



Agenda Memo

Crest Hill, IL

Meeting Date: 5-4-26
Submitter: Chief Edward Clark
Department: Police Department
Agenda Item: Purchase of new drone for the police department

Summary: The Crest Hill Police Department purchased a DJI Mini 4 drone last year and started a drone program in June of 2025 with the primary goal of locating missing and/or endangered people. The drone that was purchased last year was an entry level drone and does not have the capabilities that are needed for operational LE deployments (no thermal, not weather rated, minimal camera zoom, no lighting options, etc.).

The Crest Hill Police Department has a need for a sUAS that is equipped with thermal imaging and advanced safety features. The DJI M4TD is the drone that has been identified to accomplish this goal and is the most economical choice.

There were funds available in the 25-26 budget year to purchase the drone. This was discussed at the April 27th work session with direction from City Council to purchase the drone from UVT. The funds will be deducted from the 25-26 budget. Three quotes were also provided in the work session materials.

I am formally asking for approval.

Recommended Council Action: Approve quote from UVT for purchase of DJI M4TD from UVT for price of \$14,183.54

Financial Impact: \$14,183.54 from 01-02-5400

Attachments: Quotation – SO229107 from UVT