

Board: City Commission

Agenda 7-28-25 Date:

Department: Public Safety

Presenter: Eric Buckman (Leif Sjoquist to

answer questions)

Staff Report

Agenda Item Title:

New Public Safety Drone

Background:

- 1) Public Safety started their Drone program in 2022 with the Purchase of the DJI Mavic 3 Thermal.
- 2) The Drone program has been extremely successful, and the Drone has been used with great results.
- 3) The Drone has been deployed for numerous incidents ranging from ice rescue operations to missing persons.
- 4) PSO Leif Sjoquist, who has become our department's expert on Drone's, recently set out to add a new Drone to our program.
- 5) PSO Sjoquist sought donations for the Drone (Goal = \$20,000) and as of today, he has raised \$23,200
- 6) The Drone we are looking to purchase is the Lemur 2
- 7) The Lemur 2 is the only law enforcement grade drone system to offer the following combination of features:
 - Integrated loudspeaker and microphone, transforming the drone into a mobile communication hub for negotiators.
 - Glass breaker attachment, for effective entry into structures and ventilation of buildings.
 - Payload Dropper Attachment, for delivering or dragging small objects during negotiations.
 - Turtle Mode enables the LEMUR 2 to automatically flip back and redeploy in the event of being knocked over on its back.
 - 6-hour perch time for extended eyes on critical locations.
 - 190-degree gimbal range enabling the ability to look straight up above the drone. Integrated blue and white lights built into the gimbal. Lighting modes include persistent or strobe lights depending on the needs of the situation.
 - Produce real-time floor plans while the drone is in flight, utilizing LiDAR sensors that stream data directly to the controller.
 - Designed and made in the USA, meets the security standards set forth by the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

- 8) Ther Lemur 2 will not replace the Mavi3 3 Thermal but will add to our Drone Fleet and will give us more Drone options to use based on the incident circumstances.
- 9) The purchase price of the Lemur 2 is \$16,999.15
- 10) The remaining funds from the drone donations will be set aside for future drone program purchases, such as new batteries, lights, etc.
- 11) The lead time for the Drone build is approximately 4 months

Fiscal Effect:

\$16,999.15 (All from Donations)

Supporting Documentation:

- 1) Brinc purchase agreement
- 2) Donation breakdown
- 3) Lemur 2 information sheet
- 4) Brinc W9

Recommendation:

Allow Public Safety to purchase the Lemur 2