

COUNTER-TERRORISM AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU

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TO: All Concerned Commanding Officers

FROM: Commanding Officer, Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau

SUBJECT: UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE PROTOCOLS

The recent announcement that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is working on protocols for integrating Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) into the national airspace; this has generated considerable interest within the law enforcement community. Specifically, this announcement has caused various Department entities to contact the FAA and make inquiries about the process of obtaining approval to use UAVs in the City and outlying jurisdictions.

Effective immediately, all inquiries by Department personnel regarding the acquisition and use of UAVs shall be directed to Air Support Division (ASD). Inquiries should be directed to the ASD Safety Officer; the Officer in Charge, ASD Support Section; or the ASD Commanding Officer, in that order. Department personnel shall not contact the FAA or any UAV vendor without first consulting with one of the above personnel from ASD for guidance.

If there are any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Captain William Sutton, Commanding Officer, ASD, at (213) 473-8180.

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