FAQ

Q1: Will this workshop provide me with a Part 107 certification?

Q1: No. There are a number of organizations already providing this type of instruction. The purpose of this workshop is to provide a detailed, professional and operational understanding of how UAS operators will interact with emergency operations incident commanders and those managing the airspace under likely response scenarios.

Q2: The registration website states that a “registration questionnaire will collect information on each participant’s level of experience and knowledge in his/her area of expertise”. Is this workshop only for individuals with experience?

A2: No. Individuals wanting initial training or instruction can participate. The questionnaire is built to determine which individuals have experience so they can be placed with those of lesser experience to balance the training value.

Q3: Is there any selection criteria for workshop assignments?

A3: There has been significant interest in UAS operations in support of recent disasters and emergency response. The assignment process will allow us to determine the level of experience for each applicant in order to build an initial cohort with the right balance of public safety officials, airspace managers and UAS operators. To enhance the learning experience, we are restricting the total number of participants to 40 to form five scenario-based exercise learning groups of eight participants each. This will ensure each individual has the opportunity to learn by interacting and making scenario-based decisions. We will strive to balance experienced individuals and those of lesser experience within each group.

Q4: What happens if all 40 seats in the workshop get filled? Will there be a standby list?

A4: We will maintain a standby list. In the event one of the participants needs to withdraw, we will fill the vacancy with someone from the standby list with similar experience.

We anticipate forming a second workshop cohort for an event to be scheduled in April. Those not selected for the February cohort will receive priority in the April cohort.
Q5: Will I get to fly a drone during this workshop?

A5: No. This is not a drone flight training course. You will, however, have the opportunity to participate in a UAS demo where you observe the UAS Pilots in Command and the sensor data being collected. In addition, you will be able to experience the aircraft communications and coordination required to safely and efficiently execute UAS operations supporting emergency response and disaster recovery.