

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY HEADQUARTERS, NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER & FORT IRWIN FORT IRWIN, CA 92310-5000

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SUBJECT: NTC Policy #14, Non-Military Unmanned Aircraft Systems

1. PURPOSE: This policy establishes the standards, guidance, general information and enforcement of unauthorized Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) on Fort Irwin, CA.

2. APPLICABILITY: This policy governs all privately owned, non-military UAS capable of sustaining flight within the atmosphere. UAS are also referred to as remote controlled/model/hobby aircraft or drones. This policy is applicable to all military personnel, civilians, contractors and family members residing in or granted access to Fort Irwin. U.S. Army owned and operated UAS are authorized within the airspace of Fort Irwin and will fly IAW applicable regulations and instructions.

3. REFERENCE: AR 190-13, Chapter 11, 27 June 2019

4. POLICY.

a. General: The popularity and availability of UAS has increased exponentially since 2015 due primarily to the use of durable, inexpensive materials and avionics that make the aircraft more user friendly and easier to operate. There is potential for non-military UAS operations to physically interfere with and/or endanger military and civilian flight operations at Ft. Irwin. Current threat trends have made UAS a persistent, evolving, and viable threat to the DOD. For these reasons the operation of privately owned UAS outdoors on Fort Irwin is strictly prohibited. Fort Irwin has been designated as a "No Drone Zone".

b. Concept of Operations: The Fort Irwin Directorate of Emergency Services will enforce this policy. Violations of this policy will be reported to the Fort Irwin Military Police at (760) 380-4444. For all emergencies, dial 911. Violators of this policy may be detained or apprehended and associated UAS equipment may be temporarily or permanently confiscated. Violators will be reported to the Garrison Commander and their sponsoring chain of command. Disciplinary and/or administrative action may also be taken action as appropriate.

5. PROPONENT: The proponent agency for this policy is the Fort Irwin DES.

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