

OFFICE OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS

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TO: All Commanding Officers

FROM: Director, Office of Special Operations

SUBJECT: DOCUMENTATION OF SMALL UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM
DEPLOYMENT REQUEST—REVISED

The purpose of this Notice is to revise the uniform numbering system for requests to deploy a small unmanned aerial system (sUAS). When the sUAS one-year pilot program was initiated in October 2017, the only authorized Department entity was the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team from Metropolitan Division. With only one entity, a single sequential numbering system for each request was sufficient.

Subsequent to the pilot program, the sUAS program grew to include Emergency Services Division and Traffic Group as additional Department entities authorized to deploy an sUAS. With this expansion, a need to amend the numbering system was realized to accommodate the present and potential future development of the sUAS program.

Commencing at 0001 hours on January 1, 2022, the sUAS deployment request numbering system will be amended to the following:

- Each entity authorized to deploy an sUAS will keep their own sequential numbering system to indicate their entity, the year, and sequential numbering for each sUAS request. Examples of this would be SWAT 2022-01, SWAT 2022-02, or ESD 2022-01, ESD 2022-02, or MCIT 2022-1, MCIT 2022-2, etc.; and,
- The numbering system for each entity authorized to deploy an sUAS will renew each year.

All other protocols contained in Department Manual Section 1/420.56—*SMALL UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM PROGRAM DEPLOYMENT GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES*—remain unchanged.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Lieutenant Lonnie Tiano, Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau, at (213) 486-8780.



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