Unmanned Aerial System Guidelines

University departments employing the use of drones must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Flight operations must comply with all relevant FAA rules and regulations.
- Per South Carolina state law, insurance coverage must be purchased through the SC Insurance Reserve Fund (IRF). University departments are responsible for contacting Enterprise Risk Management, providing an account number, and paying for the coverage.
- Contact Skip Caughman (777-7103) with Enterprise Risk Management to procure insurance coverage.
- Contact Steve Birnie (777-8400) with USC PD to discuss the logistics of flight operations no less than 48 hours in advance of use.

Non-University entities must adhere to the following guidelines:

- If a University unit arranges for a contractor or a third party to use a UAS for purposes associated with a University facility or event, the contractor must adhere to all campus policies, and the contracting unit shall contact University Communications and Marketing and the Division of Law Enforcement and Safety no less than 48 hours in advance of use.
- Any non-University entity operating UAS on University-owned or controlled property must provide certificates of insurance evidencing appropriate physical damage and liability insurance coverage prior to UAS operation on said property. The University of South Carolina must be named as an additional insured on the required liability policy.