

From VCSO 2/24/2026

The remainder of the inquiry involved questions regarding unmanned aerial systems otherwise known as "drones." The questions were as follows:

What clearances and licenses (FAA or otherwise) are required for you to fly drones?

- All UAS (Unmanned Aerial Systems) pilots hold a remote pilot certificate under FAA Part 107 regulations. All flights are operated under a certificate of waiver or authorization under FAA Part 91 regulations.

How many drones does your department own currently?

- 23 total

How many have GPS and camera/video capability

- All 23

How many drones do you anticipate owning within the next year?

- 24
- The additional UAS being purchased is a survey UAS (Wingtra). We anticipate purchasing this UAS within the year to be used for search and rescue operations.