



# Menlo Park Fire Protection District

## UAS/Drone Program Information



The Menlo Park Fire Protection District is located in the heart of the Silicon Valley, well known for its technology sector. Over the last several years we have jointly developed our FAA-approved UAS/Drone Program with the help of many public and private sector partners. In October 2014 the Fire District began its official pursuit of a UAS (or Drone) program with solicitation of public comment at an open meeting. In early 2016 we received our blanket COA, one of the first for a fire agency in the area. Menlo Park Fire now has a total of 6 pilots, 3 on each shift providing UAS coverage at all times. To date drones have been deployed in several wide area searches, to assess the level of rising flood water and on numerous training exercises.

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