The advancement of Unmanned Aerial Systems, also known as "UAS" or more commonly referred to as "drones," has been progressing for many years. What has most significantly changed recently is the affordability of extremely functional UAS to anyone. For law enforcement, this not only means responding to more calls involving complaints about remote-controlled aircraft, but agencies themselves are now seriously evaluating the costs, benefits, and concerns associated with having UAS programs at their departments.

This video provides current information regarding law enforcement's response to the public's use of UAS and provides guidance to agencies seeking to start a UAS program. The program examines key aspects of UAS, and with the help of subject matter experts from law enforcement, fire, legal, state and federal agencies, explores the details and issues associated with this emerging technology.

Segments include:

- Overview of UAS technology and its impact (10 min.)
- Benefits of employing UAS in law enforcement situations (13 min.)
- How UAS can increase interoperability with fire, EMS and others (10 min.)
- Community considerations when preparing to set up a UAS program at an agency (10 min.)
- Recommendations on the development of policies and procedures for a UAS program (14 min.)
- Enforcement of laws related to the unauthorized or illegal use of UAS by the public (12 min.)
- Identification of potential public safety threats, and countermeasures that are available (11 min.)
- Final thoughts from UAS subject matter experts (5 min.)

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