Annual Public Policy Colloquium

Keeping Pace with Technology: Need for a Pliable Unmanned Aircraft Systems Policy

Empire State Plaza Convention Center – Albany, NY

Thursday, March 6, 2014

Conference Description:

The National Center for Security & Preparedness (NCSP), as a part of its annual public policy colloquium, will jointly host an open conference/workshop with the New York State Preparedness Training Center (SPTC) to discuss various debates and policy implications surrounding domestic employment of unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) / unmanned aircraft systems (UAS). This year’s conference seeks to bring together scholars, policy makers, law enforcement, emergency response leaders, and civic groups with expertise in this emerging technology and policy field to facilitate an open discussion and provide an opportunity for participants to gain a deeper appreciation for the current and future trends of UAV/UAS technology; potential benefits and challenges associated with employment of UAV/UAS within the borders of the United States; current legal trends concerning the employment of UAV/UAS; and the need for a pliable policy that is designed to keep pace with evolving UAV/UAS technology.

UAV/UAS technology recently received greater attention in New York State when the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced on December 30, 2013 that Griffiss International Airport in Rome, NY will be one of six national test sites for UAV operations. While there are numerous emergency response and emergency management agencies throughout the United States already employing UAV/UAS to aid in their daily operations – such as fire rescue, wilderness search and rescue, weather pattern observation, and agriculture monitoring – protection of privacy and civil rights from inadvertent and/or purposeful misuse of UAV/UAS has also become an important issue.

As the potential benefits of UAV/UAS technology grow, so do the potential challenges associated with governing said technology. While we may not be able to fully predict where the future evolution of UAV/UAS technology will take us, two things are clear: UAV/UAS technology is here to stay, and there is an imminent need for the development and implementation of a comprehensive, yet pliable policy, both at the federal and at the state level, that will be able to proactively address the evolution of this emerging field, support essential mission requirements, and protect the rights of citizens.

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Location & Provider:
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Meeting Room 2
S Mall Arterial
Albany, NY 12242

The National Center for Security & Preparedness and the New York State Preparedness Training Center

Costs:
There is NO FEE for this conference.
Lunch will be provided.
Travel and all other meals are the responsibility of the course participant.

Times:
Registration and Check-In: 08:30 AM – 09:00 AM
Conference: 09:00 AM – 03:30 PM
The Conference will begin promptly at 09:00 AM

Audience:
The target audience for this course includes scholars, policy makers, law enforcement, emergency response leaders, and civic groups with expertise in the emerging technology and policy field of UAV/UAS.

Registration:
If you have already used SLMS, please login here to register for this course: https://nyslearn.ny.gov/

If you received an email indicating that a SLMS username and account have been created for you but you have not yet used that account or if you have an account with NYS Directory Services, please use the instructions in the email and at the following link to enroll in SLMS and register for this course:

If you have never used SLMS and DO NOT have an account please use the instructions in the following link to create an account and register for this course:

If you have any trouble registering through the Statewide Learning Management System, please contact the SPTC at (315) 768-5689 or by email at SPTC@dhses.ny.gov.

No Show Policy:
Failure to attend a class you have registered for can result in restriction on future course attendance and agency notification. If you have not received a confirmation or denial two weeks prior to the course date, please contact DHSES, SPTC at (315) 768-5689.

NOTE: Registration is on a first come first served basis. Seats are limited so early registration is encouraged!

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