: Bothell, Edmonds, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, Lynnwood, Mill Creek, Monroe, Mountlake Terrace, Mukilteo, and Redmond.
- **The team services a population base of well over a quarter million residents.** There are approximately 50 officers on these teams.
- LFPPD Ofc. Czebotar is a member of the Hostage Negotiations Team and Ofc. Coleman is a SWAT Operator.

Other Units

- RADAR/RCR
- Narcotics Unit
- Gangs/Graffiti





Canine Unit (K9)

Traffic Unit

Motorcycle helps LFP patrol

By Shannon Middleton
Palm Beach Post

LAKE FOREST PARK — Spooked before the Lake Forest Park police department has a new tool to help catch you. It's a clock. Harley-Davidson King of the Road police motorcycle.

The department got quite a deal for it too, thanks to a Harley-Davidson program called Home and Kiosk located in Oregon. It's leasing the bike for \$300 a year with upgrades available every year for the same amount, according to Brian Koleski, the officer assigned to patrol duty on the bike.

"Most commuters are familiar with where we park our patrol cars," he said. "This way we can catch them by surprise."

"We hope this gets them thinking about their driving behavior. We can be anywhere anytime now."

For now, Koleski is the only one who has been state certified to ride the motorcycle but the department may certify more officers in the future.

"We designed this was a good thing for the city," said Chief Dennis Peterson, talking about the proposal the police



LAKE FOREST PARK POLICE OFFICER BRIAN KOLESKI ALONG THE DEPARTMENT'S LATEST DEVICE FOR SPEED AND TRAFFIC SAFETY CONTROL: A HARLEY-DAVIDSON KING OF THE ROAD.

department made to the City Council back in November this past year. "Traffic is a major concern for many citizens, but traffic cut-through traffic," Koleski is spending two weeks training with officers in the Lakewood Police Department which has had a motorcycle enforcement program for sometime.

After that he will be ready for his first day.

"It's great," Koleski said. "The risk doesn't deter me. It's either be on the bike or in a car."

Part of his duty is to do traffic enforcement in problem areas and patrol high collision areas. His job is also to evaluate roadways and survey traffic to see if any changes can be made such as the road engineering to help reduce accidents and other problems.



UAV/sUAS/Drone Operator



Sgt. Adams

Philosophies of LFP PD

- Constantly seek new and better methods of public service.
- Obtain deployable technologies that make sense and provide for a safer environment... *for everyone*.
- Make training available and attainable.
- *RESEARCH!*
 - Began researching aerial systems around 2017.

What is an UAV?

Small, remote piloted aircraft not capable of carrying a human pilot or passenger

Typical UAV equipment includes cameras (daytime and thermal capable), lighting, speakers, and microphones (for communications)

“Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)”, “small Unmanned Aircraft System” (sUAS), or “drone”



Why use an UAV? *So many reasons...*

Search and rescue operations

Storm damage assessment (*emergency management assistance*)



Specific law enforcement operations

Tactical operation overwatch, high-risk search warrant operations, and suspect apprehension

When could an UAV be used?

Most commonly for providing overwatch while officers conduct operations on the ground (public assistance or suspect apprehension)

Incident de-escalation and communications with armed or barricaded subjects

Can sometimes be used to track fleeing vehicles (pursuit mitigation/de-escalation)

UAV can provide real-time information to officers on the ground

Interior building searches on suspected burglary or other reported criminal events



When could an UAV be used? *(more)*



Collision diagram using UAV image

Lost child, endangered adult, or dangerous animal incidents

Swimmer/boater in distress calls, to include drowning incidents

Major incident documentation, to include outdoor crime scenes and significant collisions

Why does the
Lake Forest Park
PD need an UAV
program?

To provide more comprehensive
public safety services for the
citizens of Lake Forest Park.

Provide a safer working
environment for officers.

Create better collision
documentation for roadway
engineering concerns.

Officer opportunities. Retention
and experience.

*And, while other regional LE
partners have UAV programs, these
services are often not available in a
timely manner, if at all.*

Steps to get “off the ground”...

- Finalize UAV policy.
 - *Already researched by Chief Harden and Sgt. Adams*
 - *Will include specific guidance for use to address 4th Amendment and privacy concerns*
- Establish a program leader
 - Sgt. Adams has been trained as an sUAS program administrator.
- Identify equipment needs, obtain grant funds, make purchases
- Train officers for FAA Part 107 Operator's License and facilitate their certification (*valid for 2 years*)
- Register equipment with FAA



Costs to the City?



None!

Grant funding available through the North Sound Police Foundation to cover:

- *Equipment, training, and certifications!*



CHULA VISTA POLICE DEPARTMENT - DRONE AS FIRST RESPONDER (DFR)

CHULA VISTA POLICE DEPARTMENT DFR PROGRAM FACTS

* Selected as part of the IPP on October 2018

* First program in the nation using Drones as a First Responder (DFR). See [FAA site](#)

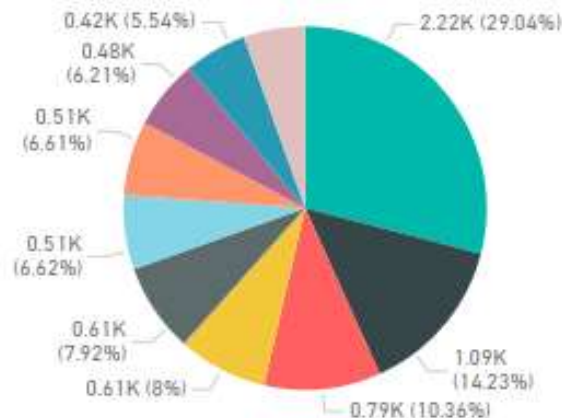
* Current status: DFR Pilot Program currently based from CVPD HQ with limited flight range of about 1 mile radius

* Common use of drones in Chula Vista: Drones as first responders, documenting crime and accident scenes, searching for missing or wanted persons, fires, and evaluating damage after a major incident or natural disasters

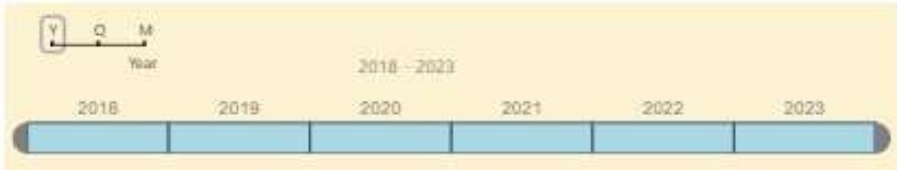
* Program envisioned December 2015

* Response times from dispatch to arrival.

TOP 10 CALLS RESPONDED WITH DFR ASSISTANCE



PLEASE SELECT A TIME FRAME



DFR ACTIVITY BY THE NUMBERS

TOTAL CALLS RESPONDED TO

17177

DFR ASSISTED ARRESTS

2325

DFR DEPLOYMENT AVOIDED
DISPATCHING A PATROL UNIT

4005

DFR FIRST ON SCENE COUNT

12.82K

AVG RESPONSE TIMES - FIRST ON SCENE
(IN SECONDS) *

96.32

AVG RESPONSE TIMES - ALL CALLS
(IN SECONDS) *

114.58

EARLIEST RESPONSE DATE/TIME 10/23/2018 8:29:57 AM LATEST RESPONSE DATE/TIME 10/11/2023 4:33:41 PM



*Marine
patrol*

Marine patrol

- *WHY DO WE NEED IT?*
- No marine assets from LFP on Lake Washington
- Opening City park – Lake Front Property

“Seattle Police Commandeer Jet Ski to rescue stranded kayakers”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V9IM5ZsoV9I>





Marine patrol

- *HOW DOES IT BENEFIT THE CITY?*
- Heightened activity along North Shore during summer months
- Will increase with additional public access to the waterfront
- Safety for citizens utilizing the water
- Municipal Code enforcement

Marine patrol

- *RESPONSIBILITY*
- Boating Enforcement
 - Registration and equipment enforcement
 - LFP MC 11.05.030 Personal flotation devices
 - Operation of vessels in negligent/reckless manner
 - LFP MC 11.06.030 Operation of watercraft –under the influence
- Rapid Response
- Life saving (Officers are not rescue swimmers)





Marine patrol

- *LOGISTICS*
- Deployment
 - Trailer deployment/Dock space/Lifts?
- Storage
 - Heated storage/climate-controlled shed?
- Staffing



Questions?

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