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Virginia Tech Among 35 Organizations Joining Know Before You Fly

Leading research institution and other new campaign supporters to help promote UAS safety

WASHINGTON — [Know Before You Fly](#) today announced Virginia Tech is among 35 new supporters to the unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) safety campaign.

In addition to Virginia Tech, the latest Know Before You Fly supporters are [ADERYS](#); [Aerial Agriculture, Inc.](#); [Agrible](#); [AirDog](#); [Argonne National Laboratory](#); [Autel Robotics USA](#); [B4UDrone](#); [Dart Drones](#); [The Drone Co.](#); [Eagle Eye Dynamics](#); [Empty Flask Games](#); [FreeSkies, Inc.](#); [GeorgiaDronez.com](#); [Long Island Drone Media](#); [MAVINCI](#); [Mid-Atlantic Aviation Partnership](#); [MOTA](#); [National Institute for Aviation Research at Wichita State University](#); [Omadatech, LLC](#); [Retail Industry Leaders Association \(RILA\)](#); [Skybot Challenge](#); [SkyDrones USA](#); [SkyGen Aviation](#); [Straight Up Imaging](#); [Tech3](#); [UAV Coach](#); [United Pilot Services](#); [Unmanned Systems Source](#); [Unmanned Vehicle University \(UVU\)](#); [Unreal Drones](#); [Viva Media Group](#); [Vertical Partners West](#); World Drone Organization and [Yovem](#).

“We are pleased to have the support of Virginia Tech, a leader in UAS research and development, and the many other organizations representing UAS training programs, manufacturers and research institutions,” said Brian Wynne, president and CEO of the Association of Unmanned Vehicle Systems International. “Their commitment to Know Before You Fly is important for spreading the message about safe and responsible flying.”

In late 2013, Virginia Tech was named as one of six congressionally mandated UAS test sites to conduct important research to help safely integrate unmanned systems into the national airspace. Among many achievements in UAS R&D, scientists at Virginia Tech are using UAS to track the movement of dangerous microorganisms in the atmosphere, and save farmers millions of dollars by identifying the health of tobacco and corn crops with UAS technology.

Academy of Model Aeronautics President Bob Brown added, “We look forward to working with Virginia Tech and many other organizations on UAS safety education as they continue to make great strides to develop new and safe ways to implement UAS technology in everyday use.”

Know Before You Fly was launched in December 2014 by the [Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International](#) (AUVSI) and the [Academy of Model Aeronautics](#) (AMA) in partnership with the Federal Aviation Administration to provide newcomers to UAS with basic safety information. With the addition of Virginia Tech, there are now more than 80 retailers, manufacturers, and distributors of UAS, as well as organizations representing the manned aviation community, helping to promote the campaign. For more information, visit KnowBeforeYouFly.org or follow [@FlyResponsibly](https://twitter.com/FlyResponsibly) on Twitter.

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