
AGENDA ITEM

DATE: September 24, 2025
MEETING DATE: October 21, 2025
SUBJECT: Drones re: Albany Police Dept.
PRESENTED FOR: Decision: Information:
PRESENTER(S): Joshua Williams, Procurement Manager, Finance
Michael Persley, Police Chief, APD

History/Facts and Issues:

Gresco Supply, Inc., Forsyth, GA; Total exp. \$66,636.00.

This order includes two Autel EVO Dual 640T models, one Autel Alpha L35T model and one Skydio X10 model and, the units will replace aging equipment. The purchase will be made per Gresco's State of Georgia cooperative purchasing agreement contract #99999-001-SPD00000228-001. Due to the age of the equipment and the DJI Drone Company being banned within the United States, no OEM replacement parts are available. APD currently has four smaller DJI Mavic drones that are normally utilized but due to battery issues the units are inoperable with two currently out of service.

The Autel EVO Dual drones will replace the Mavic 2 Enterprise Dual drones and will be utilized for rapid deployment. The Autel Alpha L35T will replace our bigger DJI Mavic 210 and the Skydio X10 will be utilized for search and rescue operations, along with normal functions as they arise. The Skydio X10 can be flown in inclement weather (i.e. rain, snow, heavy winds).

Options/Pros and Cons:

Pros:

- The ability to operate drones with updated technology and stream critical incidents to department heads from the comfort of their phones or computer devices.
- The ability to assess critical incidents in real time (i.e. search and rescue, officer safety incidents, crowd control, and surveillance).

Con:

- Possible restriction due to severe weather; Limited number of FAA licensed pilots; Public perception of invasion of privacy (reconciled through public announcements and education).

Recommended Action:

Adopt authorizing resolution.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

\$66,636.00/School Zone Camera Funds