



Small Unmanned Aerial Systems (sUAS) Response

In what situations might a UAS be helpful?

- Hazardous materials monitoring
- Lost person/wilderness search
- Situational awareness for large scale incidents
- Downstream monitoring for water rescue incidents
- Aerial imagery for fire investigations
- Situations where the risk to responders is too high to justify manned entry

How do you request a sUAS response?

- Call OFPC hotline at 518-474-6746
- Inform the operator that you are requesting an sUAS response
- Ask to speak to the Special Operations Duty Chief

What information should you provide?

- Type of incident (search, hazmat, etc.)
- Information for an on-scene contact person
- Location (GPS coordinates if possible, street address is acceptable)
- Approximate area of operations
- Approximate time frame of operations
- Any other airborne assets in the area (e.g., NYSP helicopter, etc.)?

FAQ:

Can sUAS operations be conducted at night?

Yes, OFPC sUAS pilots are capable and authorized by the FAA for night operations

Can sUAS operations be conducted in inclement weather?

Yes, our Matrice 210 platform is capable of operating in light rain with a limited range, due to line of sight limitations.

Does OFPC have thermal imaging capability on its sUAS?

Yes, the Zenmuse XT camera on our sUAS provides high definition infrared imaging

Is there a cost involved?

No. The OFPC sUAS program is funded by the State and provided at no cost to the end user

Are there other sUAS programs available?

Yes. NYS Department of Environmental Conservation has a very active sUAS program, with pilots all over the state. They are also available for response and can be requested through your local DEC representative.

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