

Memorandum of Understanding
Between
The Federal Aviation Administration
And
The National Association of
State Aviation Officials
2019 Initiative
Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)

Task Statement:

The Federal Aviation Administration's activities in support of safely integrating unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) into the largest and most complex airspace system in the world require partnership efforts with a diverse community so that users in the air and people on the ground remain safe. The FAA and the National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO), through this initiative, will establish a relationship to work together in the interest of the safety of our aviation system and UAS activities permitted within that system. As UAS policies and activities evolve across the nation, the FAA/NASAO relationship will evolve with them. This agreement provides a framework for cooperation and collaboration between the two organizations. It promotes effective communication in order to advance efforts critical for safety, security, efficiency, and environmental compatibility.

Objective: FAA and NASAO will explore methods of working collaboratively to provide information on current and proposed UAS

rules and authorization of UAS operations, enhance outreach, education, and information sharing, as well as increase awareness of UAS activities within the states.

Action Goals: The FAA/NASAO partnership will focus on providing educational outreach and subject matter expertise to the aviation community regarding UAS operations, regulations and related issues.

Partnership activities will include the following:

1. NASAO will seek the support of State Aviation Directors to assume a lead role in their respective states for dissemination of information to their respective communities.
2. FAA will identify appropriate UAS educational information, including a determination of the most efficient vehicle (web, social media, video, print materials, or other media) for effective information dissemination. The FAA and NASAO may jointly agree to distribute educational materials to NASAO member states, in which case the FAA and NASAO will each determine their own ability to fund any associated costs and the means by which to do so. Nothing in this agreement requires either party to make payment to the other or to accept materials from the other if there is a cost to do so.
3. State Aviation Directors will seek appropriate targets of opportunity (i.e., state aviation conferences, airshows, community events, etc.) to reach the drone flying community, disseminate educational materials and promote awareness of UAS operational parameters, activities and concerns within

their respective states.

4. Each state shall propose an outreach plan to promote current UAS education and provide that plan to their appropriate FAA Regional Administrator annually. States should consider planning activities in conjunction with the FAA's National Drone Safety Awareness Week.
5. FAA shall support the states' outreach plans by providing electronic materials and outreach briefing assistance as appropriate, either in support of National Drone Safety Awareness Week, or for other UAS safety or security-related activities.
6. FAA and NASAO will reach out to other aviation organizations with access to the UAS and pilot community (e.g., AOPA, EAA, NBAA, AUVSI), to share relevant information and seek their assistance to encourage UAS awareness concerning authorized UAS use.
7. This UAS Safety Initiative is contingent upon partnerships and wide distribution of current material to promote the safety of people on the ground and within our national airspace. Current information is available through FAA's Regional Offices and www.faa.gov/uas.

Process/Structure: The FAA/NASAO UAS Committee will meet twice during each calendar year that this MOU initiative remains in effect and additionally, will hold discussions every two months to share status, monitor progress, and discuss emerging issues. The twice-yearly committee meetings may occur at the NASAO spring

legislative conference and the annual fall NASAO conference, as travel and budget allow.

Anticipated Completion Date: This MOU is an ongoing commitment, until both FAA and NASAO determine the objectives of the MOU have been satisfactorily achieved.

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Date