



SEEKING INFORMATION

PALISADES DRONE COLLISION

Malibu, California
January 9, 2025



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Recovered Drone Parts

DETAILS

The FBI is investigating an incident that occurred on the morning of Thursday, January 9, 2025, where an unauthorized drone flying in violation of an FAA temporary flight restriction (TFR) collided with a firefighting aircraft. The aircraft, commonly referred to as a "super scooper," was conducting fire suppression operations at the Palisades Fire near Malibu, California, and was able to land safely. The collision left a 3 x 6 inch hole in the left wing. Parts of the heavily damaged drone were recovered.

The FBI has set up a Digital Media Tipline, and is seeking the public's help in order to identify the operator of the drone. Anyone with information, photos, and/or video footage of the incident is asked to submit them to <http://www.fbi.gov/palisadesdronestrike>.

If you have any information concerning the individual or group operating the drone, please contact the FBI's Toll-Free tipline at 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324). You may also contact your local FBI office, the nearest American Embassy or Consulate, or you can submit a tip online at tips.fbi.gov.

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