

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service

Privacy Notice – Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) and Underwater Remotely Operated Vehicles (UROV)

This privacy notice is designed to help you understand how and why we use UAVs and UROVs. Footage of individuals is classed as personal data where an individual can be directly or indirectly identified.

Why do you need to process my image and how will you use it?

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) own and/or operate systems intended to overtly capture video during the course of their duty, such as at operational incidents. These systems will be used with the intention to:

- Support search and rescue operations.
- Support firefighting operations.
- Provide evidence to support incident investigation.
- Assist in learning and sharing of best practice both as self-reflection for the user and as part of the debrief process and operational assurance. Both internally and externally.
- Improve operational decision making and utilisation of footage for training.
- To help meet the statutory duty under the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 and Civil Contingencies Act 2004 to maintain operational functionality and interoperability with other responders at all times.
- Two aspects of the LFRS Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) are “making better use of technology” and “Delivering value for money” with the edit of “Use technology to develop and deliver our services more efficiently and to ensure more effective working”. The use of UAVs and UROVs assists LFRS to deliver on these pledges.

UAVs and UROVs will not be used for covert surveillance, covert surveillance is that carried out in a manner calculated to ensure that subjects of it are unaware it is or may be taking place.

Lawful basis for processing

The Fire and Rescue Service Act 2004 makes it a requirement that we secure the provision of the personnel, services and equipment necessary to meet all normal requirements.

General Data Protection Regulation

The condition for processing under the GDPR will be:

- **Article 6(1)(e)** – The processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority invested in the controller.
- **Article 9(2)(c)** – Vital Interests.
- **Article 9(2)(g)** – Substantial Public Interest and Schedule 1 part 2(10)(1)(a) of the DPA2018, the processing is necessary for the purposes of the prevention or detection of an unlawful act.

Automated decision making, including profiling

When Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service process your information, we will not process your data to make a decision by wholly automated means.

Who will have access to the information?

The footage captured will be collected and stored on a removeable SD card. This footage will only be viewed on a LFRS Drone Team Laptop. Access is limited to members of the Drone Team as appropriate, and LFRS Incident Investigators. Footage will also be passed to the Police and Coroners as required to aid investigations.

How long will you keep hold of my information?

Imagery captured will generally be kept for a period of 28 days. The information will be deleted after this time if it is not required for incident review, training, investigation, or for provision to Coroners or the Police. If this is the case, the footage will be held for as long as required to fulfil these purposes.

Is there anything else I need to know when it comes to my personal information?

To find out more about the rights you have when it comes to your personal information or who you can contact to discuss it further, see below.

Your Rights

In certain circumstances the Data Protection Act 2018 will provide you with various rights regarding your personal information, such as the right to;

- Request sight of the information that we are holding on you
- Request the rectification of any inaccurate personal data
- Request erasure of personal data
- Request restriction of processing
- Object to the processing of your data
- Data portability
- Lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office
- Request to withdraw consent where the processing is based on consent

To find out more about your rights [click here](#).

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss how we use your information, please contact the Knowledge and Information Officer via:

Knowledge and Information Officer (Info Governance)
Service Development Department
Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service
Fire Service HQ
Garstang Road
Fulwood
Preston
PR2 3LH
Email: infogov@lancsfirerescue.org.uk
Telephone: 01772 866907

You can also contact the Information Commissioner's Office for further guidance or to lodge a complaint at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
www.ico.org.uk

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Email: casework@ico.org.uk

Any complaint to the Information Commissioner is without prejudice to your right to seek redress through the courts.

Changes to this Privacy Notice

We keep this privacy notice under regular review. It will be reviewed at least once every 3 years and if appropriate, amended to maintain its relevance with changes to legislation and best practice guidelines.

Changes to this Privacy Notice	
Last review:	09 March 2023
Next review:	09 March 2026