

**Department New Request Form  
Fiscal Year 2026**

<b>Program</b>	Public Safety	<b>Title of New Request:</b>	<b>Rank:</b> 2
<b>Department</b>	Police	Expand the UAS (drone) program for operational efficiency	
<b>Request Category</b>	Service Module Change		
<b>Request Rating</b>	Efficiency		
<b>Department Goal</b>	Community Safety, Health & Well-Being	<b># of FTE's in this request</b>	

**1. How will request assist in achieving Department Goal and benefit the customer**

As reflected in a few recent cases, the unmanned aircraft systems (drones) have become a necessary tool when providing search and rescue support, assisting in hostage/barricaded suspect incidents as well as missing persons recovery. Our program has been limited to one outdoor-flight-capable drone that has very limited flight time due to battery limitations.

This project would purchase two additional drones with a more robust area/time of flight as well as enhanced features including spotlights and speakers. The tethered power enables a power cable be attached to the drone for continuous flight operations without the need to land for battery replacement.

**2. What specifically is needed to achieve this goal?**

Purchase two drones and associated equipment and subscribe to DroneSense which is a software app for data sharing, casting videos to a shared hub and storing data. This would be relevant on a MPD and MCSO operations with search and rescue or the tactical teams. This is helpful to providing the critical bird's-eye viewed to save time, resources and lives. DroneSense Support is included free with this, which offers 24/7 technical support via tickets and phone. It provides fair use storage on the DroneSense cloud, software maintenance and training webinars.

**3. Cost Impact of New Program:**

Account #	Item	Qty	Unit Cost	Requested One-Time	Requested Ongoing	FY 2026 Unfunded	FY 2026 Funded	Proposed FY 2027 Ongoing
Ongoing Expenses								
1000.290.420110.330	FAA Registration	2	109		218	218	—	
1000.290.420110.330	Drone Sense	5	2600		13,000	13,000	—	
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One-time Expenses								
1000.290.429000.940	UAS Bundle - 2 drones	2	12739	25,478		25,478	—	
1000.290.429000.220	Spotlights & Speakers	2	1178	2,356		2,356	—	
1000.290.429000.220	Power Expansion	1	899	899		899	—	
1000.290.429000.220	Tethered power	1	11999	11,999		11,999	—	
1000.290.429000.220	Spare propellers	6	65	390		390	—	
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Expense Sub-Total				41,122	13,218	54,340	—	—

**Revenue Offset:**

Account #	Revenue Description	Proposed Onetime Revenue	Proposed Ongoing Revenue
1000	T Tax funded	41,122	13,218
<b>Revenue Sub-Total</b>		<b>41,122</b>	<b>13,218</b>

**4. What sort of data will be used to report results and outcomes of request?**

	<b>Requested/Proposed Funding Source</b>		
		One-time	Ongoing
	<b>Tax or Assessment</b>	<b>41,122</b>	<b>13,218</b>
	<b>Non-tax</b>	-	-
	<b>Fund Balance</b>	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>41,122</b>	<b>13,218</b>