



POLICE DEPARTMENT

To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Doug Kowalski, Chief of Police
Through: Mario Canizares, Town Manager
Re: Flock Expansion Drone as First Responder (DFR) Program
Town Council Meeting – March 25, 2025

Strategic Visioning Priority: 4. Provide Excellent Municipal Services

Agenda Item:

Consider and act upon authoring the Town Manager to execute an agreement for additional equipment and services from Flock Inc. to include the expansion of the Drone as First Responder (DFR) program for \$307,133.

Description of Agenda Item:

At the April 20 and June 11, 2024, Town Council Meetings, the Town Council approved the application submittals to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) for the FY24 and FY25 SB224 Catalytic Converter and Taskforce Grant programs. On October 16, 2024, the MVCPA awarded the Town of Prosper a total of \$286,400 in awards related to the FY25 Taskforce Grant program, and the award was accepted in November 2024. In conjunction with the MVCPA grant application the Town Council approved an additional \$150,000 for the Drone as First Responder program, staff is seeking to initiate a lease in the amount of \$307,133 to expand the DFR program with a second DFR and ground-based radar. The expansion allows for 100% DFR coverage for the Town's prosper jurisdiction and flight operations without visual overserves. These enhancements complete the DFR program for the Town's buildout. PD staff will be seeking additional grant monies through the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) for the FY26 budget.

Budget Impact:

The cost of \$307,133 will be funded mainly by the FY26 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) grant with a 80/20 split of \$300,000. The Town's net responsibility specifically to this request is \$67,133. The PD will request an additional \$307,133 as part of the Town's FY26 Budget that will be offset by grant revenues of \$240,000. Upon approval, allocated funds will be reflected in the FY26 Lease Payments account and will be supplemental equipment to the current leased items from Flock Inc.

Legal Obligations and Review:

Terrence Welch of Brown & Hofmeister, L.L.P., has approved the attached documents as to form and legality.

Attached Documents:

1. Flock Safety Order Form/Agreement
2. Sole Source Letter

Town Staff Recommendation:

Town Staff recommends the Town Council approve authoring the Town Manager to execute an agreement for additional equipment and services from Flock Inc. to include the expansion of the Drone as First Responder (DFR) program for \$307,133.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve authorizing the Town Manager to execute an agreement for additional equipment and services from Flock Inc. to include the expansion of the Drone as First Responder (DFR) program for \$307,133.