2021 WINSTON-SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM



1. What is an sUAS?

A: It is a small Unmanned Aircraft System.

2. What are the governing authorities for sUAS?

A: The FAA and the NC DOT Aviation Division are the two governing authorities for sUAS's.

3. Who will fly the sUAS?

A: Only officers certified and licensed by the FAA and NC DOT.

4. When will the sUAS be flown?

A: The sUAS will be used during the following incidents:

- a. Major Crime Scene Documentation
- b. Traffic Fatalities (Serious or Large Crash Scenes)
- c. Missing Persons (High Risk Adults and Children)
- d. Large Event Monitoring (Concerts, Fairground Events, Downtown Events, Ect.)
- e. Hazmat Incidents
- f. Large Fire Scenes
- g. Severe Weather Response
- h. Suspicious Packages
- i. Public Relations (Twitter / Facebook / Instagram)
- j. Training

5. What is the flight range of the sUAS?

A: 3.7 miles (sUAS will remain within line of sight of Pilot and/or Observer)

6. What is the flight time of the sUAS?

A: Approximately 25 minutes.

7. Does the sUAS have to be registered?

A: Yes, each sUAS is registered with the FAA and NC DOT.

8. Can the sUAS see inside my house?

A: No, these sUAS's are not equipped with technology to see inside a building from above, or microphones for listening to or audibly recording their surroundings.