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SHERIFF SHAUN GOLDEN EXPRESSES DISAPPOINTMENT OVER FAA DRONE RESEARCH ANNOUNCEMENT

Sheriff Shaun Golden has expressed his extreme disappointment with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) following the recent revelation that the drone activity in New Jersey, which caused widespread panic and fear among residents, was conducted as part of research efforts.

The unexplained drone activity, led to significant public concern, with residents, members of law enforcement, state, federal and local authorities scrambling for answers. The FAA's lack of transparency regarding the nature of the operation, heightened alarm and created unnecessary anxiety in the community. It led to a waste of taxpayer resources to track and chase down suspicious reports.

"Residents of New Jersey were subjected to weeks of fear and uncertainty, with no clear communication or explanation at the time," said Sheriff Golden. "For the FAA to now claim this was for 'research' shows a complete disregard for the trust and safety of our communities."

Sheriff Golden addressed media outlets and the International Association of Chiefs of Police Association, emphasizing the need for accountability and better communication from federal agencies when conducting operations that could impact public safety and security. He is calling on Congress to implement immediate reforms to ensure transparency and collaboration with the state and local authorities in future operations.