



NATO Stability Policing Centre of Excellence Lessons Learned Branch



Subject: ACT - RFS 20#042 / NATO COVID-19 LL Campaign

ODCR FORM

TITLE: Best Practice. The use of NATOSPCOE drone.

OBSERVATION:

To support the patrols of the Vicenza Provincial Carabinieri Command in the surveillance of the area of responsibility by the use of the Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS). The RPAS was controlled by two members of the NATOSPCOE.

DISCUSSION

Two Carabinieri of the NSPCoE, who possess the certification to pilot Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPASs), were employed to support the local Carabinieri Provincial Command. Normally this Remotely Piloted Aircraft System is used by the Centre for training purposes. Due to the fact that the Carabinieri Provincial Command, which does not have this capability, nor specialised personnel amongst its ranks, it was really useful in Carabinieri operations for preventing and countering mass-gathering in the area of Vicenza.

CONCLUSION

Helping the local community through the Carabinieri Provincial Command with personnel and equipment it was a great opportunity to assist the local authorities and in the same time a training opportunity for the authorized NSPCOE personnel.

RECOMMENDATION

NSPCOE should continue to support the local authorities with personnel and equipment when needed.