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Procedure For First Responders Regarding a Drone on Scene

- **Drone Operated by First Responder Agency/SAR:**
 - ▶ Flight Comm/flight crew to be notified by the requesting agency and/or their dispatch center prior to arrival of the aircraft.
 - ▶ The drone must be grounded until the aircraft has cleared the landing zone area. If multiple aircraft are utilized, the last aircraft must clear the area before drone flight is resumed.

- **Drone Operated by Third Party:**
 - ▶ Flight Comm/flight crew should be notified by the requesting agency and/or their dispatch center prior to arrival of the aircraft.
 - ▶ The drone operator should be located and the drone removed/grounded until the aircraft has cleared the scene or facility (hospital helipad being used as a remote LZ).
 - ▶ Options if the operator cannot be located:
 - Ongoing communication by LZ Command and/or their dispatch with incoming aircraft and Flight Comm to update them on the situation.
 - Elimination of the threat by the requesting agency
 - ◆ This decision should be determined by the agency far in advance of an actual event in conjunction with local and state rules/regulations.
 - ◆ Only if it can be done safely and appropriately without damage or injury to equipment/ground personnel.
 - ◆ Note: UAS are considered aircraft by the FAA
 - ◆ **Note: The drone operator may seek damages from the involved agency in this case.**
 - Alternate LZ selection if safety of that LZ can be assured.
 - Termination of the flight if deemed unsafe.

- **Follow up by law enforcement agency on site to pursue the drone operator for possible enforcement action.**

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