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**AIR SHOW ORGANIZERS ASK PUBLIC TO ‘LEAVE YOUR DRONE AT HOME’**

*Proliferation of privately-owned unmanned systems raises safety concerns at air show venue*

**YOUR CITY, STATE. - Month XX, 201X** - Leave the flying to the professionals. That’s the message coming from [name of air show] out of concern for spectator safety and the safety of air show’s pilots who will fly [number] performances at over the [number] day event this year.

Carrying forward and supporting the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) “No Drone Zone,” “Leave Your Drone at Home,” and “Know Before You Fly” initiatives, organizers of the [name of air show] and the International Council of Air Shows (ICAS) wants spectators and those in [name of airport/venue] surrounding area to understand that flying an unmanned aircraft in unauthorized air space is not just illegal, but unnecessarily puts people at risk.

“First and foremost is our spectators’ safety. They are our friends, neighbors, co-workers and relatives,” said [name, title]. “Our performers are some of the best in the business and they require total concentration and precision while flying. The distraction a drone can cause could have disastrous consequences. If a drone actually collides with a plane while that plane is performing an aerobatic maneuver, the result could be catastrophic for the pilot and our spectators.”

North American air shows are highly regulated and regarded as the safest in the world. Air show pilots go through a battery of medical assessments, aerobatic competency evaluations and certifications before being able to perform. There hasn’t been a spectator fatality in North America since 1952.

The FAA in recent months has sent out a clear message that operating drones around airplanes and helicopters is dangerous and illegal. Unauthorized operators may be subject to stiff fines and criminal charges, including possible jail time.

“We want everyone at [name of air show] to enjoy their experience without having to worry about the consequences of a drone-related accident,” said [Last Name of person quoted above]. “Please, leave the flying and photography to the professionals and come see the air show in person.”

The FAA is leading a public outreach campaign to promote safe and responsible use of unmanned aircraft systems and offers a [digital toolkit with downloadable outreach materials](http://www.faa.gov/uas/no_drone_zone/) to federal, state, and other partners to educate unmanned aircraft operators that flying in certain areas is prohibited.

**About the [Name of Air Show]**

Insert boilerplate information about your show.

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