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Don't Fly Your Drone at Super Bowl 50: "Know Before You Fly" Reminds UAS Users to Respect Temporary Flight Restrictions

Education Campaign Urges UAS Operators to Adhere to TFRs, Safety Guidelines during Football's Big Game

WASHINGTON — Know Before You Fly today reminded unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) operators and model aviators to respect temporary flight restrictions (TFR) in effect around Super Bowl 50 on Feb. 7. There will be a TFR around the big game, which goes into effect at 2 p.m. PST and lasts until 11:59 p.m. PST. During this time, model aircraft and drones will be prohibited from flying within a 32 nautical mile radius of Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California.

The Super Bowl TFR is expansive because the big game is considered a special security event, but it's not just the Super Bowl that's subject to flight restrictions. The FAA typically restricts the airspace around sporting events with a seating capacity of 30,000 or more, including concerts, major league baseball and motor speedway events. TFRs are also issued for presidential visits and during natural disasters or hazards, such as wildfires. More information about the types of TFRs may be found here.

For more specific guidance on the TFR in effect for Super Bowl 50, please consult the FAA site here. Additionally, download the FAA's B4UFLY app, now available on the App Store or Google Play, to find upto-date information on TFRs.

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When TFRs are not in place, Know Before You Fly would like to remind flyers to follow these guidelines to keep the skies safe for all:

- Fly no higher than 400 feet
- Fly within visual line of sight
- Stay well clear of other aircraft
- Never fly within 5 miles of an airport without contacting airport authorities or air traffic control
- Keep well away from emergency response efforts, such as fires
- Beware of FAA airspace requirements (http://www.faa.gov/uas/tfr/)
- Don't fly under the influence
- Make sure to register before your first flight (http://knowbeforeyoufly.org/register-your-drone/)

Know Before You Fly was launched in December 2014 by the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International and the Academy of Model Aeronautics in partnership with the Federal Aviation Administration, with the goal of spreading awareness about safe and responsible use of unmanned aircraft systems. For more information on safe and responsible flying, visit KnowBeforeYouFly.org or follow @FlyResponsibly on Twitter.

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About AUVSI

The Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International is the world's largest non-profit organization devoted exclusively to advancing the unmanned systems and robotics

community. Serving more than 7,500 members from government organizations, industry and academia, AUVSI is committed to fostering, developing, and promoting unmanned systems and robotics technologies. For more information, visit <u>AUVSI.org.</u>



About AMA

The Academy of Model Aeronautics, founded in 1936, continues to be devoted to national airspace safety. It serves as the nation's collective voice for approximately 180,000 modelers in 2,400 clubs in the United States and Puerto Rico. Headquartered in Muncie, Indiana, AMA is a membership organization

representing those who fly model aircraft for recreation and educational purposes. For more information, visit www.modelaircraft.org.