



Public Safety Committee Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS DATE: MAY 15, 2019
FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL
SUBJECT: UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM PILOT PROGRAM - DIRECT SUBMITTAL

ISSUE:

Receive a presentation on the Riverside Police Department Special Operations Division implementation of an Unmanned Aircraft System Pilot Program for 90 days to test and evaluate the effectiveness of the Unmanned Aircraft System for Police Operations.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Public Safety Committee receive a presentation on the Riverside Police Department Special Operations Division implementation of an Unmanned Aircraft System Pilot Program for 90 days to test and evaluate the effectiveness of the Unmanned Aircraft System for Police Operations.

BACKGROUND:

Over the past year, the Police Department has been researching the potential benefit of utilizing Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) technology across a wide variety of Police Department operations.

In preparation for this UAS Pilot Program, the Police Department has obtained a two-year Certificate of Agreement (COA) with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to fly Police Operations. In addition, the Police Department has two (2) sergeants and six (6) officers that have an FAA Part 107 Commercial Remote Pilot License.

DISCUSSION:

Members of the Riverside Police Department, Special Operations Division, will brief the Public Safety Committee about the potential for this program and the intended uses during this 90-day Pilot Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact with the receipt of this report.

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Attachments: Presentation