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### Incidents/Articles of Note:

#### Police

- [FOIA Bill Allows Some Access To Criminal Investigation Records \(VA\)](#)
- [Student Charged In Chesterfield School Threat Used App To 'Disguise His Identity,' Police Say \(VA\)](#)
- [Colorado Gov. Jared Polis Signs Two Gun Bills Into Law About A Month After Boulder Shooting](#)
- [Pandemic Likely Contributor To Auto Theft And Vandalism Spike, Police Chief Says \(VA\)](#)
- [FBI determines bomb threat was no threat at Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport](#)
- [Man is arrested after trapping a police officer's arm in his truck window and speeding off](#)

#### Fire/EMS

- [Botetourt County Department of Fire & EMS delivering vaccine to residents](#)
- [Fire-EMS crews participate in large animal rescue training in Botetourt County](#)
- [Sheriff: 1 dead after camper fire in Smyth County VA](#)
- [Roanoke Fire-EMS awarded over \\$161,000 for swift water rescue, hazardous materials equipment](#)
- [House passes Comstock bill aiding firefighters, first responders](#)
- [First responders train for active shooter response](#)



Resource - First Responder Toolbox

#### Persistent Threat of Terrorist Ambush Attacks on First Responders

Ambush attacks on first responders raise security concerns and challenges for public safety personnel. The tactic's appeal to terrorists likely stems from the nature of the target, the attack concealment, and the element of surprise. In addition, the suddenness of an ambush attack may limit reaction and response by first responders, potentially providing the attacker with a tactical advantage.

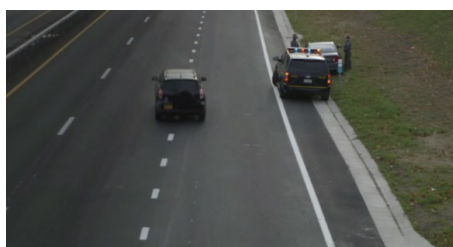
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#### Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS): Recognizing Malicious Modification

First responders, UAS enthusiasts and vendors, and the public may encounter suspicious activities, equipment, or behaviors associated with modification of UAS1 for nefarious purposes. Early identification of potential UAS misuse and illegal or malicious modification is a critical aspect of public safety. UAS appeal to terrorists, as they are a relatively inexpensive and highly portable system that can offer tactical advantages—such as circumventing physical security measures—during the planning and execution of an attack.

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#### Emergency Responder Safety: States and DOT Are Implementing Actions to Reduce Roadside Crashes

First responders stopped on the side of the road risk being struck by passing vehicles. To protect these workers, all states and D.C. enacted "Move Over" laws that require motorists to move over to another lane or slow down when they pass a roadside incident.

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Webinar - Thursday, April 29th, 2021 - 1:00pm EST

#### Webinar: Camp Fire study findings

The International Association of Fire Chiefs invites you to attend a joint presentation by the National Institute of Standards and Technology and USFA to discuss the findings of the multi-year Camp Fire study and what they mean for local fire departments.

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