Industry-Recognized Credentials (IRCs)

Criminal Justice & Public Safety Program – RTCC

Our program provides students with multiple opportunities to earn nationally recognized certifications that strengthen employability in law enforcement, public safety, fire/EMS, emergency management, and unmanned aircraft operations.

Type II IRC (Primary Credential)

• FAA Part 107 Remote Pilot Certificate
Federal certification authorizing graduates to operate small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS) for commercial and government applications, including law enforcement and search-and-rescue missions.

Type I IRCs

• FEMA ICS-100 – Introduction to the Incident Command System
• FEMA ICS-200 – Basic Incident Command for Initial Response
• FEMA IS-700 – National Incident Management System (NIMS) Overview
• FEMA IS-800 – National Response Framework (NRF) Overview
• First Aid / CPR / AED Certification (American Red Cross or AHA)
• OSHA 10 – General Industry Safety

Additional FEMA & UAS Training (Industry-Accepted Credentials)

Although not classified as IRCs, these FEMA-backed and nationally recognized trainings are widely adopted across public safety, emergency management, and UAS operations and are included within the program's UAS and Search & Rescue modules.

• AWR-345 – Unmanned Aircraft Systems in Disaster Management
• PER-404 – Unmanned Aircraft Systems for Search and Rescue
• IS-5 – Introduction to Hazardous Materials

• NIST / ASTM F3379-20 Basic Proficiency Test for Public Safety Drone Operations
A nationally used skills-based evaluation measuring competency in UAS operations for law enforcement, fire, and emergency response agencies.

Dual Enrollment College Courses (CCV)

Students have the opportunity to earn up to *six* college credits through the Community College of Vermont (CCV) while completing the program.

- **Introduction to Criminal Justice (CRJ-1010)**
  Foundational exploration of the American criminal justice system, including policing, courts, and corrections.

- **Introduction to Psychology (PSY-1010)**
  Overview of psychological principles relevant to human behavior, decision-making, crisis response, and public safety professions.