



## AGENDA ITEM NO. 19

### CITY OF HAWTHORNE City Council AGENDA BILL

For the meeting of February 13, 2024

Originating Department: Police - Operations

City Manager:

  
Vontray Norris

Chief of Police:

  
Gary Tomatani

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#### SUBJECT:

**Approve an Agreement between the Hawthorne Police Department and Brinc Drones for a five (5) year contract for Drone First Responder (DFR), in the amount of \$503,750.00; and**

Approval of Blanket Purchase Order, not to exceed \$61,750.00 to Brinc Drones for the first year of the Brinc contract services.

#### RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the agreement with Brinc Drones for Drone First Responder (DFR) in the amount of \$503,750.00 for the five-year term of the agreement and a blanket purchase order Not to Exceed \$61,750.00 to Brinc Drones for the first year of the contract services and authorize the Chief of the Police Department to execute the agreement and any make minor amendments thereto.

#### DISCUSSION:

The Hawthorne Police Department would like to enter into an agreement with Brinc Drones to assist with the police department Drone First Responder (DFR) program. The Hawthorne Police Department has been utilizing drones for several years to assist with traffic accident investigations and reconstruction, crime scene investigations and reconstruction, police containment searches, canine searches and DFR response to calls for police services. This initiative aims to leverage drone technology to improve the efficiency of our police response, enhance officer and community safety, and facilitate more effective de-escalation strategies. Drones can be deployed swiftly to assess and monitor scenarios, providing crucial information that can help in de-escalating potentially volatile situations. Real-time information from drone footage ensures that appropriate police resources are dispatched, enhancing the efficiency and

effectiveness of the response. The use of drones minimizes the risk to officers and civilians by providing a preliminary assessment of threats and situation dynamics.

With evolving public safety challenges, it is imperative to explore innovative solutions that can augment our police department's capabilities. Brinc Drones offer cutting-edge technology designed for law enforcement use, enabling real-time information and assessment of situations before police officers arrive.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN:**

Leverage technology to accurately determine and implement the appropriate law enforcement response to service calls, minimizing liability and harm to both the public and officers through enhanced situational awareness before officer arrival.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The first two years of \$61,750 and \$126,750, respectively, to be paid from the Asset Forfeiture Funds. The balance, for years three, four and five may be paid from Asset Forfeiture or the General Fund, depending on the evolving regulations on Asset Forfeiture Spending.

**NOTICING PROCEDURES:**

72 hours posted notice pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Agreement between City of Hawthorne and Brinc Drones in the amount of \$503,750.00
2. Brinc Drones Master Services and Purchasing Agreement
3. Hawthorne Police Department Letter of Intent to Purchase Brinc Drones Program