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****MEDIA ADVISORY****

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMERCIAL UAS TRAININGS AT
AMA EXPO IN ONTARIO, CA JANUARY 6 - 8**

MUNCIE, Ind. – This year, [AMA Expo West](#), presented by ReadyMadeRC.com, has teamed up with Fly Robotics to offer two educational trainings aimed at providing public safety officers and commercial drone users with the knowledge needed to fly UAS technology safely and responsibly. The trainings will take place during the three-day expo, January 6-8 in Ontario, California and will also be available throughout 2017.

- **Part 107 Preparatory Training:** This training will provide commercial UAS pilots with the information they need to pass the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) Part 107 Remote Pilot test. The class is tailored around the FAA’s recently released regulations surrounding the commercial use of sUAS. The training will be applicable to pilots of all skill levels, and will be offered from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM on Friday, January 6.
- **Public Safety UAS Training:** This training will put public safety officers through a series of flight exercises that test hand-eye coordination and orientation management. Attendees will then apply the skills they’ve learned through a series of Live Flight Public Safety Scenarios, where each operator completes a search-and-rescue mission, active shooter recon, suspicious package inspection, and structure fire site management training. The training will be offered from 3:00 – 5:00 PM on Friday, January 6. Space is limited, so please email juliab@modelaircraft.org to RSVP for the free session.
 - Courses will also be offered around the country throughout 2017:
 - February 16-18, San Antonio, Texas
 - April 20-22, Indianapolis, Indiana
 - June 22-24, Indianapolis, Indiana
 - August 24-26, Indianapolis, Indiana
 - October 26-28, Memphis, Tennessee
 - December 7-9, Jacksonville, Florida

The full schedule for the AMA expo is available [here](#). Other highlights of the event include:

- **Drone Camp** – Try-N-Fly, hands-on workshops for ages 7 to 19 to learn how to build, set-up, fly and even do tricks with a drone. [Reserve your spot](#) for a Saturday or Sunday session in advance.

- **Make N Take Sessions** – Kids can assemble and take home their very own rockets and gliders.
- **Speaker Series** – Ongoing presentations, including:
 - Red Jensen, sUAS Chief Pilot at NASA: “The History of Subscale Flight Research at Armstrong”
 - David and Sarah Oneal, *That Drone Show*: Showing and discussion of the new documentary “The Drone Invasion”
 - Author Julian Guthrie and Space Ship One Structural Engineer Dan Kreigh: “How to Make a Spaceship. Start by Building Model Planes.”

Sponsors of the Expo include Ready Made RC, Nationwide Insurance, Aerobeez, Castle Creations, = Estes Rockets and Northwest RC. Ticket details and pricing can be found [here](#).

What: AMA Expo West

When: Friday, January 6, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday, January 7, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday, January 8, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Where: Ontario Convention Center
2000 E. Convention Center Way
Ontario, California 91764

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The Academy of Model Aeronautics, founded in 1936 serves as the nation’s collective voice for approximately 200,000 modelers in more than 2,400 clubs in the United States and Puerto Rico. Headquartered in Muncie, Indiana, AMA is a membership organization representing those who fly model aircraft and drones for recreation and educational purposes.

For more information, visit www.amaexpo.com