REPORT FOR THE USE OF SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018

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 municipal 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 Johnson County Sheriff’s Office is authorized by the Federal Aviation Administration to operate two SUAS 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, JCSO retains the report for public viewing at its headquarters located at 1102 E. Kilpatrick St. Cleburne, Texas 76031 and has posted the report on the department’s publicly accessible website at <http://www.jocotxsheriff.com>



The Johnson County Sheriff’s Office total cost of acquiring, maintaining, repairing and operating or otherwise using each unmanned aircraft for the preceding 24 months was $6,065.79