

## Public Service Announcement

### Drone Safety and Regulations During Peoria's St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Peoria Police Department wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 17th. With the excitement of the parade, we want to remind all drone operators of the importance of responsible and safe flight practices.

Airspace over large public gatherings, like our parade, presents unique safety challenges. We understand the appeal of capturing aerial footage, but public safety is our top priority.

#### Key Safety Reminders:

- **FAA Regulations:** All drone operators must adhere to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, registering your drone, flying within visual line of sight, and respecting Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs) that may be in place.
- **No-Fly Zones:** During the parade, specific areas along the route may be designated as temporary no-fly zones. Please be aware of and respect these restrictions. Information regarding TFRs can be found on the FAA's website.
- **Crowd Safety:** Do not fly directly over people or moving vehicles. Maintain a safe distance and be aware of your surroundings. A drone malfunction or loss of control can cause serious injury.
- **Privacy:** Respect the privacy of parade attendees. Avoid capturing images or videos that could be used to identify individuals without their consent.

#### Penalties for Non-Compliance:

Failure to comply with FAA regulations and local ordinances can result in significant penalties, including:

- Civil fines from the FAA.
- Criminal charges for reckless endangerment or other related offenses.
- Confiscation of your drone.

The Peoria Police Department will be actively monitoring the parade route. Our drone team and officers on the ground will be observing drone activity to ensure compliance with safety regulations.

We encourage all drone operators to fly responsibly and safely. Let's work together to ensure a safe and enjoyable St. Patrick's Day for everyone.

If you have any questions regarding drone regulations, please refer to the FAA website or contact the Peoria Police Departments Drone Team.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Sergeant S. Stinson

Drone Commander