TAMU EHS Procedures on Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)

Introduction

This procedure only applies to use of commercially available Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and camera systems. Use of other experimental or prototype UAVs or use of any payloads other than cameras (employed for photography only) are beyond the scope of this simplified PSA and require review as a research project.

Approvals

1. UAV operations for the purpose of photography (only) must be reviewed and approved by Marketing and Communications and, if appropriate, the Audio Video Surveillance (AVST) Committee for the purpose of protection of privacy in images, protection of university marks and branding, and privacy and proprietary rights of images.
2. UAVs have altitude restrictions to ensure that risks of conflict with air traffic are minimized or eliminated. Coordination with Easterwood Airport, flight operations at Riverside Campus and/or the Easterwood Control Tower (FAA) are necessary.
3. For FAA approval requirements, contact Mr. Allen Brunner with FAA at (817) 222-5246.
4. After receiving FAA approval, Easterwood Airport Tower can be reached at (979) 846-3998 for purposes of coordinating UAV flight schedules.
UAV Operations Plan
Request for Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles on A&M Property

Compiled by:
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**Project Description**

Please provide a detailed description of the project and the photographs to be taken.

**Purpose/Use of the Photographs:**

Please provide information about the intended use of the photographs, ownership of the rights to the photographs and who, if anyone, will maintain copies of the photographs. Include a description of subjects and facilities to be photographed. Will video be streamed live?

**UAV and Operator Identification & Specification**

The UAV(s) used during this project will include (please describe the UAV including the manufacturer, model no.):

The device has/have been approved by the [governing authorities]. Copies of these documents should be attached.

Identify the operator(s) of the UAV, their training or experience and their contact information (including cell phone number).
Other Equipment

On this/these vehicle(s), the following [sensors, cameras, recording devices, etc] will be mounted on/in the UAV to take photos/videos

Listing of all payload equipment (photographic and other):

UAV Project Performance Period

- Project start date:
- Data acquisition using UAV will take place beginning on [DATE].
- Data collection will continue [for how long] and will cease on [DATE].
- Project completion date:

Project Location(s)

Insert maps or diagrams in the Appendix Section to assist in understanding the locales. Include the operator location where the operator will be able to remain in constant visual contact with the UAV while in operation. Identify any special requirements under law, FAA, regulation, etc. that impacts your area of operation.

FAA Approval

Attach/provide a copy of documentation from FAA indicating approval for UAV operations.