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## Norfolk County Sheriff's Office Brings First Mobile Drone Command Center in New England to Region

DEDHAM, MA – Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick McDermott announced today that his office has received the first Mobile Drone Command Center in the New England region. The Mobile Drone Command Center will be used to assist law enforcement in missing person searches, hostage events, event monitoring, and other public safety issues.

“Drones provide law enforcement a way of surveying potentially dangerous situations without putting officers, victims, and bystanders in additional danger,” said Sheriff McDermott. “This Mobile Drone Command Center

In addition to housing justice-involved individuals at the Houses of Correction, Massachusetts Sheriff’s Offices provide an array of educational, treatment, self-help, and vocational programming designed to give justice-involved individuals the skills to make changes in their lives. At the Norfolk County Sheriff’s Office, 78 percent of the population participates in this programming, ranging from addiction support and parenting classes to college-level courses and skilled vocational certification.

Sheriff McDermott noted that these programs require continual investment in the physical spaces where they are held. “A 5 year moratorium has the real potential to significantly impede the progress we are making,” he testified. “Or worse, stop critical updates to facilities in order to meet the health and safety needs of the Justice-Involved Individuals in our care.”

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