



BRAZOS COUNTY OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

Report for the Use of Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems
January 1, 2017 through January 15, 2019

COST	REPORTING PERIOD	DESCRIPTION
ACQUISITION	\$ 11,576.00	Inspire 1, batteries, software, camera, inferred camera
MAINTENANCE	\$0	No maintenance for 2017 to 2019 period
REPAIRS	\$0	No repairs for 2017 to 2019 period
OPERATIONS	\$0	No operating expense for 2017 to 2019 period
TRAINING	\$3980.00	UAV Training TEEX
MEDICAL CERTIFICATIONS	\$0	No Medical Certifications Required
OTHER	\$0	NA
TOTAL	\$15,556.00	



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This document satisfies the reporting requirements mandated by H.B. 912 related to the use of unmanned aircraft.

Background:

In 2013, the 83rd Texas Legislature passed H.B. 912. The bill requires that no earlier than January 1 and not later than January 15 of each odd-numbered year, a law enforcement agency located in a county or municipality with a population greater than 150,000 that used or operated an unmanned aircraft during the preceding 24 months shall issue a written report to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and each member of the Legislature. The Brazos County Office of the Sheriff (BCSO) is authorized by the Federal Aviation Administration to operate one 11-pound battery-powered quad-copter and conducted flights during the reporting period. In accordance with H.B. 912, this report includes:

- Number of times the unmanned aircraft was used, organized by date, time, location, and the types of incidents and types of justification for the use;
- Number of criminal investigations aided by the use of the unmanned aircraft and a description of how the unmanned aircraft aided each investigation;
- Number of times the unmanned aircraft was used for a law enforcement operation other than a criminal investigation, the dates and locations of those operations, and a description of how the unmanned aircraft aided each operation;
- Type of information collected on an individual, residence, property, or area that was not the subject of a law enforcement operation and the frequency of the collection of this information; and
- Total cost of acquiring, maintaining, repairing, and operating or otherwise using each unmanned aircraft for the preceding 24 months.

In addition, the BCSO retains the report for public viewing at its Administration Office located at 1700 West State Highway 21 Bryan, Texas and has posted the report on the Office's publicly accessible website at <http://www.brazoscountysheriff.org>.