



## Public Safety Aviation Accreditation Commission

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The Public Safety Aviation Accreditation Commission (PSAAC) today announced the formation of a working group to establish standards for the use of small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS) by public safety agencies. As the integration of sUAS technology into public safety operations has increased, PSAAC has collaborated with the Airborne Law Enforcement Association (ALEA), who is sponsoring this effort, to develop standards that address the safe, efficient and ethical use of small unmanned aircraft for all public safety missions.

The new standards will provide a set of best practices for agencies already using, or considering the use of small unmanned aircraft. Adherence to these standards will provide assurance to the civilian community that its public safety agency is operating in accordance with well-established, safe, efficient and ethical practices.

The standards will address such topics as program administration, flight operations and tactics, operator certification, training, safety, maintenance and the legal and ethical use of sUAS.

Members of the working group were selected for their extensive backgrounds in sUAS technology and public safety aviation applications of both manned and unmanned aircraft. A list of members is included.

PSAAC has previously developed aviation standards for law enforcement, fire, and search and rescue. The *Standards for Law Enforcement Aviation Units* developed by PSAAC have been formally recognized by the Airborne Law Enforcement Association and National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) as best practice standards for law enforcement aviation units.

The Public Safety Accreditation Commission is a 501(c)(6) non-profit organization founded to promote and advance safe, effective, and efficient aviation operations in public safety through voluntary compliance with best practice standards.

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