



PROVIDENCE
COLLEGE

Policy Title: Drones (Unmanned Aircraft Systems)
Applicability: College-wide
Oversight Department: Office of Public Safety and Office of General Counsel
Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to maintain a safe environment for the College community, its visitors, and guests.
Effective Adoption Date: January 10, 2024

I. Purpose & Scope

This Policy sets forth Providence College’s (the “College”) rules, guidelines, and requirements for using Unmanned Aircraft Systems (“UAS” or “drones”) on College Property. This Policy applies equally to students, employees, visitors, contractors, and any third-party on the College’s property.

The College reserves the right to further restrict drone usage in any outdoor area on the College campus in its discretion, which may include banning the use of drones.

II. Definition

Drone: The Federal Aviation Administration refers to drones as “Unmanned Aircraft Systems” and defines UAS as an unmanned aircraft and the equipment necessary for the safe and efficient operation of that aircraft. A UAS is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft.

III. Policy

A. The College does not permit the use of drones (UAS) on College property, absent written approval by the Chief of Public Safety and the Office of General Counsel. The College currently maintains two drones (UAS) that are properly registered as commercial drones (UAS) and are operated by FAA certified commercial drone (UAS) operators. One drone (UAS) is maintained by the Athletics Department and the other drone is maintained by the Marketing & Communications Department. College-approved drones are permitted to be flown only in outdoor areas on Campus. Other departments may obtain and operate a drone (UAS) in accordance with this Policy upon approval of the department’s upline Division Head as well as confirmation through the Office of General Counsel that the drone is properly registered with the FAA and that the proposed department drone operator possesses the necessary FAA commercial certification. College-approved drones are permitted to be flown only in outdoor areas on Campus.

- B. Any member of the College community seeking to bring a vendor onto College property to operate a drone (UAS) must be granted express written approval by the Office of Public Safety and the Office of General Counsel. Approval will be given only if the vendor can provide proof of an FAA commercial operator certification, proof of an FAA commercial operator registration, and proof of suitable insurance.
- C. Anyone wishing to use a personal or commercial drone (UAS) off-campus should be mindful of Federal Laws governing such use. The FAA's regulations regarding drones can be found at the following link: <https://www.faa.gov/uas>.
- D. Anyone intending to use a drone (UAS) on College property shall notify the Office of Public Safety at 401-865-2391 each time he/she will be using the drone.

Any employee seeking to utilize a drone for off-campus College business should consult with the Office of General Counsel for approval and licensing and insurance requirements.

IV. Enforcement

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action, fines, seizure of the unapproved drone (UAS) and in the case of students, the referral to the appropriate authority for sanctions.