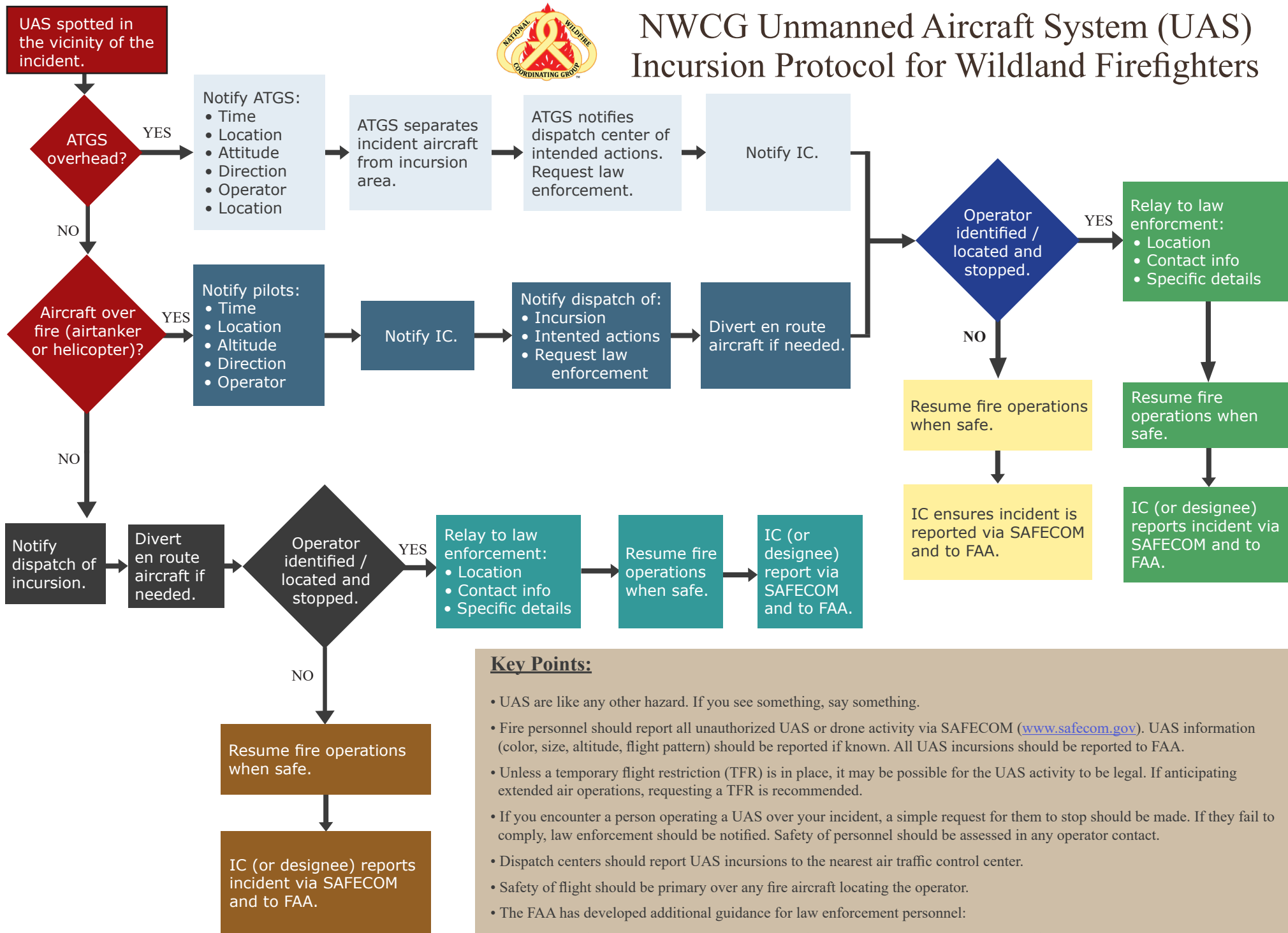




NWCG Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Incursion Protocol for Wildland Firefighters



Key Points:

- UAS are like any other hazard. If you see something, say something.
- Fire personnel should report all unauthorized UAS or drone activity via SAFECOM (www.safecom.gov). UAS information (color, size, altitude, flight pattern) should be reported if known. All UAS incursions should be reported to FAA.
- Unless a temporary flight restriction (TFR) is in place, it may be possible for the UAS activity to be legal. If anticipating extended air operations, requesting a TFR is recommended.
- If you encounter a person operating a UAS over your incident, a simple request for them to stop should be made. If they fail to comply, law enforcement should be notified. Safety of personnel should be assessed in any operator contact.
- Dispatch centers should report UAS incursions to the nearest air traffic control center.
- Safety of flight should be primary over any fire aircraft locating the operator.
- The FAA has developed additional guidance for law enforcement personnel:

https://www.faa.gov/uas/regulations_policies/media/FAA_UAS-PO_LEA_Guidance.pdf