

Emergency Procedures

In the unlikely event of a “flyaway”, the PIC shall make note of the last known heading, altitude, throttle settings and estimated available run time. The PIC will then contact the appropriate Air Traffic Control (ATC) facility via phone and alert them to the last known location of the UA, its altitude, direction of flight and remaining flight time available. Incident command shall be notified of the flyaway situation and observers along the flight shall be notified to observe and track the aircraft. Mission commander may dispatch a chase vehicle if no recovery resources exist along the expected flight path. The chase vehicle shall be equipped with control equipment to attempt to re-establish contact and regain control of the RPV.

In the event of “hard over” or catastrophic failure that causes the UA to descend in an unexpected manner, the PIC shall make note of the last known heading, altitude and throttle settings and shall notify the incident commander at his/her earliest possible convenience of the impending touchdown of the UA. Personnel within the touchdown zone shall be notified to observe the aircraft and assist in recovery operations as required.