MIDWEST DRONE CONFERENCE

Conference Agenda

Thursday, December 17, 2026

Holiday Inn Convention Center • Stevens Point, Wisconsin

Central Time

7:30–8:30 a.m. **Check-in and Breakfast** · Expo 4

8:30–9:30 a.m. **General Session** · All participants · Expo 4

8:30 a.m. Jeramy Williams / Welcome

8:45 a.m. Jurg Grossenbacher and David Hintz, FAA / General Session

9:30–10:00 a.m. **Exhibitor Hall and Networking** · Expo 1 & 2

BREAKOUT I / 10:00–11:15 a.m.

10:00–10:45 a.m.	Room - Woodland	**Russell Hedrick** Agriculture	Promises made, Promises kept. A real American Drone
10:00–10:30 a.m.	Room - Spruce	**Laura Flandermeyer and Jordan Kampa** Regulatory	State Certification and Licensing for Drone Applicators
10:00–10:30 a.m.	Room - Evergreen	**Hal Davis** Inspections	Keeping Airports Safe: How WisDOT uses drones to identify airspace obstructions
10:35–11:20 a.m.	Room - Spruce	**James Longo** Regulatory	Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection; Drone Applications, a brief regulatory overview and Bulletins Live! Two

11:00–11:30 a.m. **Exhibitor Hall and Networking** · Expo 1 & 2

BREAKOUT II / 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.	Room - Spruce	**Eric Greening** Insurance	The Evolving Landscape of Drone Insurance…Insuring Yourself for “Free” on Your Farm Policy
11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Room - Woodland	**Dr. Logan Ebert** Agriculture	Introduction to thermal imagery for stress and water use management in agriculture and natural resources

12:15–1:15 p.m. **Lunch and Networking** · Expo 4

BREAKOUT III / 1:15–2:15 p.m.

1:15–2:00 p.m.	Room - Woodland	**Greg Schulz** Photo & Video	Flying in B, C, D & Surface E Airspace: Professionalism
1:15–2:15 p.m.	Room - Spruce	**Scott Mahloch** Regulatory	FBI Counter-Unmanned Aerial Systems Program
1:15–1:45 p.m.	Room - Evergreen	**Vaughn Tolbert** Insurance	Drone Insurance for Today and Beyond

2:00–2:30 p.m. **Exhibitor Hall and Networking** · Expo 1 & 2

BREAKOUT IV / 2:30–4:00 p.m.

2:30–4:00 p.m.	Room - Woodland	**Mark Ledebuhr** Agriculture	It's easier than you think to do it right: Choosing the right swath width for successful drone sprays
2:30–3:15 p.m.	Room - Evergreen	**R-Advantage Team** Agriculture	Own the Acre — Turning Agronomy into Opportunity
3:15–3:45 p.m.	Room - Spruce	**Mike Gronski** Agriculture	Talk title to be announced

4:00–5:00 p.m. **Exhibitor Social** · Cash bar

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Brian McCornack / From Images to Intelligence: How UAVs Are Transforming Precision Agriculture

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10:00–10:30 a.m.	Room - Woodland	**Dr. Emily Bick** Research	Changing the insect game: UAV pest applications
10:00–10:35 a.m.	Room - Evergreen	**Nick Wayerski** Search and Rescue	Drone Deer Recovery - From A to Z · Part 1 · Session 1
10:00–11:00 a.m.	Room - Spruce	**Steve Doocy** Inspections	Infrastructure Inspections Using UAS at WisDOT
10:40–11:10 a.m.	Room - Woodland	**Dr. Mallika Nocco** Agriculture	Introduction to multispectral imagery and vegetation indices for agriculture and natural resources management
10:45–11:30 a.m.	Room - Evergreen	**Nick Wayerski** Search and Rescue	Drone Deer Recovery - From A to Z · Part 1 · Session 2

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BREAKOUT II / 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.	Room - Woodland	**Dr. Emily Bick** Research	Precision pest management in field crops
11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.	Room - Spruce	**Pj Kirkpatrick** Education	One Pilot, Four Aircraft: Training Remote Pilots for Dock-Based 1:N BVLOS Operations with the Skydio X10 Dock

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BREAKOUT III / 1:15–2:15 p.m.

1:15–2:00 p.m.	Room - Woodland	**Sarah Hovinga** Regulatory	Advancing the Pesticide Regulatory Framework for Spray Drones
1:15–2:00 p.m.	Room - Evergreen	**R-Advantage Team** Agriculture	Beyond the Tank, Science of Spray Performance

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BREAKOUT IV / 2:30–4:00 p.m.

2:30–3:00 p.m.	Room - Evergreen	**R-Advantage Team** Agriculture	Disease Detectives — What's Really Happening in Your Fields
2:30–3:20 p.m.	Room - Woodland	**Joel Jones** Regulatory	Autonomous BVLOS for AG - Exploring the transition from UAS Ag exemption to Part 108 Ag
3:15–3:45 p.m.	Room - Evergreen	**R-Advantage Team** Agriculture	Proof Over Promises — Turning Field Data Into Dollars
3:30–4:00 p.m.	Room - Woodland	**Joel Jones** Regulatory	Gaining Access to UAS Heavy Lift Operations

4:00–5:00 p.m. **Exhibitor Social** · Cash bar

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Saturday, December 19, 2026

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8:30–9:15 a.m. **General Session** · All participants · Expo 4

9:30–10:00 a.m. **Exhibitor Hall and Networking** · Expo 1 & 2

BREAKOUT I / 10:00–11:30 a.m.

10:00–11:00 a.m.	Room - Evergreen	**Jerry Minor** Police and Fire	Fire and EMS Operations and Drones
10:00–10:35 a.m.	Room - Woodland	**Nick Wayerski** Search and Rescue	Drone Deer Recovery - From A to Z · Part 2 · Session 1
10:00–10:45 a.m.	Room - Spruce	**John Brennan** Agriculture	Lessons Learned : What Matters More; the Operator or the Drone
10:45–11:30 a.m.	Room - Woodland	**Nick Wayerski** Search and Rescue	Drone Deer Recovery - From A to Z · Part 2 · Session 2

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BREAKOUT II / 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Room - Evergreen	**Brandon Sersch** Exterior Cleaning	Drones used for exterior cleaning
11:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.	Room - Woodland	**Alex Crockford** Education	From Flight Skills to Field Solutions: An Agricultural Drone Curriculum in Action
11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.	Room - Spruce	**Levi Eastlick** Regulatory	UAS Regulations Beyond the FAA, other fed, state and local rules that may impact drone flight

12:15–1:15 p.m. **Lunch and Networking** · Expo 4

BREAKOUT III / 1:15–2:00 p.m.

1:15–1:45 p.m.	Room - Evergreen	**Dylan Nemmers** Surveying	Profitability of RTK (Real-Time Kinematics)
1:15–2:00 p.m.	Room - Woodland	**Joe Foy** Police and Fire	From Tactical to Practical
1:15–2:00 p.m.	Room - Spruce	**Dan Flack** Regulatory	Why Blue Matters to You

2:00–2:15 p.m. **Break**

BREAKOUT IV / 2:15–3:15 p.m.

2:15–3:15 p.m.	Room - Spruce	**Keith Cormican** Search and Rescue	Underwater Search and Rescue
2:15–2:45 p.m.	Room - Woodland	**R-Advantage Team** Agriculture	Fungicide Fundamentals — Product Breakdown and Playbook