

**Columbus Consolidated Government
EMERGENCY PURCHASE**

DRONE FOR FIRE & EMS:

On December 19, 2023, the Information Technology Department, on behalf of the Fire & EMS Department, requested the emergency purchase of a drone to be utilized by the Fire and EMS Department.

The DJI Matrice 250 RTK drone will be purchased from Flymotion (Tampa, FL), in the amount of \$37,966.22, by Cooperative Contract purchase via Sourcewell Contract #011223-FLM. The Drone has the ability to drop a personal flotation device to a person in distress in the river.

The equipment and the technology aspects of the purchase were vetted by Fire & EMS and the Information Technology Departments.

The purchase will be 100% funded by the 2023 SMART (Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation) grant. The purchase had to be expedited to take advantage of the 2023 grant funding. Consequently, the City Manager approved the emergency purchase on December 19, 2023, as a matter of public safety.