



MEMORANDUM

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To: Michael J. Heidingsfield
Director, Office of the Director of Police

From: Daniel H. Sharphorn
Vice Chancellor and General Counsel

Subject: Prohibited Technologies: Drones - Law Enforcement and Public Safety Exception

In reference to the Texas DIR Model Security Plan for Prohibited Technologies dated January 26, 2023, use of drones and the associated software from SZ DJI Technology Company with UT-issued tablets is exempt contingent on the following conditions:

1. All drone firmware and software updates shall be conducted using an off-network device,
2. All drone operations must be conducted utilizing ODOP's approved drone flight software,
3. All UT-issued tablets (iOS and Android) that have DJI software installed shall not be directly connected to any UT network; and
4. Cameras and microphones shall be disabled on all UT-issued tablets (iOS and Android) that have DJI software installed when not in active use for their intended purpose.

Careful consideration was given to the potential of data from the drone being transmitted to the manufacturer without the consent of UT. ODOP is aware of and is consistently monitoring alerts from the Department of Homeland Security regarding the security risks posed by DJI manufactured drones and ODOP has taken appropriate steps to mitigate the risk of unwanted data channeling.

This exemption is effective immediately.