

Drones, maps and social networks: how SA's media has used tech to report on the #CapeFire

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The fire sweeping across Cape Town's Southern peninsula has dominated South African headlines for three days now. A number of factors, including the scale of the blaze and limited access to the areas affected by it, have seen the country's media houses bring together a number of technologies and tools in their reporting efforts...



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While none of the technologies used are alien to South African media, the way they're being used suggests that newsrooms are reaching a turning point. Whereas before these tools might have been viewed as novelties to be used just for the sake of it, in this instance they've been used to complement more traditional coverage...

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