

UAV Public Safety Training to be Held at Drone World Expo 2017



The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), DJI, and Fly-Robotics will be presenting a public safety training workshop as part of the pre-conference offerings at Drone World Expo 2017, taking place 3-4 October at the San Jose Convention Center. The workshop will be held on Monday 2 October from 9am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm.

"We are excited to be working with Drone World Expo (DWE) to present this workshop," says Bill Pritchett, Education Director at AMA. "With the significant audience DWE attracts from first responders, fire, law enforcement, search and rescue, and emergency management, it's the perfect forum for us, along with DJI and Fly-Robotics, to provide a precursor to the workshops we'll be offering around the country throughout 2018."

Drones provide an aerial perspective on emergencies that were previously expensive, dangerous or simply impossible to obtain, and public safety agencies have expressed a clear need for more guidance and training to begin putting this new technology to work. Speakers at the workshop will include Romeo Durscher, Director of Education, DJI North America; Bill Pritchett, Director of Education, Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA); and Archie Stafford, Chief Technical Officer, Fly-Robotics, LLC.

In addition to the workshop a mix of drone and law enforcement experts will be leading other education sessions focused on innovative drone use for public safety, emergency response, law enforcement, fires and search and rescue operations. Speakers include:

- Sheriff Rick Hassna, Chief Pilot, Alameda County Sheriff's Office
- Tom Madigan, Commander, Alameda County Sheriff's Department
- Don Roby, Training Program Manager, Airborne Law Enforcement Association (ALEA)
- Chief Harold Schapelhouman, Fire Chief, Menlo Park Fire Protection District
- Matthew Slawson, UAS Team/Patrol Division, Torrance Police Department
- Dennis Sliva, Sergeant, Ventura County Sheriff's Office

"Many public safety entities, such as fire departments, search and rescue units, and local law enforcement teams have begun to adopt drone technology over the past year," said Romeo Durscher, Director of Education at DJI. "As the worldwide leader in civilian drones, we are looking forward to participating in Drone World Expo and continuing to work closely with these agencies to advance the use of drones during life- and property-saving operations."