



# MONTHLY MEETING

## Wednesday, November 8, 2017

### ***Drones: Are They Needed or Are They a Nuisance?***

Unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), commonly called unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) or drones, have a host of applications including: Law enforcement, land surveillance, wildlife tracking, search and rescue operations, disaster response, border patrol and photography. State legislatures across the country are debating if and how UAS technology should be regulated, taking into account the benefits of their use, privacy concerns, and their potential economic impact.

This presentation will cover some of the challenges dealing with UAVs in the City of Newport Beach and how we differ from other cities with current federal, state, and local regulations. The program will include a short demonstration by a certified drone pilot on how they actually work.

Lieutenant Damon Psaros is the Support Services Division Commander at the Newport Beach Police Department. He is a 23-year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department and Newport Beach Police Department. Police IT Coordinator Tom Encheff is also currently assigned to the Support Services Division of the Newport Beach Police Department. Tom has been with the Police Department for 15 years and is a licensed part 107 small UAS pilot and a private pilot.

Come and ask questions, and learn more about this new technology.

5:15 – 6:00 pm – Reception hosted by The Bungalow Restaurant

6:00 – 7:00 pm – Program and Q&A

### **Civic Center Community Room**

100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660

*Please bring your neighbors and friends—guests are always welcome!*

*No charge to attend. Reservations are not necessary.*

**For information or to join, call 949.224.2266 or visit [www.speakupnewport.com](http://www.speakupnewport.com)**

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