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Lake County police team among the first in nation using drones to investigate traffic accidents



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Stan Taylor from the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety flies a drone used in investigating crash scenes by the Lake County Major Crash Assistance Team.

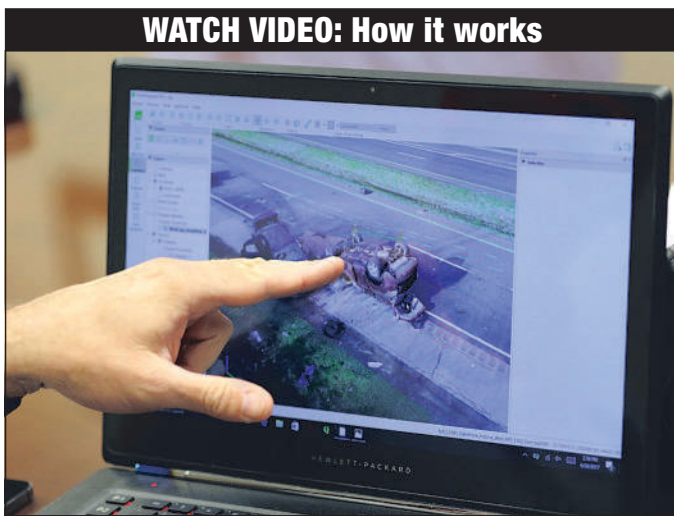
Get on top of it, get the road open faster

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Far beyond taking pretty pictures or video, an elite team of suburban cops is using drones for faster and more efficient investigations of major traffic accidents.

Investigators use two drones to conduct measurements and other elements of accident reconstruction. The images captured from above, instead of strictly on the ground, not only help investigators work more quickly at crash scenes but also provide what authorities believe is better information to determine what happened.

In turn, drivers are benefiting from roads being reopened earlier after serious crashes because the investigators work faster with a drone. Investigations also can continue with a drone while traffic moves through



WATCH VIDEO: How it works

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AT DAILYHERALD.COM/MORE: Software stitches together hundreds of images taken by a drone to create a 3-D visual of a crash scene for investigators.

an area.

"This whole idea of it being more efficient for the officer and being more efficient for the public is what we're after," said Steven

Husak, commander of the Lake County Major Crash Assistance Team and Lake Zurich's police chief.

The team is believed to be first in the state and one of

the few accident reconstruction squads in the country using drone technology, which was approved in December.

Relaxed Federal Aviation Administration licensing regulations enacted in August opened the door to law enforcement drone pilots, said Stan Taylor of the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety. He consulted with Lake County on the technology and expects drone use for crash investigations to start spreading across the nation.

How it works

Images captured from a \$2,500 drone flying no more than 100 feet above the crash site are fed into a software program that stitches together hundreds of pictures

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2 shot, killed in Addison

Pair hit in car; police say no public danger

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COURTESY OF ADDISON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Two people died after they were shot Saturday afternoon while driving through an Addison neighborhood.

Addison police responded about 1 p.m. to the area of Denise Court and Elizabeth Drive for a report of a crash and shots fired, they said in a Facebook post.

Officers found a 20-year-old Villa Park man and a 17-year-old Addison boy in a vehicle that had crashed into a tree at

Town Center Park. Both were taken to nearby hospitals to be treated for gunshot wounds and were later pronounced dead.

Addison police identified the 20-year-old as Alberto Rios of Villa Park. They did

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Now a Hoffman Estates financial adviser, former Chicago Cubs outfielder Gene Hiser, the team's No. 1 draft pick in 1970, doesn't get a Major League Baseball pension or the chance to be part of the players' health care plan.

No pensions for old Cubs

During the 1970s, when the Chicago Cubs played only day games at Wrigley Field, infielder Carmen Fanzone made his nightly pilgrimages into the hot spots of Chicago's night life on Rush Street.

"I could be at the ballpark during the day and play my trumpet at night," says Fanzone, who says those Cubs' day games helped him balance his careers as a professional musician and a baseball player. "I got the chance to hang out at jazz clubs on Rush Street. I was an excuse for a lot of my teammates. They'd say they were going out



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to see me play, but I'd never see them."

Except for outfielder Gene

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Old Second

A good friend gets the final word

A good friend — one whom I've neither seen in person nor spoken with on the phone — has died.

Jamie Daniel, 95, of Geneva was a regular contributor to this column from its inception two years ago, and we've had plenty of email conversations that never made it into this space.

One develops good pen pals in this business, and she was a great one.

Jamie was as sharp as a tack, observant, tireless and funny. She made recommendations, offered encouragement and provided plenty of fodder for this column.

We published a story about her well-lived life on Thursday.

Jamie last wrote to me on April 10. I sent her a reply but never heard back.

In her honor, I'll start with

her last two missives:

"Good morning. My pet peeve when I was in high school was my boyfriend's writing 'all right.' I don't see that anymore, so I guess I succeeded, for once, in eradicating an irritation."

I didn't get a chance to learn whether the irritation to which she referred was the misspelling or her boyfriend.

I'm sorry to say so, Jamie, but you didn't eradicate "all right" for all mankind. I see it often. To recap:

- "All right" is two words. Always.
- "All ready," as in "I'm all



Jim Baumann
Grammar Moses

ready to go," is two words.

- "Already," as in "I already covered this topic in 2015, Jamie," is one word.

If you want to quibble with Jamie's inserting an apostrophe in "boyfriend's," you can stop right there.

She meant to indicate her boyfriend's possession of his misspelling, just as I did with her "inserting."

Now, for Jamie's penultimate email to me:

"Hi, I just read a message with this admonition: 'Don't waist any time!' I think it's a first. It was on a form letter telling me to enter a drawing for some contest and, as I was deleting it, the 'waist' popped out.

Jamie had a knack for finding homophones. "Waste" is the appropriate word.

Rest in peace, Jamie.

Re-evaluate spelling

What is the old rule? If a prefix ends with the letter that starts the word proper, you hyphenate.

Think "co-op" versus "coop." I distinctly remember getting this wrong 45 years ago during a fifth-grade spelling bee. Judging by the clucking of tongues, I apparently was the only person in the room not to know about the hyphen.

I don't suffer embarrassment well, so that rule stuck with me like a brand on a dogie.

I imagine I've always depressed the hyphen key with another foot-pound of force to make up for my youthful gaffe.

So it's with a measure of anxiety lately that I've noticed references to "re-elections" and "re-examinations" in print.

Had the rule changed or been forgotten? It really depends on whom you ask.

Grammarians Bryan Garner in "Garner's Modern American Usage" avers that re-emerge, re-enact, reinforce, re-enter and reestablish — all once hyphenated — are no longer.

The Oxford English Dictionary, however, hyphenates re-elect, re-eligible, re-emerge, re-emphasize, re-enact, re-engineer, re-enter, re-establish and re-examine.

My Webster's New World Dictionary (alas, printed before dictionaries were digitized for the web) generally eschews the hyphen in its first preference but includes it in its second for many of these re-words. Cop out much?

And The Associated Press Stylebook, which as a

newspaper editor I hold as the industry standard, affirms the rule still exists. It notes that unlike the Webster's New World College Dictionary words including re-elect, re-election, re-emerge, re-employ, re-enact, re-engage, re-enlist, re-enter, re-equip, re-establish and re-examine should be hyphenated.

I am loath to make a recommendation here, other than to suggest you be consistent. For me, I'll remain in my bubble and stick with the AP.

Write carefully!

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Aldermen to push for more assault weapons for police

Four Chicago aldermen — all former police officers — are expected to push to allow more police officers to use military-style assault rifles since the shooting of two on-duty Deering District police officers last week.

The cadre of aldermen not only want more Chicago police to be able to use so-called carbines and long guns but will urge the city council, if necessary, to appropriate funds to authorize the hiring of retired Chicago police and federal agents to be trained as instructors.

Currently, many police officers have carbines and long guns, but they can't be used for police work without proper certification by the police department.

Kevin Graham, the new head of the Fraternal Order of Police, plans to join the aldermen in urging police Supt. Eddie Johnson to take drastic measures to enable more police to be certified "for the use of long guns."

Indicted judge rushing to trial in federal court

A criminally indicted Cook County judge could face trial as soon as August — and maybe even sooner.

Cook County Judge Jessica Arong O'Brien appeared in federal court for the second week in a row, where her lawyer said she hopes to get the case quickly behind her.

U.S. District Judge Thomas M. Durkin obliged by setting her trial for Aug. 7.

O'Brien, 49, has been charged with one count of mail fraud affecting a financial institution and one count of bank fraud. O'Brien's alleged crimes occurred before she was elected judge in 2012.

Ex-employee in court clerk office indicted

A high-ranking former employee in Cook County circuit court Clerk Dorothy Brown's office has been indicted on charges of lying under oath to a grand jury about selling tickets for campaign fundraisers to other employees and helping another employee get a raise based on a family member's contribution to Brown's campaign fund.

The U.S. Attorney's office on Friday announced a federal indictment against Beena Patel, 55, of Chicago. The former associate clerk, who oversaw about 500 employees for Brown, is charged with three counts of making false declarations before a grand jury. Each count carries a maximum sentence of five

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years in prison.

Patel allegedly lied about knowledge of a high-ranking employee in Brown's office having talked to law enforcement, lied about whether she sold tickets to fundraisers to employees of the clerk's office and whether she knew that other employees of the clerk's office sold tickets to and collected money from employees for Brown's fundraisers.

Why is there no Daley photo on mayors wall?

Richard M. Daley was Chicago's longest-serving mayor. His 22 years on the job surpassed the longevity record set by his father, former Mayor Richard J. Daley, who served for 21 years.

Why, then, is Daley's photo still missing from the wall of mayors in the reception area in the mayor's office on the fifth floor of City Hall six years after he left office?

Why is there a photo of David Orr, who spent eight days as acting mayor after the 1987 death of Harold Washington, but not one of Richard M. Daley?

Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration insists it has nothing to do with any tension between Emanuel and his predecessor and political mentor caused by Emanuel's decision to chart a decidedly different course to solve the problems Daley left behind.

Thompson Center sale could help city schools

Gov. Bruce Rauner on Friday pointed the finger at Mayor Rahm Emanuel and House Speaker Michael Madigan for a "tag team effort" to block the sale of the James R. Thompson Center — a deal the governor called "a home run" for taxpayers.

Upping the ante in the ongoing spat, Republican leaders filed a bill that would send property tax revenue from the redevelopment of the Loop site directly to the Chicago public schools.

Emanuel dismissed the governor's offer to the school system as a "political stunt ... from the same person who vetoed" a bill that promised \$215 million in pension help already built into the CPS budget.

• This report was assembled in collaboration with the Chicago Sun-Times.

Drones: ACLU helps ensure people's privacy

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for a computer model. Working off the model, investigators take measurements to determine speed and other crash elements, as well as getting a driver's view before a wreck and seeing the scene in 3-D animation.

The improved evidence collection and investigations will help in trying to determine driver fault — a factor used in criminal cases and lawsuits, Husak said. Investigators still examine crash scenes on the ground as the drone works from the sky.

Taylor and Iain Lopata, also of Northwestern, are teaching courses for police officers and others in law enforcement to become qualified for the aerial crash investigations. At least 15 Lake County investigators are licensed.

Lopata said the new technology has been especially adept at showing fluid trails on a roadway — in day or night — that may be from a car's radiator or broken brake line. He said the trails are not always easy to locate from the ground.

"Those fluid trails allow the reconstructionists to get a very clear picture of exactly where the point of first impact was between the vehicles, which often gives the critical clues as to who might have been at fault," Lopata said.

Route 60 fatality

Thirty-six Lake County police departments contribute personnel to the major crash investigation team. One of the investigators, Libertyville police Detective Belinda Steckenrider, said on-site work that used to take up to five hours is down to three hours or less with a drone.

In one recent case, the drone was used the evening of March 30, when the squad investigated a crash involving a 13-year-old Mundelein boy who died after a car hit him as he tried to cross busy Route



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Stan Taylor of Northwestern University Center for Public Safety keeps an eye on a drone used for investigating crashes. Taylor consults with the Lake County Major Crash Assistance Team, believed to be first in Illinois and one of the few in the country using drones to investigate crashes.

60 at Milwaukee Avenue in Vernon Hills. The team collected the evidence it needed in about 2½ hours.

As part of the ongoing investigation, Steckenrider said she's been able to examine images of the Milwaukee-Route 60 intersection that she would not have had without the drone.

"The aerial pictures are phenomenal, to be able to look at the entire scene compared to somebody standing at eye level taking pictures," she said.

Privacy concerns

Just before the roughly 11-year-old

Lake County team received authorization for its program, Massachusetts State Police unveiled its first crash reconstruction drone in December, at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough. Authorities billed it as one of the first accident reconstruction drones in the nation.

Illinois law addresses privacy issues raised by police drone use for crime- and crash-scene photography.

The American Civil Liberties Union's Illinois branch provided input for the state's Freedom From Drone Surveillance Act. In part, it says police drones must stay in a geographically confined area while making every reasonable attempt to get images only from a crime or accident site.

"There is also a requirement that the law enforcement secure a warrant or obtain lawful consent before using the drone for these purposes on private property," said Khadine Bennett, ACLU advocacy and governmental affairs director. "As long as those parameters are followed, we don't oppose the use."

Husak said the Lake County Major Crash Assistance Team always has tried to be on the cutting edge of technology, such as when it shifted from using a tape measure, wheel and chalk marks to digital photography to map accident scenes. He said the drones, which they began testing in 2015, are another step in the technological progression.

Potential problems for the drones include severe wind, trees and extreme temperatures. But on the whole, they've been reliable for what's become a great public benefit, Northwestern's Taylor said.

"A lot of times we can't even call in tow trucks and stuff to remove the vehicles until we have done a certain amount of the investigation recording the evidence," he said. "So, if we can speed that process up significantly, even a really complicated (crash) is still going to be a shorter end-to-end time."

Shot: Scene 2 blocks from police HQ

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not identify the 17-year-old because he is a juvenile, they said.

Officials said they believe the shooting was a targeted attack and said there is no threat to the community.

The Facebook post said police have interviewed several witnesses and are checking security camera footage in the area.

The shooting occurred in a neighborhood of small apartment buildings behind the Green Meadows Shopping Center, about two blocks from police headquarters on the other side of Lake Street.

Schock asks court to drop charge

Associated Press

PEORIA — Attorneys for former U.S. Rep. Aaron Schock have asked a judge to drop a charge against him, saying it's too broad. Schock's attorneys in a motion filed Friday say a charge alleging theft of government funds

The area was blocked off with evidence tape, and about eight officers operating out of a mobile command center were gathering evidence until about 8 p.m. Saturday, when most officers departed. The few people on the street said they either hadn't seen anything or didn't want to comment for publication.

Police at the scene declined to comment, saying updates on the investigation would be posted to Facebook.

Anyone with information should call the Addison Police Investigations Division at (630) 543-3080. Callers can remain anonymous, they said.

contains too many allegations, makes it too difficult to prepare for trial, and is therefore improper. They say prosecutors have bundled "five years' worth of alleged thefts into a single count."

Schock's trial is set to begin July 10.

Teen charged in shooting that wounded 2 cops

Associated Press

An 18-year-old has been charged for his alleged role in a shooting that wounded two plainclothes Chicago police officers as they sat inside an unmarked vehicle.

Police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said Saturday night that Angel Gomez faces two counts each of attempted murder and aggravated battery with a firearm. He said Gomez is suspected of driving the vehicle in which the

shooters were riding.

Two vehicles pulled up alongside the officers and opened fire Tuesday in the Back of the Yards neighborhood on Chicago's South Side. One officer was shot in the arm and hip and the other in the back. They have been released from the hospital.

The officers were conducting a follow-up investigation to a previous incident and were wearing civilian clothes with vests bearing police badges.

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