



SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE SUPPORT OPERATIONS

NUMBER: 1.0
TITLE: UAV OPERATIONS WITHIN SYDNEY BRANCH
DATE: 14 October 2017

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| Purpose | To provide policy, procedure and best practice for Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) / Drones. |
| Policy | Surf Life Saving NSW (SLSNSW) requires all UAV Operators to adhere to the established policies, procedures and guidelines to ensure safe and effective practices relating to UAV operations. |
| UAV Service Objective | To provide operational support to existing patrols and patrolling/emergency response capacity to non-patrolled areas. |
| Scope of Operation Patrol Season / Patrol Days / Patrol Times | <p>The minimum patrol season/hours for the UAV service in SLSS shall be determined by the Support Operations committee.</p> <p>UAV Operators shall undertake rostered “call out” patrols on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays within the patrol season.</p> |
| Scope of Operation After Hours / Emergency Callouts | UAV’s shall have the capacity to respond to after-hours/out-of-season emergencies within the scope of the SLSNSW SOP’s on Emergency Response Systems. |
| Communications | <p>UAV operators will use their allocated call signs given to them by SLSS and will communicate with SurfCom / SLSS Duty officers or Rescue Coordinators when required.</p> <p>Sydney UAV 1 – North (Randwick / Waverley) Sydney UAV 2 – South (Batebay / RNP)</p> |
| Review | The SOM and Support Operations Committee will review this SOP annually. |
| History | 14/10/17 Created by SOM – Matt Evans |