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MEMORANDUM

To	SLSS Drone Operators, Club Captains
From	Support Operations Manager, UAV Coordinator
CC	Club Presidents, Secretaries, BOM, LSEC
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Subject	Drone Operations Update Season 19/20

Dear All,

Welcome to the 2019/2020 Season. We wanted to write to you to provide you an operational update as to the Status of UAV (Drone) Operations.

1. Reporting Structure:

- Drone Operations for Surf Life Saving Sydney are part of the Support Operations Group. Drone Operators will be required to complete an annual Support Operations Group Membership application and fulfill the pre-requisites determined by the SOG Manager. This includes a minimum age of 18 years for all operators.
- Key Officers:
 - Manager Responsible: Matt Spooner - Manager Support Operations Group
 - UAV Coordinator: Brittaney Banks. **Brittaney should be the first point of call for all Drone related inquiries.**
- SLSNSW are not involved in directly managing the Surf Life Saving Sydney Drone Program, however will be assisting the SOG in providing operational framework, training & delivery support as required by the UAV Coordinator.

2. Operational Update:

- SLSS Support Operations & SLSNSW are currently in the process of coordinating a role out of regular Drone Operations across Sydney Branch. Given recent changes at SLSNSW in terms of staffing, as well as an ongoing contract with the Department of Primary Industries on the Mid/Far North Coast, there have been some delays in



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ensuring the appropriate framework to launch a regular capability for UAV operations is in place.

- UAV's are currently available for:
 - Emergency Callouts at the direction of the SLSS Rescue Coordinator or Support Operations Manager,
 - Carnivals and Special Events, (Drones should be requested via the Support Services Request Link on the Branch Website)
[Jot Form Link](#)
[SLSS SOP Procedure for Requesting SOG Services](#)
- SLSS Support Operations Group are currently working towards a target date of 1st December for full UAV Operational Capability to be achieved.

We thank all operators for their continuing enthusiasm & interest in UAV Operations. UAV Operators will be invited to a meeting prior to 1st December to receive more information and an operational briefing from the SOG Manager & UAV Coordinator.

Kind Regards,

Matt Spooner
SUPPORT OPERATIONS MANAGER

Brittaney Banks
UAV COORDINATOR