

FAQs – Michigan Drone Association

- **What equipment is being installed?**

A passive drone detection sensor capable of receiving Remote ID broadcasts and other approved detection data sources. The equipment is installed, owned, and maintained by Michigan Drone Association (A Michigan 501c3 that Genesee County Sheriff's Office is a member of and participates in the cUAS Task Force, and does not interfere with aircraft or communications systems)

- **Who owns it?**

The equipment remains the property of the Michigan Drone Association. Genesee County does not assume ownership of the equipment, software, or associated infrastructure.

- **What data is collected?**

The system collects drone related situational awareness data, including Remote ID broadcasts to support public safety and airspace awareness operations. No personal communications, cellular content, or private electronic communications are collected.

- **Who has access to the data?**

Members of the Michigan Counter UAS Task Force.

- **What costs will Genesee County incur now or in the future?**

No equipment purchase, installation, software licensing, maintenance, or subscription costs are anticipated for Genesee County under the pilot project. Future participation beyond the pilot period would be subject to separate review and approval by the County.

MDA Solicits private partner sponsorships to help pay for the cost of this infrastructure.

- **What insurance coverage exists?**

MDA has a general liability policy with a 1 million dollar limit.

- **What public safety benefit does Genesee County receive?**

The system enhances situational awareness for public safety operations by providing visibility into drone activity near critical infrastructure, public events, emergency

incidents, and other areas of concern. It also contributes to regional coordination through the Michigan Counter UAS Task Force's shared operating picture.

- **How is county cybersecurity protected?**

This system does not operate on the County's network.

- **What authority does the County have to terminate participation?**

Genesee County can request the equipment be removed at any time.

- **Who removes the equipment and restores the site when the project ends?**

MDA will remove the equipment from the rooftop when the project ends. No site restoration will be required.

- **How often will access to the equipment be needed for maintenance?**

A few times a year for maintenance.