

TEXCON 2026 Brings Texas' Premier Public Safety UAS Training to Globe Life Field, October 19–22

Four-day conference in Arlington features national leaders, exhibitor showcase, and hands-on training hosted by North Texas partner agencies

ARLINGTON, TX, UNITED STATES, October 6, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [DRONERESPONDERS](#), the world's

leading nonprofit program supporting public safety agencies that fly drones to save lives, today announced the program for [TEXCON](#) 2026, the Texas Public Safety [UAS](#) Conference, taking place October 19–22, 2026, at Globe Life Field, home of the Texas Rangers Baseball Club, in Arlington. With less than three weeks until the conference opens, public safety and government personnel are encouraged to register now to secure their seats, especially in the hands-on training courses.

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*Jason Day, Deputy Director of
DRONERESPONDERS*

Recognized as Texas' leading public safety UAS conference, TEXCON brings together the nation's foremost public safety drone professionals, agencies, and industry innovators to accelerate the future of UAS, counter-UAS, and advanced aviation technologies. Produced by AIRT and hosted by the Arlington Police Department, the 2026 conference moves to North Texas with expanded training

capacity and exhibitor space. The conference is supported by partners including Autonomy Global and the AUVSI Lone Star Chapter, with training hosted by Tarrant County College, the Bob Bolen Public Safety Complex in Fort Worth, the Arlington Police Department, and the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

"TEXCON has become the place where Texas agencies and their partners from across the country come to sharpen their skills, see what's next, and build the relationships that make interagency drone operations work when it matters most," said Jason Day, Deputy Director of DRONERESPONDERS. "Bringing it to Globe Life Field, with the Arlington Police Department as our



host agency and training at public safety facilities throughout the region, lets us put more responders through real-world instruction than ever before. Seats in the training courses are limited, so don't wait. Register today and join us in Arlington."

TEXCON is organized by the DRONERESPONDERS Texas Public Safety Coordination Group (TEXGRU), co-chaired by Jason Day and Captain Aaron Fritch. Captain Fritch, a 21-year veteran of the Texas Department of Public Safety, leads the largest public safety UAS programs in the nation. Drawing upon TEXGRU's extensive network of public safety leaders, subject matter experts, and experienced instructors from across Texas, the conference delivers four days of exceptional education, hands-on training, operational best practices, and networking opportunities designed specifically for public safety professionals.

"Texas agencies are asking their drone programs to do more every year, from major event security and counter-UAS to search and rescue, crash reconstruction, and disaster response," said Chief Charles Werner (Ret.), founder and director of DRONERESPONDERS. "TEXCON puts responders in the same room, and on the same training field, as the federal partners, state leaders, and practitioners who are solving those challenges right now. If your agency has been thinking about attending, now is the time to register."

Four Days of Training, Education, and Operational Insight

The conference opens Monday, October 19, with a full day of panels and presentations from leading voices in public safety aviation, technology, and policy. Arlington Police Chief Alexander Jones will deliver the opening keynote, followed by sessions on the state of public safety UAS, lessons learned from UAS operations supporting the FIFA World Cup in Texas and Florida, FAA policy and the future of flight, federal aviation security and counter-UAS, and the impact of drone delivery on public safety operations. Featured speakers include representatives from the Federal Aviation Administration, the Department of Homeland Security, and Amazon Prime Air.

On Wednesday and Thursday, October 21–22, attendees move into immersive, scenario-based training across eight two-day courses hosted by partner agencies throughout North Texas. Courses include the UAS Operators Course, Fire/EMS Course, DOT UAS Course, Tactical Operators Course, Public Safety UAS Program Managers Course, Photogrammetry and Crash Scene Reconstruction Course, PIX4D Training Course, and TAK User Course, taught by instructors from the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Parks and Wildlife, the Austin Fire Department, the Arlington Police Department, the Florida Highway Patrol, and DRONERESPONDERS.

Exhibit Hall and Live Technology Demonstrations

On Tuesday, October 20, the exhibit hall opens from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., where attendees will engage directly with manufacturers, software platforms, solution providers, and counter-UAS technologies, with indoor exhibits and live presentations and flight demonstrations in the outdoor flight area. TEXCON also reunites with the Texas TAK Workshop, bringing TAK-focused panels, operational insights, and ecosystem innovations to the showcase.

Who Should Attend and How to Register

General admission to TEXCON is limited to public safety, military, Department of Transportation, and other government personnel, as well as approved academic organizations, recognized volunteer public safety organizations, and government-adjacent organizations. Private sector companies must participate as exhibitors or sponsors, and a strict no-suitcasing policy is enforced.

Register: events.droneresponders.org/TEXCON Event information: droneresponders.org/events-1/texcon26

About DRONERESPONDERS

DRONERESPONDERS is the world's leading nonprofit program supporting public safety agencies and emergency services organizations using unmanned aircraft systems, Counter-UAS, and Advanced Air Mobility technologies for life-safety missions. The program provides training, data-driven insights, operational best practices, and collaboration opportunities for first responders implementing drone technology in emergency response, law enforcement, fire service, search and rescue, and disaster operations. DRONERESPONDERS is an official program of AIRT, the world's leading 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization advancing Drones For Good® and AAM For Good® for public safety, emergency response, humanitarian assistance, and disaster relief. Learn more at droneresponders.org.

About AIRT

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