



# Apache Junction Police Department

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**Date:** September 21, 2023

**To:** Mayor Chip Wilson and City Council

**From:** Assistant Chief Johnny John

**Subject:** Purchase Request for Drones

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The Apache Junction Police Department (AJPD) is requesting approval to purchase Drone Equipment for the Police, made by Gresco Supply. The Drones we own have proven to be an invaluable asset for our community in several important areas. The new Drones will enhance our capabilities in various critical operations as well as providing more safety to our officers and the residents in Apache Junction.

Security for Large Crowded Events: Drones have become an indispensable tool for maintaining security at large public gatherings and events. Their ability to provide aerial surveillance and situational awareness is unmatched, allowing us to proactively identify and respond to potential threats, ensuring the safety of attendees.

Search and Rescue Missions: The use of drones in search and rescue missions has been nothing short of remarkable. These aerial devices have significantly reduced response times and allow us to cover vast areas quickly. In missing person cases, the drones have the ability to survey terrain that is otherwise difficult to access, helping us locate individuals in distress or danger more efficiently.

Pursuit of Dangerous Subjects: Our officers face dangerous situations on a regular basis, including pursuits of suspects who attempt to evade arrest. Drones equipped with advanced technology can track fleeing individuals safely from the air, reducing the risk to both officers and the public. This technology ensures that we can monitor suspects from a safe distance while coordinating ground units for safer apprehension.

Search Warrant Missions: During search warrant missions, the use of drones has proven invaluable in assessing the situation before officers enter potentially hazardous environments. By providing a real-time aerial perspective, we can better plan our approach and identify potential threats or individuals who may be hiding within a property. This preemptive information significantly enhances the safety of our officers.

The request is for the total amount of \$72, 638.81, which includes a 10 percent contingency fee, this purchase be funded through the Capital Improvement Projects funding that was approved this fiscal year.