YOW's Drone Detection Pilot Program



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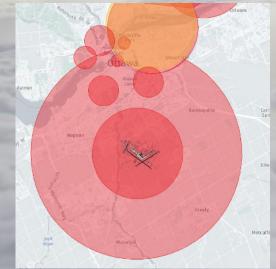
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Drones – The Basics

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Micro-drones under 250 grams Drones over 250 grams

- No registration or drone pilot certificate required
- Not bound by CARs 900 subpart 1



- Must comply with CARs 900 subpart 1
- Basic Operations
- Advanced Operations
 Special Flight Operations Certificate



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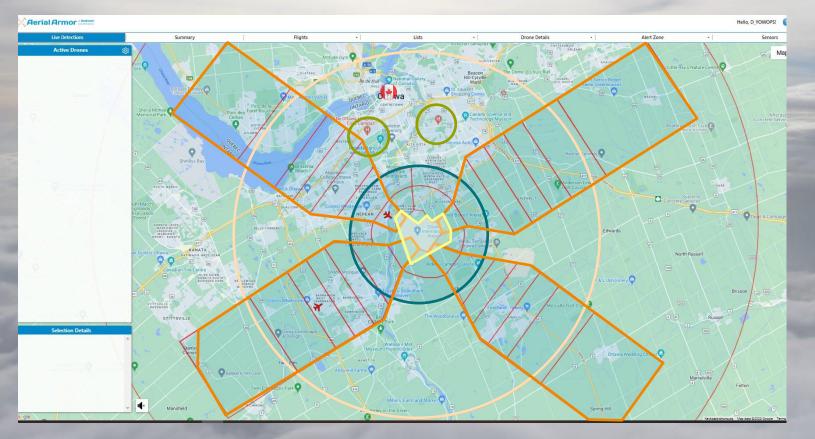


- **Radio Frequency (RF) based detection**
- **Began in November 2020**
- Objective to share findings with Transport Canada and various government stakeholders
- Helped with TTX and FSX, and with the Canadian Drone Incursion Response Protocol (DIRP)





InDro Robotics Provided Hardware / Software



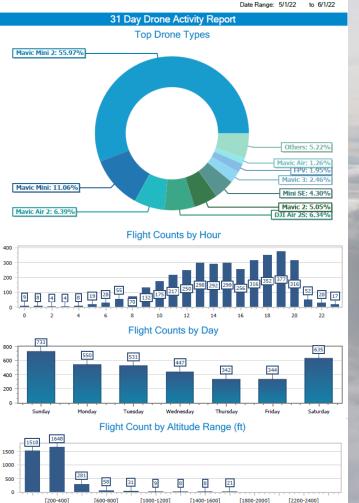
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Alert Zone: 15km Radius

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Data Analytics

- System Reports
- Defined Date Ranges
- Trending altitudes, times of day, days of the week, months, etc.



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[400-600]

[800-1000]

[1200-1400]

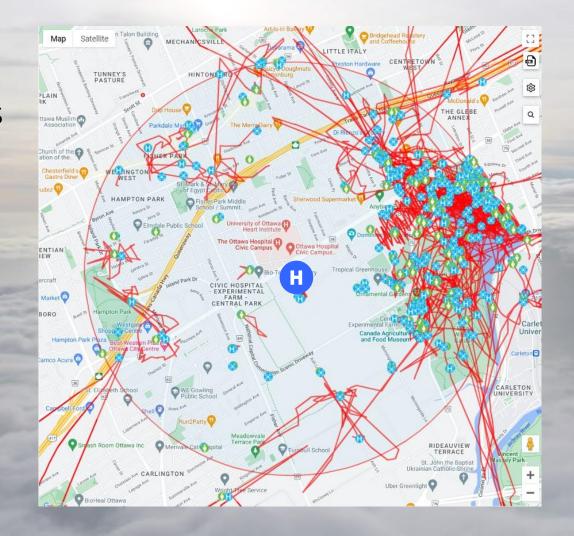
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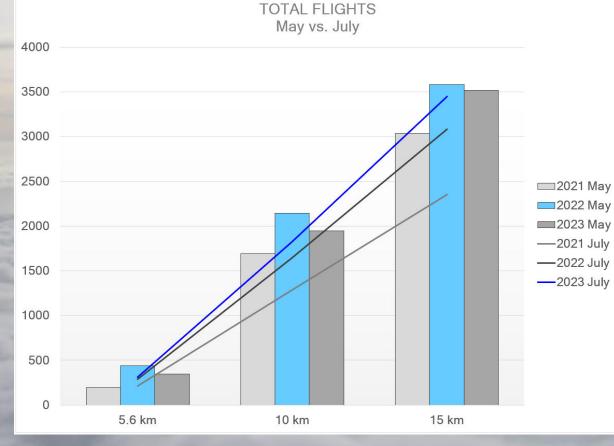
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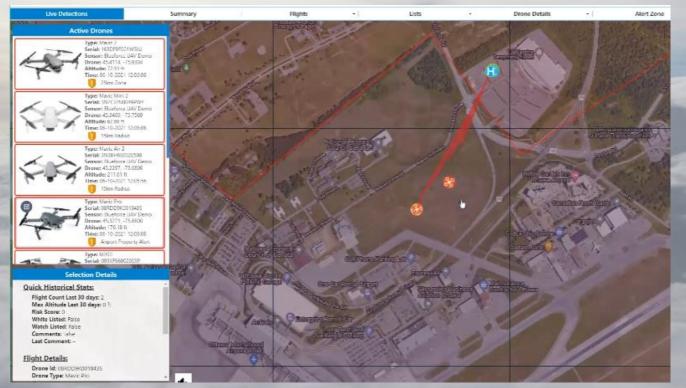
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Exercise Results

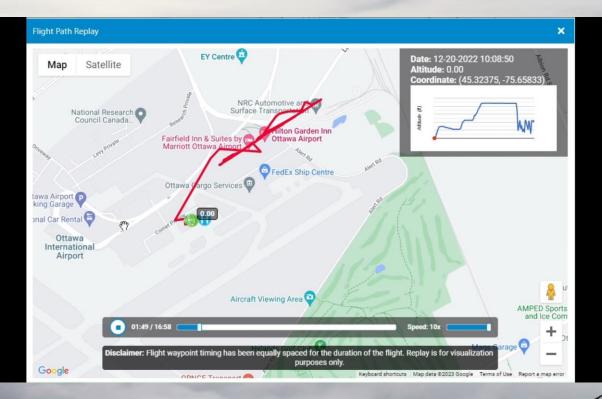
 Proof of accuracy of the Drone Detection System for the Pilot
 Program





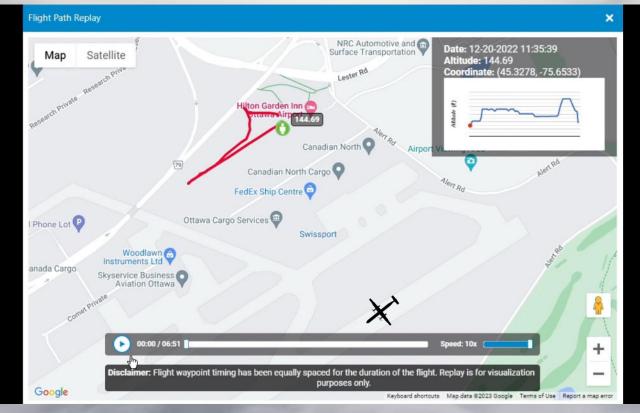
SWIFT Flight on Airport Property on December 20, 2022

DJI Air 2S (595 grams)
FLIGHT # 1





Flight #2

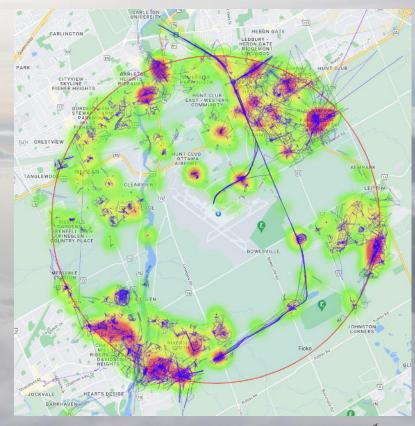




5.6 km SURROUNDING YOW

 36% increase in total flights from 2021 to 2022

Average % of flights over 400 ft. has gone up 1% each year (2021-2023)

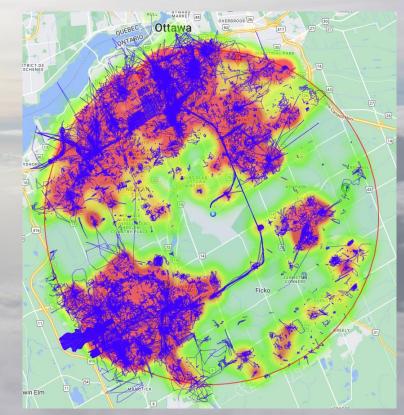


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10 km SURROUNDING YOW

7% increase in total flights from 2021 to 2022

13% increase in flights over 400 ft. from 2021 to 2022



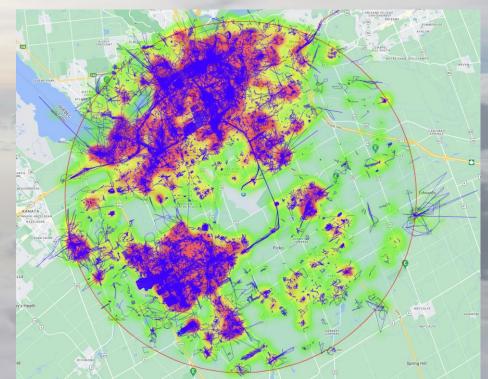




15 km SURROUNDING YOW

6% increase in total flights from 2021 to 2022

14% increase in flights over 400 ft. from 2021 to 2022





Total Drone Flights Surrounding YOW SWIFT November 2020 – August 2023

• 5.6 km (3 nm) = 5,434

• 15 km (Class C) = 63,555

25 km = 96,182

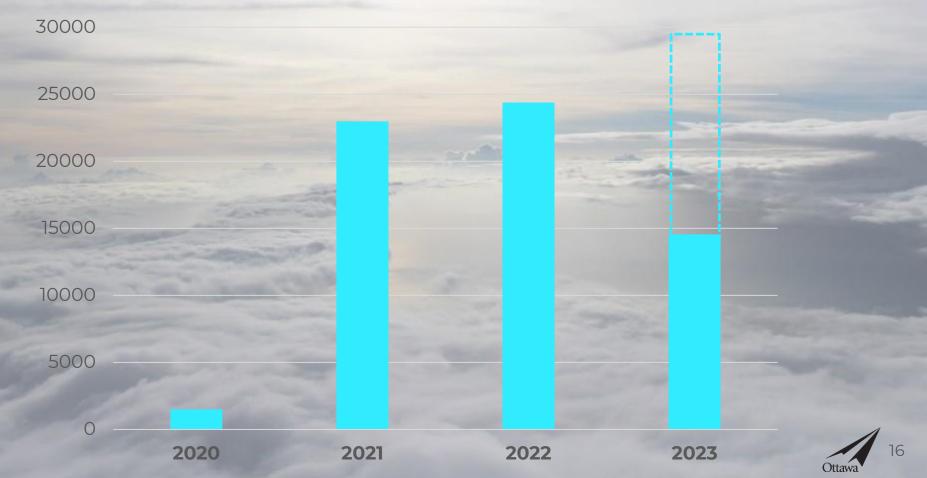






Drone Flights within 15 km of YOW

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WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

- Data and trends indicate rise in number of drones under 250 grams
- Tracking in real-time gives valuable information to perform a TRA and ensure continuity of operations (when safe to do so)
- Drone detection helps us to ensure the safety of passengers, crew, and the airport campus

WAY FORWARD

Using Data to our advantage

Gain full-spectrum view

• Educate the public

 Continue to help guide the legislation so that it meets the safety and security risks to airports



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QUESTIONS



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