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FROM: Interagency Fire Unmanned Aircraft Systems Subcommittee (UASSC)

SUBJECT: **Recommended change of ordering standard for agency owned Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) to be consistent with other aircraft.**

Current Method

2020 National Interagency Mobilization Guide, Chapter 50 - page 70

Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)

Incident UAS missions may be conducted on a small scale by agency owned UAS and an agency crew or on a larger scale by vendor owned and operated UAS with agency support.

Agency owned UAS are ordered as standard overhead with the UAS defined in the Special Needs block in IROC.

Vendor owned UAS are ordered as an Aircraft number in IROC.

Proposed Method

Agency owned UAS are rostered by aircraft registration number and ordered as an Aircraft number in IROC with UAS Pilot (UASP) as subordinate.

Rationale & Application

Including agency owned UAS under Aircraft numbers brings ordering and tracking practices for dispatch centers and Aviation Operations Branch Directors into alignment with the rest of the aviation fleet and eases workload for mobilization and reassignment.

UAS Pilots in custodianship of aircraft would roster daily availability with their respective dispatch centers. Additional pilots, trainees or data specialists can also then be rostered as subordinates under the aircraft number in IROC.

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