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El Paso is the First U.S. City to Implement Fully Networked Remote ID System to Detect Drones, Protect Airspace
Installation Achieved Ahead of FAA's Broadcast ID Mandate

EL PASO, TX - The City of El Paso is the first city in the United States to implement a fully networked remote identification (Remote ID) system to detect drones flying within and beyond 500 square miles of the airspace from the El Paso International Airport.

The groundbreaking achievement will serve as a model for other cities across the nation and will provide enhanced public safety, support for commercial drone operations, and privacy protection for drone pilots. Implementation of the system comes months ahead of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) mandate requiring broadcast Remote ID by September 16, 2023.

"El Paso's accomplishment in implementing the first fully networked Remote ID system, going beyond the FAA's broadcast ID requirements, is a testament to our city's dedication to embracing technology and innovation," said El Paso Aviation Director Sam Rodriguez. "This milestone positions El Paso as a leader in the drone industry, paving the way for a safer, more efficient, and prosperous future for our community."

The fully networked Remote ID system is a cutting-edge drone identification and tracking technology designed to provide real-time information about drones operating within a specified airspace. **Public benefits of the system include:**

Enhanced Public Safety: Provides real-time information about drone flights to prevent unauthorized drone operations and reduce the risk of accidents in air space.

Support for Commercial Drone Operations: Paves the way for the expansion of commercial drone operations, including package delivery, infrastructure inspection, and emergency response services.

Privacy Protection: Adheres to strict privacy guidelines, to protect the personal information of drone operators.

Learn more at: https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting_started/remote_id.

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