

FDC 6/4375: SURVIVING THE FAA'S NATIONWIDE MOBILE TFR

Operational Analysis & Risk Mitigation

EFFECTIVE: January 16, 2026 – October 29, 2027

STATUS: Active Nationwide

TARGET AUDIENCE: Part 107 Commercial, Media, and
Public Safety (DFR) Operators

**CRITICAL
COMPLIANCE
BRIEFING**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: A PARADIGM SHIFT IN AIRSPACE



THE RULE

FDC 6/4375 creates a permanent, moving National Defense Airspace bubble around DoD, DOE, and DHS vehicles across all 50 states.



THE PROBLEM

Unmappable due to federal OPSEC. Operators have no way to verify the presence of unmarked federal vehicles via standard apps like B4UFLY or LAANC.



THE PENALTY

Under FAA Bulletin 2026-1, accidental violations trigger automatic legal enforcement, \$75,000 fines, and full airman certificate revocation.



THE ACTION

Adopt hyper-conservative urban flight planning, immediate grounding protocols upon spotting law enforcement, and strict pre-flight documentation.

DECONSTRUCTING FDC 6/4375

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) FACILITIES AND MOBILE ASSETS...
GROUND VEHICLE CONVOYS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED ESCORTS...
NATIONAL DEFENSE AIRSPACE... PROHIBITED FROM FLYING WITHIN A STAND-OFF DISTANCE OF 3000FT Laterally AND 1000FT ABOVE...

UNPRECEDENTED SCOPE

Prohibits all drones from flying near DoD, DOE, DOJ, and DHS mobile assets and convoys.

NATIONAL DEFENSE STATUS

Classified under 49 U.S.C. § 40103(B)(3). Gives a moving federal rental car the exact same airspace weight as a military base.

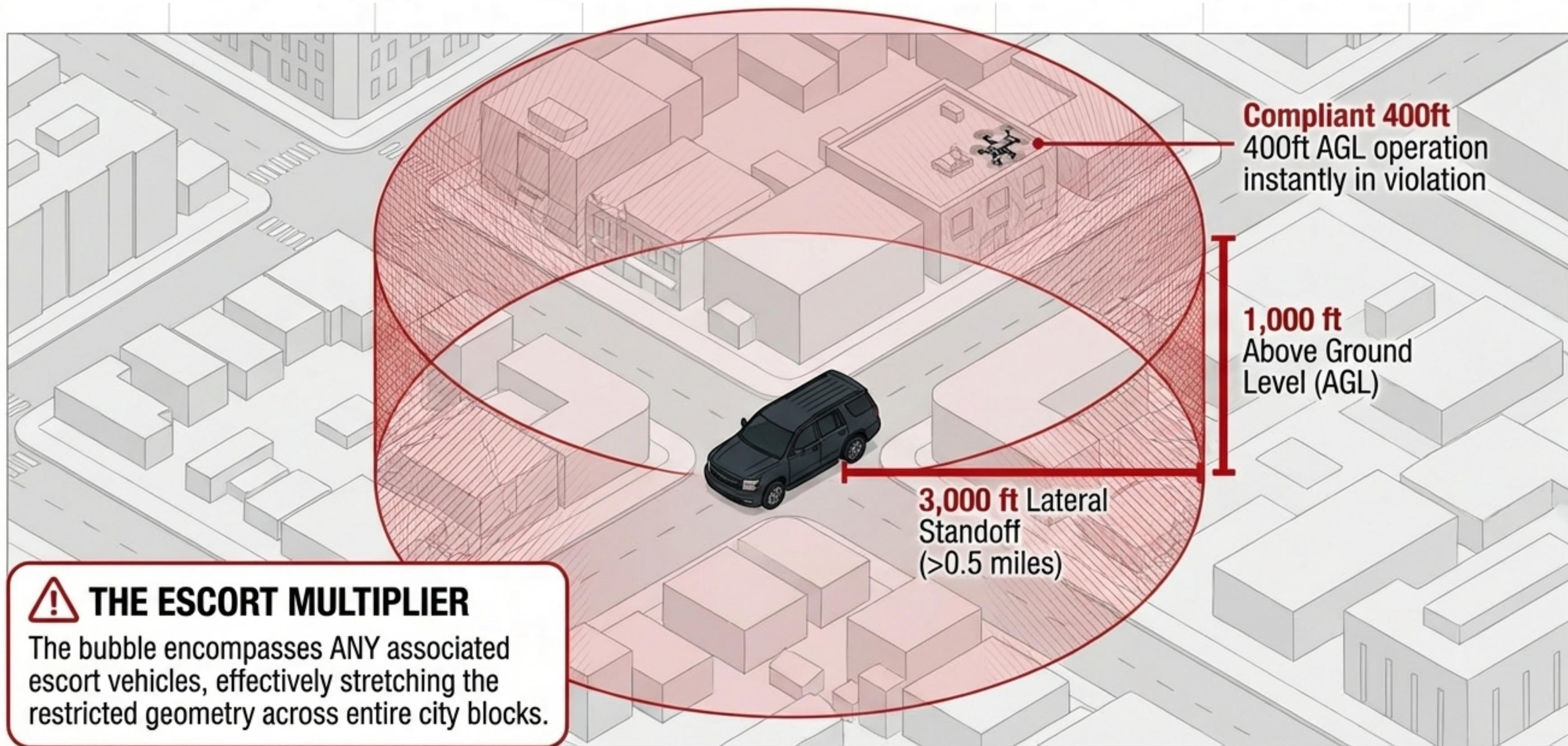
DURATION & GEOGRAPHY

Active continuously for 21 months across all 50 states with zero fixed geographic boundaries.

EXTREME MITIGATION

Authorizes federal agents to intercept, seize, damage, or destroy your drone if deemed a threat.



THE GEOMETRY OF THE MOVING BUBBLE



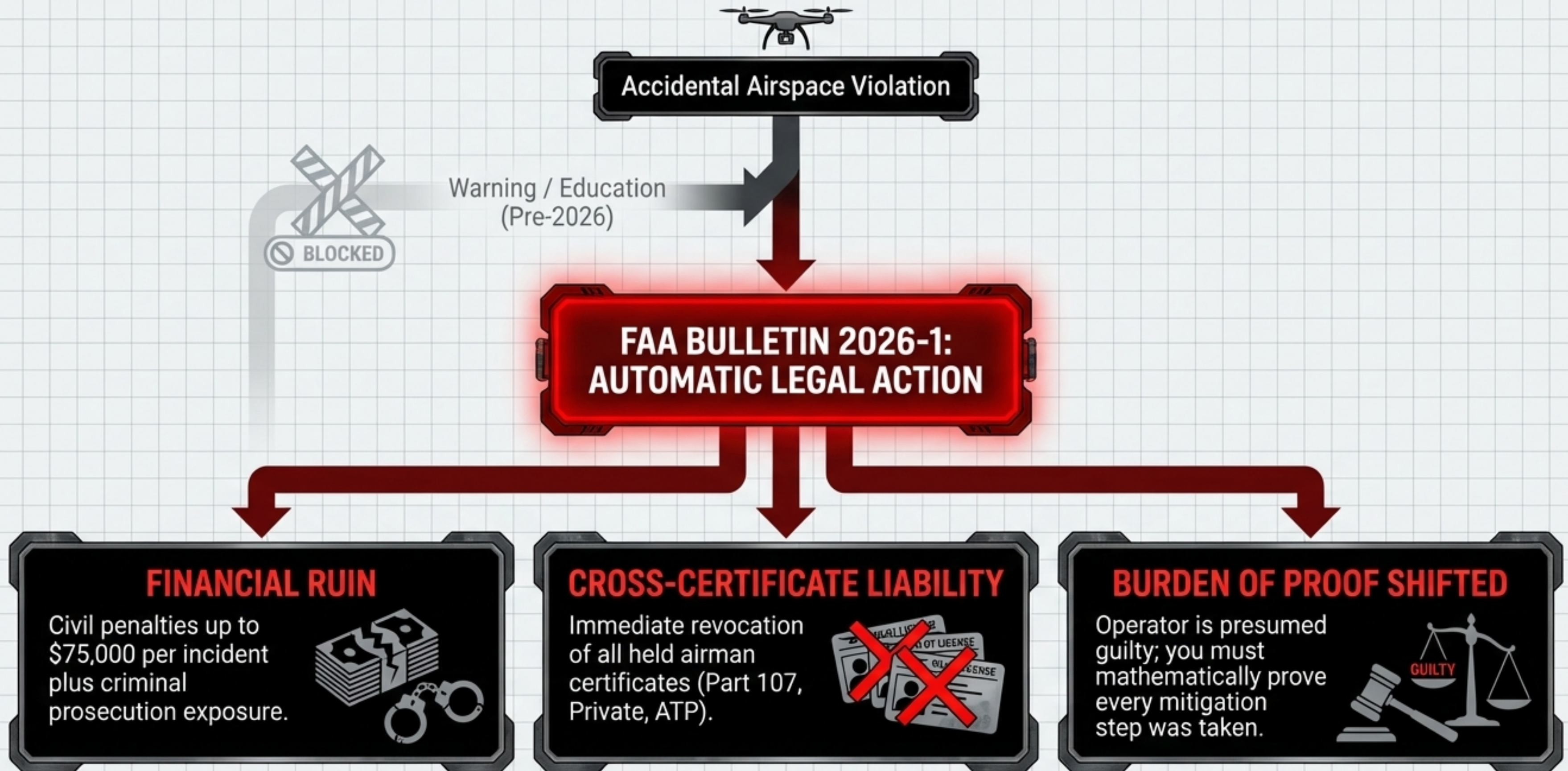
THE ESCORT MULTIPLIER

The bubble encompasses ANY associated escort vehicles, effectively stretching the restricted geometry across entire city blocks.

FIXED VS. MOBILE: WHY YOUR APPS WILL FAIL YOU

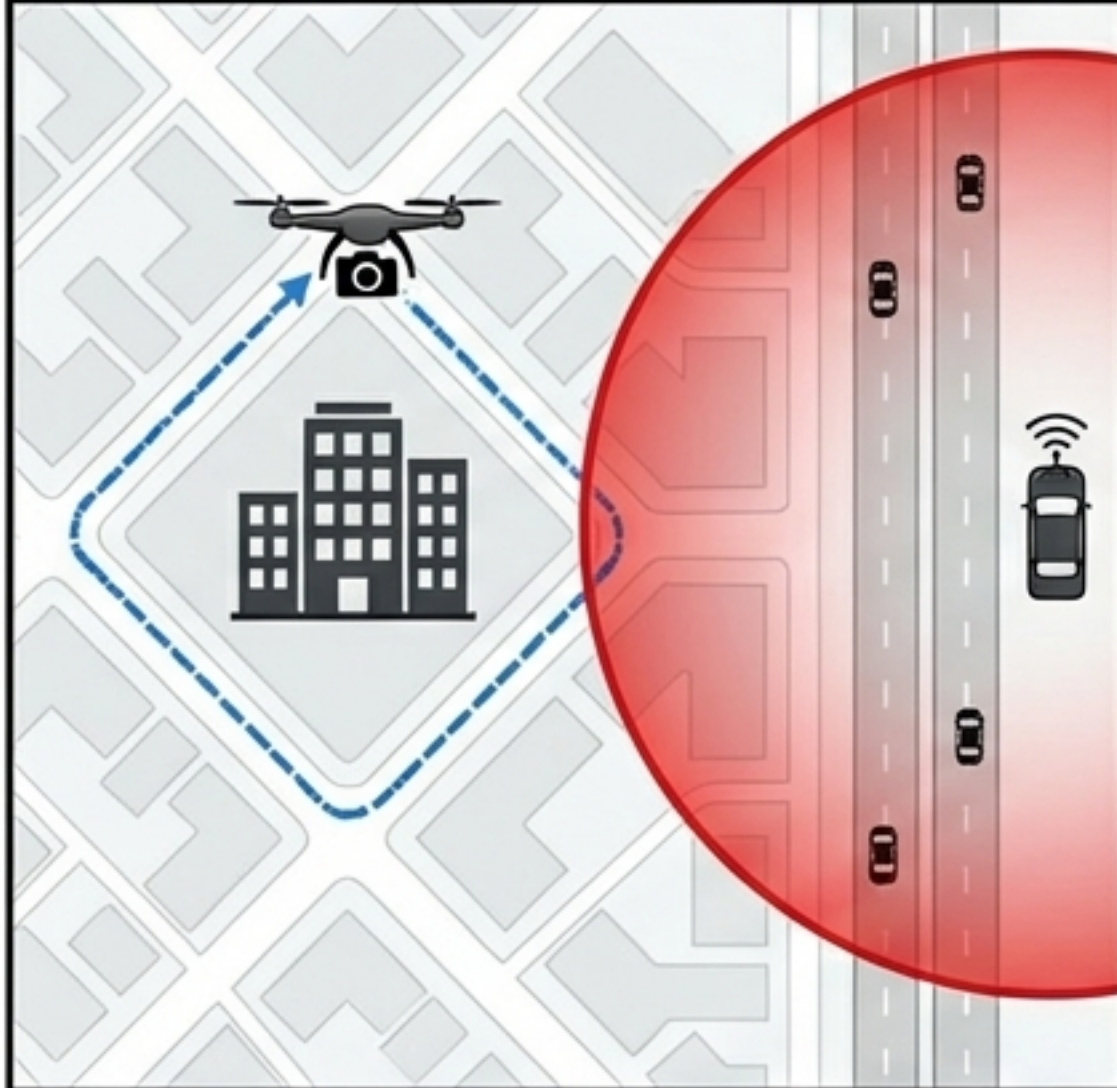
| | STANDARD TFR (e.g., VIP, Super Bowl) | FDC 6/4375 MOBILE TFR |
|-----------------------------|--|--|
| Geographic Certainty | Fixed coordinates and boundaries. | Dynamic. Exists wherever an unmarked vehicle happens to be. |
| System Visibility | Populates on B4UFLY, LAANC, DJI FlySafe.  | Unmappable without broadcasting federal OPSEC.  |
| Predictable Timing | Hard start and end times. | Permanently active 24/7 for 21 months. |
| Operator Burden | Check a map pre-flight. | Continuous 360-degree ground-level visual verification of a 1-mile diameter. |

THE ZERO-TOLERANCE ENFORCEMENT TRAP



THREE WAYS TO UNKNOWINGLY COMMIT A FELONY

THE URBAN INSPECTOR



You run an automated facade inspection in a city core. An unmarked federal rental car stops at a traffic light 2,000 feet away. You are in federal violation.

THE AERIAL JOURNALIST



You cover a local protest. Border Patrol agents arrive in unmarked vans to monitor the crowd. Your First Amendment news gathering is now a federal crime.

DRONE AS FIRST RESPONDER



A local PD drone launches to a 911 call. They arrive on scene simultaneously with federal agents. The local police drone is violating National Defense Airspace.

UPGRADING YOUR PRE-FLIGHT DEFENSE



DOCUMENT EVERYTHING

Screenshot your airspace clearance immediately before takeoff. If cited, you must have a paper trail proving the restriction was invisible to standard tools.



SCAN THE GROUND, NOT JUST THE SKY

Add a 360-degree ground scan to your Visual Observer duties. Look specifically for unmarked convoys or tactical vehicles entering the 1-mile diameter.



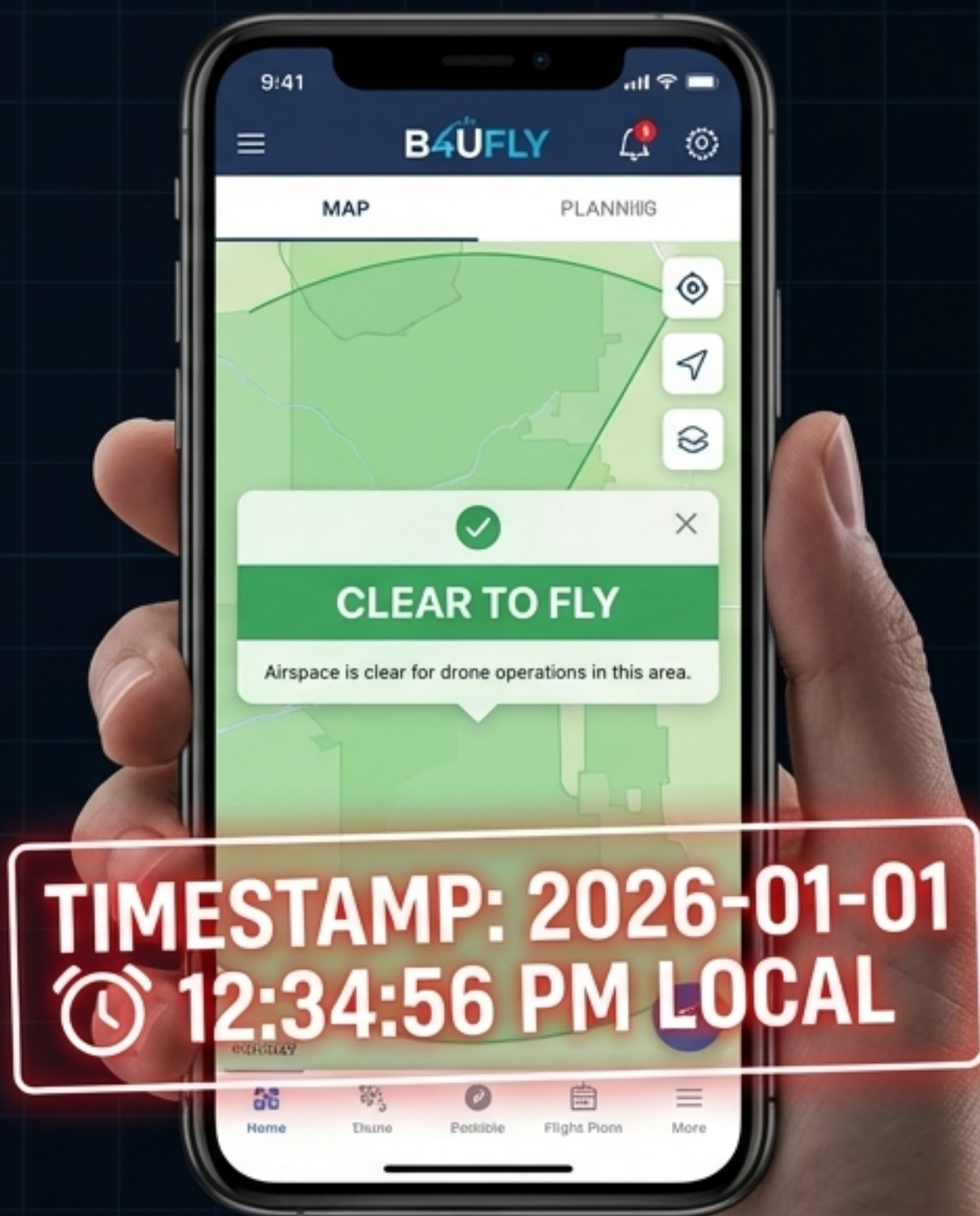
HYPER-LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

Review local news and social media for reports of ICE raids, federal courthouse protests, or VIP movements in your target radius.

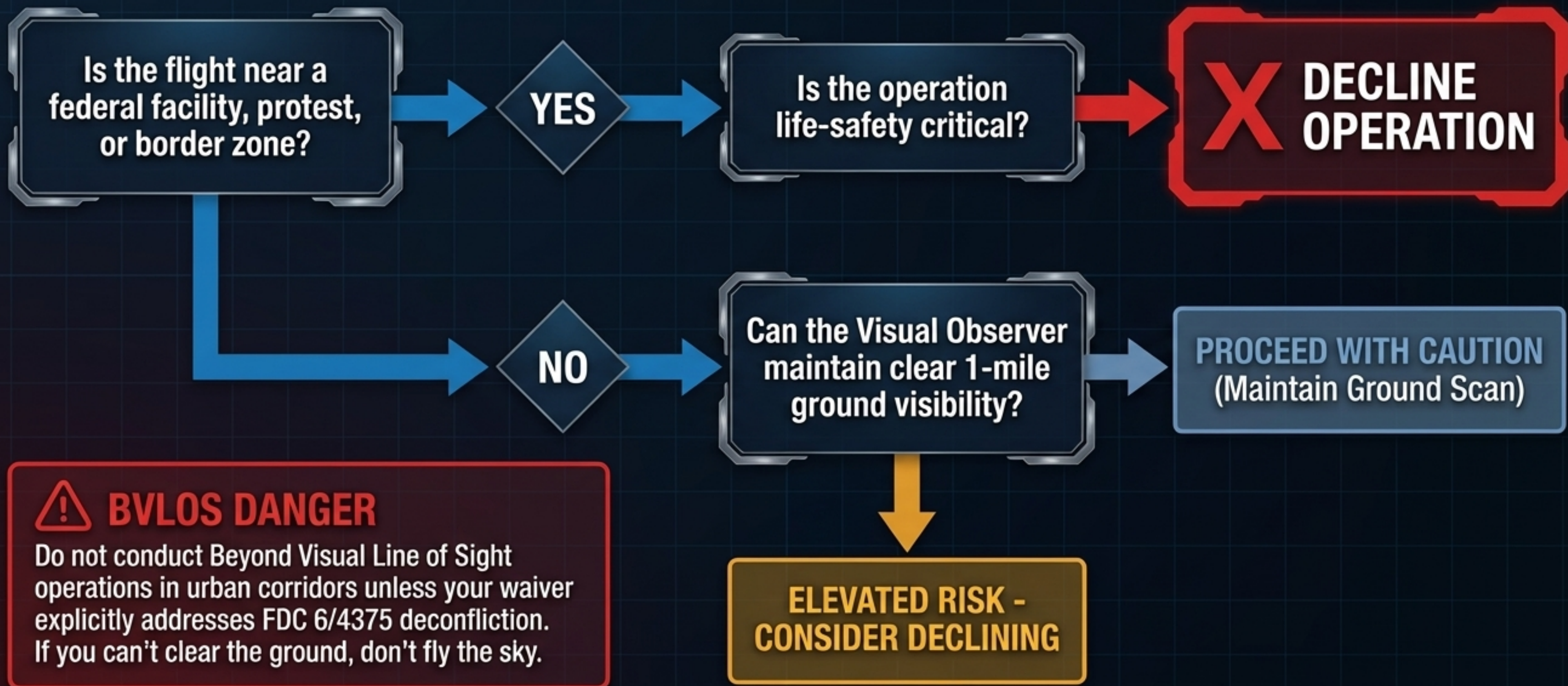


DESIGNATE DITCH ZONES

Pre-plan emergency landing zones. If federal agents are spotted, prioritize a rapid vertical descent over a slow Return to Home (RTH) that keeps you airborne.



THE "SHOULD I FLY?" DECISION MATRIX



RESOURCES & CRITICAL NEXT STEPS

OFFICIAL FAA GUIDANCE

FAA System Operations Support Center (SOSC)
(202) 267-8276
uashelp@faa.gov

WAIVER COORDINATION

Facility-specific Points of Contact for
authorized operations:
<https://udds-faa.opendata.arcgis.com>

LEGAL CHALLENGES & PUSHBACK

Track updates from the
News Media Coalition and
EFF regarding
constitutional challenges
to the NOTAM.

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AVIATION REPORTING

If you suspect an inadvertent
violation, file a protective
report immediately through
the NASA Aviation Safety
Reporting System (ASRS) to
document the event.



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FULL NOTAM TEXT