## FEMA UAS/Drone Training Courses- Summer 2024 at the University of Vermont

<u>ASSURE</u> and the University of Vermont are pleased to announce the launch of <u>ASSUREd Safe</u>, offering first responder training for public safety agencies to safely integrate UAS into the national airspace to support emergency response operations. UAS (drone) technology has already proven to have significant benefits in our region for emergency management and disaster response, with particular value demonstrated during Vermont's severe floods of summer 2023.

UVM will be hosting 12 days of FEMA-funded training courses on campus in Burlington, VT this upcoming summer. There is no cost to participants and reimbursement is provided for the necessary travel, accommodation, and meals. Thanks to the tremendous interest and full registrations of the courses in 2022 and 2023, we have expanded the course offerings to now include additional 'Level II' courses on UAS Flight Operations and UAS Data Analytics. There are no pre-requisites to attend either the Level I or Level II courses – however it is suggested, but not required, to complete the Level I courses prior to attending the Level II sessions. We encourage those looking to get the most out of these training courses to attend all four days of a training block.

Dates for the sessions in Burlington are below, with each block consisting of 4 individual single-day courses.

- 1. Intro to UAS Flight Operations for Emergency Response (Level I) one day
- 2. Intro to UAS Data Analytics for Emergency Response (Level I) one day
- 3. UAS Flight Operations for Emergency Response (Level II) one day
- 4. UAS Data Analytics for Emergency Response (Level II) one day
- June 25-28, 2024
- July 30- August 2, 2024
- August 6-9, 2024

We encourage you to visit <u>assuredsafe.org</u> to view the training offerings and submit a registration request for summer 2024. The direct link to these FEMA courses can <u>be found here</u>. Please feel free to pass this information along to others in your organization that may benefit from these trainings. You may contact <u>training@assuredsafe.org</u> with any questions about the registration process.

Our team here at UVM looks forward to being able to work with you to improve our region's response and recovery capabilities!

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