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DroneUp Announces Responsible Community Pilot (RCP) Program To Advance Community Safety and Training

Chesapeake, VA (April 30, 2018) -- [DroneUp](#), a market-leading drone pilot community focused on safer skies through continuous education and sense of purpose, is collaborating with industry leaders and government officials to promote the desired outcomes of the FAA, public safety personnel, and the unmanned systems community by today announcing the [Responsible Community Pilot](#) (RCP) program.

The mass proliferation of small Unmanned Aerial Systems (sUAS), specifically those operated by non-commercial pilots, has created nearly unparalleled policy, safety, and legislative issues. To remove confusion and help increase resources available to all pilots, DroneUp is partnering with the International Association of Community Drone Pilots (IACDP) to provide tools and resources to meet the real objectives of improving airspace safety.

By providing free access to a community-based set of guidelines and programming, the RCP program engages drone pilots through training, certification, idea-sharing, and community. DroneUp provides the means and connections with the community to help pilots operate in the national airspace. Some of those free tools include:

- Continually updated online courses and exams that improve regulation awareness
- Mission-driven experiential exercises that improve piloting skills
- An online community for questions and discussion
- Mobile apps that verify where it is safe to fly and active advisories nearby
- Comprehensive Standards of Conduct
- Detailed Safety Guidelines
- Advocacy on behalf of the community

“Our efforts to build this community through training and a sense of purpose are having dramatic positive effects on ensuring air safety,” said Tom Walker, Founder & CEO, DroneUp. “We are dedicated to not only continuing our efforts, but to sharing collected data that will prove invaluable to officials as they draft future policies.”

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In advocating for both commercial and non-commercial use of small unmanned aircraft systems, IACDP represents commercial, recreational, military and public safety pilots.

“IACDP is motivated by a desire to make a positive impact on the industry,” said IACDP President, John Evans. “We are still growing and expanding our training, certification, and advocacy resources. We see organizations like DroneUp as valuable strategic partners for our mission.”

To-date, more than 20,000 non-commercial sUAS pilots are active members of DroneUp’s RCP community. Through affiliations with its non-profit partners, this number is expected to increase to more than 100,000 sUAS pilots over the next six months.

Membership in DroneUp’s RCP program requires successful annual completion of the RCP training and examination online. Upon completion of the certification, RCP participants will receive a certificate with a unique ID number, an RCP badge in DroneUp’s mobile app; they also may request a personalized RCP ID Badge.

For more information on DroneUp’s Responsible Community Pilot (RCP) program, please visit: <https://www.droneup.com/responsible-community-pilot-rcp/>.

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DroneUp is the industry-leading community solely focused on safer skies through Continuous Education and Sense of Purpose. Membership requires regular completion of our free DroneUp Safe Operations course, occasional participation in sanctioned missions, and compliance with IACDP’s Standards of Conduct and Pilot Safety Guidelines. Headquartered in Chesapeake, VA, DroneUp has been serving the sUAS community since 2016 and partners with organizations to enhance the drone experience. For more information visit us at www.droneup.com or contact us at info@droneup.com.