NEW YORK STATE | Homeland Security and Emergency Services | State Preparedness Training Center

Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Operator Course

State Preparedness Training Center
September 15-17, 2026

Course Description
The UAS Operator Course is a combined ground and flight school designed to prepare students to safely and effectively manage and conduct UAS operations. The instructional team will work with students to connect statewide and national policies and best practices and apply this knowledge to a variety of mission areas. This course includes classroom, skill, and scenario-based activities.

Interested candidates for this course must have their FAA Part 107 certification at the point of registration; please refer to the “Audience” section of this announcement for further details.
During this course, students will first operate the Syma X5C trainer platform and then advance to the Autel Evo II. All equipment required to successfully complete the course will be provided.

You have the option to bring your agency provided aircraft if you wanted the option to use your own aircraft.

Course Topics
This course includes legal and ethical UAS operations, flight authorizations, crew resource management, pre-flight decision making, risk analysis, mission planning, record keeping, photography and video, practical flight exercises and scenario-based activities.

Course Provider
This training opportunity is provided by a team of instructors from DHSES, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), the New York State Police (NYSP), and NUAIR.

Location
State Preparedness Training Center (SPTC)
5900 Airport Road Oriskany, NY 13424

Times
September 15-17, 2026: Check-In (7:30am-8:00am), Course (8:00am-5:00pm)

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

Audience
Participants must be first responders or other public safety officials who participation is sponsored by their agency and whose focus is on gaining training and experience to perform their duties at this agency. Interested candidates for this course must have their FAA Part 107 certification at the point of registration for this course.

The SPTC will provide you with the Autel Evo II for the duration of the course.
You have the option to bring your agency provided aircraft if you wanted the option to use your own aircraft.

This course is limited to 12 students. The New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) reserves the right to determine eligibility for this course.

Registration Process
Registration for this course will be handled via DHSES's Learning Management System (LMS). Please use the link below to access LMS and register for this course:
Click here to register

If you need an LMS account or have any questions about LMS, please email LMS@dhses.ny.gov.
All student registrations will be reviewed by DHSES with approvals sent to students no later than two weeks prior to the start of the class. Registration does not guarantee a seat in the class. If you are accepted into the course, you will receive a confirmation email from DHSES.

No Show Policy
Failure to attend a class you have registered for can result in restriction on future course attendance and agency notification.

Lodging
Lodging will be provided on the nights of: September 14,15 and 16 2026
for participating State and Local responders.

You are eligible for lodging if your residence and official work station are more than 50 miles from the SPTC and you are a State or Local responder. Lodging is not available for federal employees or private industry participants. You must be enrolled in the course and have received lodging confirmation from the SPTC before arriving at the Center, or your lodging will not be covered and you will not be allowed in the class.

Questions
If you have any questions, please contact uas@dhses.ny.gov