



Safety Alert

Use of UAV's at Rural Fires

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Notice has been received from a Fire Service Fire Fighter concerning the flying of a 'Drone' (UAV) during aerial operations at a recent Rural Fire in Pines Beach.

With the drought like conditions throughout New Zealand and the high risk of more operations of this nature, the ramifications and dangers posed to our rural fire fighters of the UAV failing or coming into contact with the Helicopter/s during operations are such, that I am issuing this Safety Alert.

Please advise all firefighting personnel that should a Drone (UAV) be observed in the area of a rural fire to notify the Incident Controller immediately.

Regards

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