



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 11, 2025

To: Lieutenant Tri Hoang, Office of Constitutional Policing
Los Angeles County Sheriff Department

From: Bikila Ochoa, Deputy Executive Director
Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission

Subject: Request for LASD Technology Information and LASD Unmanned Aircraft Systems Cooperative Agreements

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In March and April 2025, the Los Angeles County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission's (Commission) Ad Hoc Committee on Technology (Ad Hoc) requested and received information from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) related to the LASD's Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) program. Since then, the Ad Hoc has learned that representatives of the LASD publicly presented on June 17, 2024, before the City of West Hollywood Public Safety Committee; a detailed overview and presentation of proposed draft policies for three community safety technology enhancements including, among these enhancements, the use of UAS.¹

More recently, on May 12, 2025, Community Safety Director Danny Rivas, an employee of the City of West Hollywood, provided an update on the Drone as a First Responder Program at the City of West Hollywood Public Safety Commission meeting. This program was slated to launch by the end of May 2025, but was delayed due to "a different perspective as it relates to recording the flights of the drone itself."²

To further support the Commission's efforts to evaluate LASD's policies and procedures and provide informed recommendations to both the LASD and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, we are following up regarding LASD's use of UAS, particularly in partnership with contract cities.

Accordingly, we respectfully request your response to the following:

1. Describe your familiarity with the *Safer WeHo* program or the West Hollywood Drones as a First Responder Program from inception of the concept to the proposed launch date.
2. Describe how the Special Enforcement Bureau, any other LASD unit or LASD personnel have participated in the planning, development, or implementation of the Safer WeHo

¹ City of West Hollywood. (2024). City of West Hollywood Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, June 17, 2024. Retrieved from <https://www.weho.org/home/showpublisheddocument/59741/638573408733370000>

² WeHo Times. (2025). West Hollywood's Drone as First Responder Program Faces New Delay. Retrieved from [West Hollywood's Drone as First Responder Program Faces New Delay - WEHO TIMES West Hollywood News, Nightlife and Events](#)

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Program or Drones as First Responder Program, including when LASD's participation began.

3. In addition, the Ad Hoc formally requests copies of all documents, including memoranda of understanding (MOUs), contracts, policies, or in-progress drafts, including those that may be in the meet and confer process, that pertain to arrangements between LASD and each contract city within Los Angeles County regarding the use of drones for public safety purposes. LASD is requested to list each city contracted with LASD to account for and produce copies of these requested items or notate lack thereof.

Timely access to this information is essential to support the Commission's analysis of UAS operations and transparency in LASD's engagements with local jurisdictions. We kindly ask for your response by **June 20, 2025**.

Should you have any questions or require clarification, please feel free to contact Joel Torrez at **jtorrez@coc.lacounty.gov** or Tracy Jordan at **tjordan@coc.lacounty.gov**.

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