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Join SMG (Sundance Media Group) and the Nevada Highway Patrol for a guided tour / preview of the A.V.O.C (Aerial Vehicle Operations Center) at NHP Southern Command on Thursday August 30, 2018 at 1:30pm.

Sundance Media Group (SMG) announces the Aerial Vehicle Operations Center (AVOC) for unmanned aerial operations. The cooled, large interior operating space with multiple computer stations and operational components designed for night flight will allow SMG to support first responders conducting Search and Rescue missions, serve as over-watch during critical events and other support activities in addition to more common UAV activities in construction site data, real estate image capture, and training operations.

The mobile operations center is self-contained with shore, generator, or battery power ability. In addition to supporting up to four UAS operators at one time, the AVOC is capable of delivering data in real-time to any organization requiring live video, photo, thermal image or data transfer.

The AVOC is the core of the field-training component of the SMG instructor/examiner program which trains UAS pilots to also be instructors, generating in-house training programs for corporations and organizations intending to field a fleet of UAS.

"Our training organization is quite different from the majority of training programs in the US," explains Douglas Spotted Eagle, Director of Educational Programming at SMG, "Rather than simply being pilots that decided to teach, we have implemented aviation standards and training requirements that at the core, are about educational excellence first, risk mitigation-training second, and UAS operations third. Anyone can fly a drone. Yet few 107 pilots have aviation backgrounds and culture, in addition to understanding ISO risk mitigation practices. We offer that background, and that's why we have so many State, Local, and Federal clients pass through our doors."

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