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Unmanned Aerial Systems Working Group

September 2025 Agenda

Convene: 09/04/25 @ 1:30-3:30 pm

Meeting: NCTCOG CenterPoint I, Metroplex Conference Room

1. Call to Order: Robert Fulton
 - a. QR for attendance
2. Introductions
3. Order of Business:
 - a. Nominate/Elect REPAC representative and alternate
 - c. Nominate/Elect Co-chair for Workgroup
 - d. 2026 State Homeland Security Program proposals
4. Discuss latest UAS legislative updates:
5. FAA Updates
 - a. Certificate of Waiver (COW)
6. MetroX Update: Justin Cox
7. FIFA World Cup Update: Sgt. Rob Robertson
8. Topics of Discussion:
 - a. Drone Detection: Eric Skinner (Fort Worth PD) – Dronetag
 - b. DFR: Tony Chelette (Irving PD) & Sgt. Rob Robertson - (Arlington PD)
 - c. Ernest Huffman – NCTCOG Program Manager, Congestion Management and System – Operations/Aviation Planning – if available



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Unmanned Aerial Systems Working Group Roster Sign-In





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Introductions:





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Order of Business:

- Nominate/Elect REPAC Liaison
- Nominate/Elect Co-Chair for Workgroup
- 2026 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)
Grant Proposals – Due 10/10/2025





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UAS-related Legislative Updates

- 2025 NDAA Section 1709 Audit status. Deadline is 12/23/2025.
- H.R. 5061 Counter UAS Reauthorization Bill – referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.





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FAA Updates & Clarifications:

- From COA to COW(A) – revamped the process for Public Safety agencies to get quicker authorization for rapid drone deployment.
- Latest Part 108 BVLOS NPRM news. Public comments are due by 10/06/2025.





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MetroX Update: Justin Cox

- Need to discuss logistics of each location
- Assigning a “Controller” who will act as the PIC
- Knowing the airspace you are occupying
- What software will you use to track aircraft





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2026 FIFA Update:

Sgt. Rob Robertson





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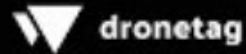
UAS Topics of Discussion:

- **Drone Detection:** Eric Skinner (*Ft. Worth PD*) – DroneTag
<https://dronetag.com/products/rider/>
- **DFR:** Tony Chelette (*Irving PD*) & Sgt. Rob Robertson - (*Arlington PD*)
- Ernest Huffman – NCTCOG Program Manager,
Congestion Management and System –
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- Open discussion





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DRONETAG RIDER FEATURES

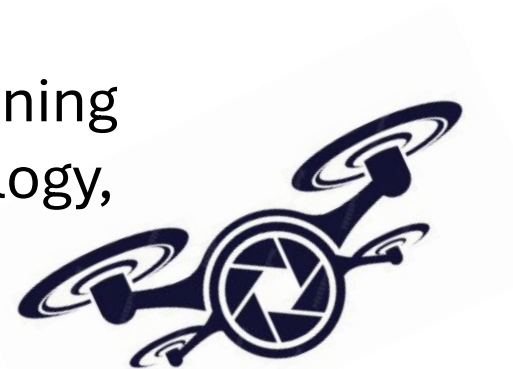




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UAS Workgroup Moving Forward...

- No more PSURT with NCTCOG. Please contact <https://psurt.us/> directly. We will get the NCTCOG UAS page updated shortly to reflect this.
- Focus will be on sharing product and training knowledge, new drone detection technology, DFR successes and advancements, and Federal regulation updates and interpretations.





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Resources:



Federal Aviation
Administration

https://www.faa.gov/uas/public_safety_gov/public_safety_toolkit



<https://www.ledauas.org/>



<https://www.texgru.org>





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Events:

- **TEXCON25** – 12/01/2025 (DPS Training Facility)
- **LEDA** – TBA in early 2026 in Texas
- **Texas Robotics Summit** – 03/03/2026 – 03/05/2025 (Burnet, Texas)
- **UTAC** – 10/27/2025 – 10/30/2025 (Guardian Centers, Perry, GA)

