

# INTRODUCTION TO DRONES & UAS FOR UTILITIES

September 15, 2020  
Online | Central Time

## EUCI ONLINE COURSE

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## OVERVIEW

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This program is designed to provide utilities who are exploring the potential for utilizing Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) with a solid foundation about the capabilities and limitations of the technology. The workshop will also provide you with the tools to adapt current processes to leverage this rapidly developing technology as well as identify when drones present a real opportunity for ROI. The program will be divided into morning and afternoon sessions, each with a specific focus. The morning session will present information about UAS hardware, regulations, use cases and specific considerations your operations will want to address when starting up a large utility drone project. The afternoon session will cover advanced UAS technologies such as autonomous UAS inspections, Beyond Visual Line Of Sight (BVLOS) operations, and software technology that can help organize and expedite the analysis of the huge quantities of data typically collected with remote sensing technology.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

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- Describe the current ecosystem for UAS hardware and command and control systems
- Discuss which use cases currently provide the most ROI and how this may evolve in the future
- Examine what types of payloads are available for drone operations and how these various sensor systems intersect with utility UAS program goals
- Explore the FAA's regulatory environment that both enables and restricts the use of drone technology
- Describe best practices when starting up a large utility UAS program including managing contractors, creating program documentation, and issues around accessing private property and customer interactions
- Explain the options available for securely transferring data from the field to the party responsible for processing the data
- Look at software that can help extract value from the mountain of data that is usually produced by UAS remote sensing operations
- Explore advanced flight Concepts of Operations (ConOps), particularly BVLOS and autonomous flight operations
- Discuss guidelines for evaluating current processes that likely will be adapted or replaced in the future
- Adjust/reset current Utility expectations such as Defect Find Rate, data storage needs, etc.
- Examine important new UAS initiatives such as Remote ID and Unmanned Traffic Management (UTM)

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

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The interactive, technical course will offer hands on support for energy stakeholders interested in UAS/UAV, line inspections, safety, and training.

## COURSE RECORDING

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A recording of this program will be available for three days from either the end of the program (or three days from the date of purchase, if you purchase the recording after the session ends). It is presented in four-hour sessions and can be watched an unlimited number of times for three days (for the registrant). There is no additional cost beyond the registration fee.

# AGENDA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 - CENTRAL TIME

- 8:45 – 9:00 am**      **Log on and Sound Check**
- Morning Session**
- 9:00 – 9:30 am**      **Introduction to UAS Operations and Use Cases**  
Overview of UAS aircraft types and sensor systems
- 9:30 – 10:00 am**      **The FAA and the UAS Regulatory Environment**
- Beyond line of sight approval
  - 14 CFR Part 107
- 10:00 – 10:15 am**      **Morning Break**
- 10:15 – 11:00 am**      **Utility UAS Operations**
- Defining the project
  - Specifying deliverables
  - Creating program documentation
  - How do you keep track and communicate with a widely dispersed workforce?
- 11:00 am – 12:00 pm**      **Structuring the Project Operations**
- How to set up project goals
  - Contractors – selecting qualified vendors
  - Customers
  - Project management
  - Safety – How can you structure compensation in order to incentivize productivity without compromising safety?
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm**      **Lunch Break**
- Afternoon Session - Data Processing and Advanced UAS Operations**
- 1:00 – 1:30 pm**      **Handling Project Data and Critical Infrastructure Information (CII) Considerations**
- Data ethics and privacy
  - Mandates for critical data
- 1:30 – 2:00 pm**      **Data Processing**
- Analysis of LiDAR data
  - Staffing the data center
  - Procedure and techniques
- 2:00 – 3:00 pm**      **Software for Extracting Value from UAS Operations**
- Analysis of digital elevation models
  - Creation of autonomous inspection flight plans
  - Automated inspections
- 3:00 – 3:15 pm**      **Afternoon Break**

# AGENDA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 - CENTRAL TIME (CONTINUED)

**3:15 – 4:00 pm**

**Advanced UAS Operations - BVLOS and Autonomous Operations**

- Uploading and managing field data
- Review of inspection assets
- Creation of inspection reports

**4:00 – 4:30 pm**

**What the Future Holds for UAS Technology**

- What drones would be acceptable?
- What cameras? Or is it a case of meeting a certain resolution requirement?

**4:30 – 5:00 pm**

**Lessons Learned and Program Review**

- Transmission structure inspection
- Data analysis
- Review an inspection report

**5:00 pm**

**Adjourn**

# INSTRUCTOR



## Chris McMurtry

**Solutions Architect, Sharper Shape**

In his role as the Solutions Architect for Sharper Shape, Inc., Chris McMurtry is focused on designing unmanned aerial solutions based around the company's class leading "full-stack" hardware and software tools. Chris first became involved with drone technology for film and television production work, but he soon became convinced that unmanned aerial technology could do far more than just produce compelling entertainment content. This led to the creation of one of the first UAS services companies that specialized in using drone technology for utility inspections. Since 2013 Chris has been focused on finding the fit for UAS applications in the energy sector, with the goal of helping utilities transform their inspection and maintenance programs.



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Director, Gulf Coast Energy Network



*"EUCI made me believe that learning is not locked down during COVID 19 pandemic time. EUCI provided online learning opportunity which proved that learning from home is possible!"*

Operations Support Analyst, TC Energy

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PowerPoint presentations and open discussion will be used

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Deputy Director, City of Naperville

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