

<b>Policy:</b>	Drone Policy	<b>Policy No.:</b>	SS8002
<b>Authority:</b>	SUNY Broome Community College Board of Trustees		
<b>Policy Owner:</b>	President	<b>Responsible Party:</b>	<i>VP Student Affairs and CDO</i>
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## **Purpose**

SUNY Broome Community College reserves the right to manage use of its airspace and to establish the guidelines for the operation of Unmanned Aerial System (UAS or drones) for members of the College community. This policy is not applicable to Local, State or Federal agencies.

## **Statement of the Policy**

The operation of drones is regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The use of drones for recreational purposes is prohibited on property owned, controlled, and/or maintained by SUNY Broome. In the event that a drone is necessary to fulfill an academic, research, public or commercial purpose that would promote or enhance the mission of SUNY Broome, the interested party must submit a request for review and approval to Public Safety. Compliance with all applicable laws and regulations associated with using drones and to preserve the security and privacy of the general public and the SUNY Broome community is required. Any individual or group that violates this policy may be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the procedures for discipline at SUNY Broome. When using the UAS or drone, any individual or group that violates an applicable Local, State, and/or Federal law (i.e. trespassing, unlawful surveillance, reckless endangerment, etc.) may be subject to arrest.

## **To whom it applies**

This policy applies to any/all persons requesting or approved to operate drones within the airspace managed, owned, and/or maintained by SUNY Broome.

## **General Guidelines**

### **Drone Use Restrictions:**

The use of drones for recreational purposes is prohibited on property owned, controlled, and/or maintained by SUNY Broome. In the event that a drone is necessary to fulfill an academic, research, public or commercial purpose that would promote or enhance the mission of SUNY Broome then the interested party must submit a request to the Chief of Public Safety.

Any individual or group that violates this policy may be subject to disciplinary action at SUNY Broome. Further, any individual or group that violates and applicable law (i.e. trespassing, unlawful surveillance, reckless endangerment, etc.) may be subject to arrest.

## Definitions

**Drones or Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)** - According to the FAA, a UAS is the unmanned aircraft and all of the associated support equipment, control station, data links, telemetry, communications and navigation equipment necessary to operate the unmanned aircraft. Unmanned aircraft include quadcopters, multirotors, helicopters, drones, and fixed-wing models if these aircraft are used for any purpose other than recreation. FAA regulations apply to UAS regardless of size or weight, however, unmanned aircraft weighing less than 250 grams are not required to be registered with the FAA. Model aircraft and rockets, balloons, kites, and gliders that are not “capable of sustained flight in the air” are not regulated as unmanned aircraft, however, other FAA regulations may apply (e.g. FAR Part 107).

**Airspace** is defined as the atmosphere and everything within it that is above College real property extending upward from the ground.

**Operating Hours** – the drone use during twilight hours is prohibited. SUNY Broome prohibits the use of drones 30 minutes before the official sunrise and 30 before the official sunset.

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