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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 24, 2025

TO: All U.S. Law Enforcement Agencies

FROM: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Counter-UAS Training Center (NCUTC)

SUBJECT: Announcement of the NCUTC and Initial Training

On June 6, 2025, President Trump signed Executive Order 14305, Restoring American Airspace Sovereignty, which directed the creation of the FBI's National Counter-UAS Training Center, modeled after the FBI's Hazardous Devices School — the national training center for public safety bomb technicians. NCUTC's initial mission is to train and certify law enforcement officers from federal and state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) agencies to protect major events in the United States, including the 2026 FIFA World Cup and the 2028 Summer Olympics, against the unlawful use of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS).

NCUTC will host its first three-week Counter-UAS System Operator (CUSO) course in late October 2025 in Huntsville, Alabama. The course trains law enforcement officers to safely and effectively use approved UAS detection and mitigation tools, with emphasis on fixed-site Special Event Assessment Rating (SEAR) venues. While graduates will be certified as CUSOs, certification does not confer authority to conduct counter-UAS operations unless and until Congress expands statutory authorities under 6 U.S.C. § 124n to include SLTT agencies.

The inaugural class will include 12 officers from select agencies in New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, and California (e.g., state police, major city police departments, and county sheriff's departments). In 2026, courses will prioritize remaining agencies with jurisdiction in World Cup host areas: Arlington, Texas; Houston, Texas; Atlanta, Georgia; Kansas City, Missouri; Miami Gardens, Florida; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Santa Clara, California; and Seattle, Washington.

To learn more or express interest:

- **Primary POC:** Contact your local FBI Field Office Counter-UAS Coordinator to discuss eligibility, seat nominations, and scheduling.
- **Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal (LEEP):** In JusticeConnect, search for the "FBI National Counter-UAS Training Center (NCUTC)" community for course details and announcements.
- **General questions** may be directed to ncutc@fbi.gov.

