

# CAPITALSKIES

An NVERS Game of Drones

On August 6-7, 2026, public safety UAS teams from across Northern Virginia and the National Capital Region came together at George Mason University's Science and Technology Campus for the inaugural CapitalSkies: An NVERS Game of Drones.

The competition brought together 15 UAS teams from local, state, and federal public safety agencies.



Competitors put their skills- and their aircraft- to the test through challenges based on real-world public safety operations, including precision aircraft control, interior tactical flight, search and evidence location, operational readiness, and safe mission execution. The top four teams advanced to a championship round, featuring a simulated missing-person search.

NVERS is proud to support the continued development and coordination of public safety UAS capabilities through the NVERS UAS Working Group and our local, regional, state, and federal partners.

Thank you to the planning team, judges, proctors, and support personnel who made the event successful, and especially to every pilot and agency that came out to compete.



Congratulations to the  
**FAIRFAX COUNTY  
POLICE DEPARTMENT,**  
the inaugural  
CapitalSkies Champion!

## Registered 2026 CapitalSkies Teams:

Arlington County Fire Department  
Department of Justice, FBI  
Fairfax County Police Department  
Fairfax County Sheriff's Office  
Fauquier County Sheriff's Office  
Federal Bureau of Investigation Hostage  
Rescue Team  
George Mason University  
City of Laurel Maryland Police  
Department  
Town of Leesburg Police Department  
City of Manassas City Police Department  
Metropolitan Police Department  
of Fire & Rescue  
Prince William County Police Department  
Quantico Marine Corps Base Fire and  
Emergency Services  
Virginia State Police

**Congratulations to all of this year's  
competitors- and to our 2026  
CapitalSkies champions!**

Stay tuned for an upcoming  
announcement regarding our Fall 2027  
CapitalSkies event.

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