Attention Recreational Drone Operators:

According to the FAA, one million drones were sold in 2015. Whether you received a drone as a gift, already have one or gave one to someone else; flying a drone in the National Airspace (NAS) comes with a huge responsibility to fly it safely and responsibly. Once your drone is in the air you are considered a pilot and must follow the rules and guidelines set forth by the FAA in flying in the shared NAS. Remember that a hospital helipad is considered an airport and you are required to notify the hospital that you are flying within five miles of the helipad. We want you to have fun and enjoy your drone while flying safe and responsibly. Our flight crews, patients and the first responders are counting on you! To learn more go to www.knowbeforeyoufly.org

Drone Registration:

Hobby operators who have drone(s) weighing one half pound to 55 pounds, that were purchased before 12/21/15 are required to register them by 2/19/16. Registration is through a special website at https://www.faa.gov/uas/registration/. Upon registering, drone operators will receive a certificate to print out containing their registration number. That number must be placed on all of their drones. Registration is valid for three years. A registration fee of $5 per operator will be charged, but if you register before 1/20/16, your $5 will be refunded. Those who purchase drones on or after 12/21 must register before flying the drone outdoors. A federal law effective 12/21/15 requires unmanned aircraft registration. If you do not register, you are subject to civil & criminal penalties. Learn any restrictions/requirements in effect at the location where you want to fly by using the B4UFLY Smart Phone App at https://www.faa.gov/uas/b4ufly/