

# DRONE / UAV USE SAFETY BULLETIN

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW BEFORE YOU HIRE A DRONE TEAM

## QUICK CHECKLIST

- ✓ Ensure that a valid S.F.O.C. (Special Flight Operations Certificate) from Transport Canada in place for the production. Get a copy!
- ✓ Ensure you have a highly experienced drone team in place. Commercial operations require a minimum of TWO on the flight team.
- ✓ Get a copy of the operator's proof of insurance specific to drones. \$5M CGL is usually required.
- ✓ Obtain copies of any other required permits (Film, City etc.)
- ✓ Is there a flight plan for the mission? Are all key production members familiar with this plan?
- ✓ Ensure that the Pilot in Command (PIC) is involved early in the pre-production process to go over all capabilities and limitations of the UAV.
- ✓ Ensure that your pilot does a security and safety briefing with production staff prior to any flights.



## TRANSPORT CANADA RULES & REGULATIONS WITH A VALID S.F.O.C.

- ✦ Drones must maintain a minimum 100' horizontal distance to any public (sometimes much more).
- ✦ Drones can not fly over active roads, highways, or uncontrolled public areas.
- ✦ Drones can not fly above 400' without special approval from Transport Canada.
- ✦ Commercial drone teams can operate near airports but additional safety procedures will be required.

## SOME BASIC SAFETY GUIDELINES

- ✦ A carefully controlled safety perimeter must be established for the area of operations. Only those with approved clearance will be allowed inside that perimeter. Paid Duty Officers (PDOs), private security and production staff may be required to create this area.
- ✦ At no time will any cast/crew members be allowed to walk through/under the UAVs flight path.
- ✦ Some form of map/drawing should always be made available, identifying the flight path, take-off and landing zones, obstacles, and any other hazards.
- ✦ Any pre-planned effects should not be changed without authorization from the Pilot in Command (PIC).
- ✦ Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be provided and worn, as appropriate to the location.

**Still have questions? Call us anytime for more information.**

Was NAV Canada contacted?	Was a NOTAM filed?	Was the Area Shift Manager contacted on the day of the op?	Were Local Airports Contacted?
Was the property owner contacted?			