

Department New Request Form
Fiscal Year 2026

Program	Public Safety		Title of New Request:		Rank: 2				
Department	Police		Expand the UAS (drone) program for operational efficiency						
Request Category	Service Module Change								
Request Rating	Efficiency								
Department Goal	Community Safety, Health & Well-Being			# of FTE's in this request					
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		
Revenue Sub-Total			41,122		13,218				
4. What sort of data will be used to report results and outcomes of request?							Requested/Proposed Funding Source		
							One-time	Ongoing	
							Tax or Assessment	41,122	13,218
							Non-tax	-	-
							Fund Balance	-	-
							Total	41,122	13,218