



# West Virginia Emergency Management Division Drone Fleeing Suspect Tracking and Identification

**Location:** WV State Police Academy, 135 Academy Drive, Dunbar, WV 25064

**Instructors:** Appalachian UAV Academy - David Crabtree

**Course Dates:** August 11, 2026 - 8:00am to 5:00 pm

**Course Description: Fleeing Suspect Tracking and Identification:** This one-day training teaches law enforcement officers how to track fleeing suspects using thermal drones. The class starts with a concise classroom presentation on thermal imaging and drone tactics, followed by hands-on field operations in both daylight and darkness. Officers leave with practical skills to locate suspects quickly and safely.

**Class size is limited to a maximum of 15 students.**

**You must be a FAA certificated Part 107 Remote Pilot**

**Students are required to bring their own drone.**

**Students will need to register through [www.wvpst.org](http://www.wvpst.org) for this class**

**Go to Charleston website calendar, find class needed and click on class to register.**

Please contact **Eva Godbey** with questions about registration at  
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