

Charter
National Council on Public Safety UAS (NCPSU)
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1. The Council on Public Safety UAS (NCPSU) is a federation of organizations created to do the following:
 - a. Encourage and promote the implementation and use of unmanned aircraft systems by the public safety community;
 - b. Develop and make recommendations regarding public safety unmanned aircraft system issues and policies that promote greater cooperation between local, state, tribal, and federal public safety agencies;
 - c. Serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas, information and best practices regarding public safety unmanned aircraft systems;
 - d. Conduct an outreach component to foster bi-directional information exchange with high-level officials and end users regarding public safety unmanned aircraft systems;
 - e. Develop system capabilities to assist in the exchange of information between local, tribal, state, federal and international entities regarding unmanned aircraft systems;
 - f. Identify, support and conduct studies and research on public safety unmanned aircraft systems, nefarious uses and UAS counter measures;
 - g. Support and promote collaboration across public safety disciplines through national and international leadership;
 - h. Monitor new technologies and/or projects and develop public safety requirements when necessary;
 - i. Make recommendations to key industries related to public safety stakeholder UAS needs and requirements;
 - j. Engage in matters of concern to the national public safety unmanned aircraft system community; and,
 - k. Perform such other functions, as the NCPSU Governing Board deems appropriate, consistent with relevant law.

2. There shall be five classifications of participation in NCPSU: Governing Board Organization, Associate Organization, Liaison Organization, Affiliate Organization, and At-Large Participants. The qualifications for membership in each classification shall be as follows:
 - a. Governing Board Organizations may consist of non-profit agencies, organizations, and entities that represent the interests of predominately United States governmental entities and/or employees of these entities. Governing Board organizations are Voting Members. Governing Board organization representatives govern the affairs of NCPSU, subject to the provisions of this

charter, and consist of one officially designated primary representative and one alternate representative of each of the Governing Board member organizations.

- b. Associate Organizations may consist of agencies, organizations, or entities that represent the interests of state and local governments of the United States its bordering countries of Mexico, and Canada, and their officials responsible for public protection and disaster response, or other critical infrastructure facilities necessary to serve the public and public safety. Associate organizations are Non-Voting Members. Associate members may participate in open meetings of the Governing Board, and are eligible to serve on NCPSU committees and any lower tier subcommittees, work groups, etc.
- c. Liaison Organizations may consist of U.S. federal or international public safety agencies responsible for public protection or for disaster response or other activities necessary to serve the public and public safety, or other government agencies and offices having assigned responsibilities for monitoring, planning, or managing these activities, including the U.S. Departments of Homeland Security, Justice, Commerce, and the Federal Communications Commission. Liaison organizations are Non-Voting Members. Liaison members may participate in open meetings of the Governing Board, and are eligible to serve on NCPSU committees and any lower tier subcommittees, work groups, etc. U.S. federal agencies participating in NCPSU in as Liaison members do so with the understanding that any assistance or comments they provide do not necessarily represent the official opinions of their respective organization.
- d. Affiliate Organizations may consist of officially participating industry organizations. Affiliate organizations must have a Memorandum of Understanding with NCPSU defining relationships, roles, and responsibilities of participation. Affiliate organizations are Non-Voting Members. Affiliate members may participate in open meetings of the Governing Board, and are eligible to serve on NCPSU committees and any lower tier subcommittees, work groups, etc.
- e. At-Large Participants may consist of any individual or organization that has interest in public safety communications. At-large participants do not have voting privileges. At-large participants may participate in open meetings of the Governing Board, and are eligible to serve on NCPSU committees and any lower tier subcommittees, work groups, etc.

3. Governing Board Protocols

- a. Governing Board primary representatives have one vote and in their absence their alternate representative may vote. If both the primary and alternate voting representatives are not available, the primary voting representative may, by written authorization, designate a voting representative to act as the proxy for the organization.
- b. The Governing Board may add additional organizations by majority vote. Any official NCPSU recommendation or policy position shall require a consensus among those organizations eligible to vote. A consensus does not necessarily require unanimity.
- c. The selected officers of the Governing Board shall consist of a Chair and up to two (2) Vice-Chairs. The Chair will be selected in April every 2 years and the Vice-Chair(s) shall be selected in April of alternating years for 2-year terms. If only one Vice-Chair is selected, the term shall not be concurrent with the term of the Chair. Officers will be allowed continuing terms, except if the officer resigns and/or the Governing Board by majority vote determines otherwise. In the event of a vacancy in the Chair position prior to the end of an existing

term, the Vice-Chair(s) will serve in the Chair's capacity for the remainder of the existing term.

- d. Only current primary voting representatives (not alternates) on the Governing Board may be selected to serve as the NCPSU Chair. Once the NCPSU Chair assumes the position, he/she is no longer affiliated as the primary voter for his/her association, and does not have voting privileges. The association must then designate a new officially primary representative.
- e. The NCPSU Vice-Chair position may consist of either a primary voting representative for a member organization (maintaining voting rights as its primary voter), or a non-voting representative of a Governing Board organization.
- f. The individual who has most recently served as the NCPSU Chair holds the position of Past Chair, until such time the current Chair assumes the Past Chair position. The Past Chair does not have voting privileges.
- g. Non-Voting organizations (Associates, Liaisons, Affiliates) shall be nominated for membership by a Governing Board member, and approved by a majority vote.
- h. The Governing Board may establish such committees, subcommittees, working groups, etc. as it deems appropriate, and establish procedures for appointing respective Chairs and Vice-Chairs, membership, and related operations.
- i. Officers and committee chairs must be employees, or retirees of a public safety or service organization or a recognized organization representing these entities.
- j. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chair, Vice-Chair(s), Committee Chairs, four At-Large Members from the Governing Board Members and may act upon routine matters without a vote of the Governing Board. Examples of routine matters include meeting arrangements, procedures, FAA filings in furtherance of matters previously approved by the Governing Board, and minor substantive matters.
- k. All Governing Board and committee meetings shall be open to any At-large participant; however, certain meeting topics may be restricted to public safety or public service representatives. The Governing Board and its standing Committees shall provide at least 15 days notice of its meetings to its members. Notice of meetings shall be through such means as are approved by the Governing Board. Meetings may be conducted in person, by teleconference or via other electronic means.

NOTE: NCPSU has not been created by any agency or department of the federal government and shall not take any action, which would deem NCPSU to be subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

4. Amending the Charter: This Charter may be amended upon the approval of a majority of the Governing Board.
5. Membership
 - a. Governing Board (voting)

Police Foundation

Airborne Law Enforcement Association

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)

International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF)

International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM)

International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)

International Public Safety Association

Interagency Board

National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials (NASEMSO)

National Association of State Technology Directors (NASTD)

National Sheriffs' Association (NSA)

National Alliance for Public Safety GIS Foundation (NAPSG)

National Information Sharing Consortium (NISC)

National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC)

National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC)

Center for Robotics-Assisted Search and Rescue (CRASAR)

National Association of Search and Rescue (NASAR)

Tribal Emergency Management Association (iTEMA)

Metro Fire Chiefs Association

Major Cities Police Chiefs Association

Major County's Sheriffs Association (invited)

National Association of EMT's (NAEMTs)

National EMS Management Association (NEMSMA)

National Emergency Management Association (NEMA)

American Association of Corrections

Airport Owners & Pilots Association (AOPA) (invited)

National Association of Technical Investigators

At-Large Public Safety Representative -Tribal

At-Large Public Safety Responder – Local Govt

At-Large Public Safety Responder – Local Govt – York County Fire

At-Large Public Safety Responder

At-Large Public Safety Responder – FDNY

At-Large – Academia UAS Program – PVCC

At-Large – Academia UAS Program – Florida State University EM

b. Associates (non-voting) Tribal, Local and State Public Safety Agencies & International Public Safety organizations

Virginia Fire Chiefs Association

Virginia Department of Emergency Management

Greene County VA Emergency Services

Collier County FL Sheriff's Office

Albemarle County VA Sheriff's Office

Delaware Dept. of Transportation, Homeland Security Planning

Rockingham County VA Fire Rescue

York County VA Fire-Rescue

York County VA Sheriff's Department

Bedford VA Fire Department

c. Proposed Liaisons (non-voting) – **All Federal agencies are invited** (this is a partial list)

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

DHS Office of Emergency Communications (OEC)

Department of Defense
DHS Science and Technology (S&T)
U.S. Department of the Interior (US DOI)
U.S. Department of Justice (US DOJ)
U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Agencies UAS Working Group
NOAA
NIJ
NCIS
NIST Robotics
NIST PSCR
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
FirstNet
NTSB
U.S. Coast Guard
U.S. Forest Service
FBI
SS

d. Affiliates (non-voting) - Industry organizations

Commercial Drone Alliance
Hazon Solutions