

Is a RPA missing part of the common operational picture?

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The answer is:

• Maybe - but still some concerns..

Why?



Top 100 Drone Crash Fail Win compilation 2016

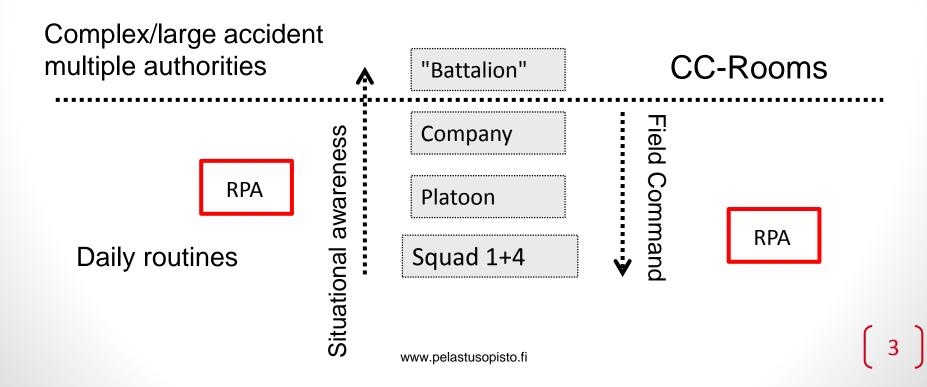
Are we talking about toys or serious tools?

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Background of operative system in Finland

• Rescue Services Field Organization of 4 levels:





Operative situations



Fire engines

Police

vehicles

Ambulances

Field Commanders

CC Rooms

Border Patrols

Technical environments

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RPAS Regulation in Finland

- Finnish Aviation Authority (TRAFI) regulation:
 - TRAFI/4482/03.04.00.00/2015 (OPS M1-32)
 - Regulations & Standards for RPA usage
 - The obligation to notify RPA & user information to TRAFI
 - Obligatory to maintain Flight logbook (3 year history)
 - Obligatory accident reporting to TRAFI
 - Only VLOS

=> Framework for safe RPA usage

• Privacy regulation!



RPA – **Training at ESC**

- Part of operative situation management training
 - To understand where and how RPA is to be used
 - Part of Situational awareness (interfaces...)
 - Usage of information (real time or ...)
- Focus on safety theory first
- Common operational procedures (under development)
- Standardized equipment's
 - Maintenance
- Theory exams
- Flight exercises & test Flights
- Continuous training (weekly)



License to use/fly





Key requirements For RPAS

- User friendliness simple to use (COTS Price)
- Safety
- Robustness
- All environmental conditions (wind, rain, (low)temperature)
- Interfaces to CCC
- Battery lifetime => flight time
- Control link <=> flight distance
- Video link <=> real time usage distance
- Payload variety of sensors
- User guides & Safety rules
- Standardized ...



RPAS to whom?

- How real-time video affects on the operative field command processes in different levels of rescue service organization?
- For example in the situation where the field commander is not physically present at the area
 - Requirements for the quality of information which is needed to lead operational emergency situations.
 - The amount and quality of the information for management in disasters.



User Needs /User Cases (examples)

- Situational information produced by real-time video to the field commander/fire officer in charge of rescue services
- Survey extent of the accident/disaster
- Survey dangerous situations (chemical, explosives, nuclear, ...)
- Search (thermal video)
- The key is to understand how to use RPAS (and real-time video) in rescue services to improve operative process
- To be more possibilities that are not yet recognized/utilized...



Operative procedures

- Study Veneskari (2010) where to use :
 - 1. Wild fire
 - 2. Natural disaster (storm, flood, etc)
 - 3. Oil spill
 - 4. Building fire
 - 5. Traffic accidents
 - 6. Nuclear accident ...
- Right strategy to be defined
- One solution for all needs??



Technology

- Is developing with exponential speed should we wait?
 - Easiness
 - Price erosion
 - Agility robustness flight time
 - Sensors
 - Interfaces integration
- <u>Ambulance DRONEs</u>



Development continues

- Separate areas of development:
 - 1. Operative use cases
 - 2. Field management COPs
 - 3. RPAS Technology
 - 4. CCC technology ...
- Co-operation with other users/authorities
 - Best practices
- Innovations and R&D projects
 - Research, studies
 - Small scale experimentations



Conclusion

- RPA usage must be coordinated & controlled
- Proper and continuous training "license to use& Fly"
- Continuous development of operative usage = needs & use cases
- Development of the RPA technology is moving fast forward
- The only way to learn is to do it...

=> IT IS EASY TO USE





Thank you! Questions?

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