



City of Boynton Beach Agenda Item Request Form

Meeting Date: 04/ 1/2025

Proposed Resolution No. R25-091- Approve an Order Form with FLOCK Group, Inc. to purchase and maintain a Drone First Responder Program in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 for the initial term utilizing the Sole Source procurement exemption.

Requested Action:

Staff recommends approval of Proposed Resolution No. R25-091.

Explanation of Request:

The request is to enter into a three year contract with FLOCK's Drone as First Responder (DFR) program. DFR uses a compact unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) designed for public safety operations to provide support to police officers and firefighters. Fast response is facilitated by the deployment of drones immediately upon receipt of emergency calls. Equipped with advanced technology, public safety, drones provide real-time, accurate information to reduce response times and help responders make informed decisions. DFR will not completely replace the handheld drones that are currently deployed from the field; rather, it will reduce the amount of field deployable drones.

This purchase will be made under the Sole Source Procurement Exemption, as the City currently holds a contract with this vendor, and the drone will seamlessly integrate with the City's existing technology. The Sole Source Purchase exemption permits an award for commodities, services, or construction items without competition when it is established that only one source is available. This may include, but is not limited to, repairs or additions from the original equipment manufacturer, the sole supplier in the area, a franchised or licensed distributor or service provider, or a patented or proprietary item. Any vendor identified as a sole source must provide written certification confirming their sole-source status to the City. The decision to utilize this exemption and the selection process is at the discretion of the Procurement Division, which has determined that this purchase qualifies as a sole source for the reasons outlined above.

The agreement provides for a 24-month renewal option after the initial 3-year term. If such option is exercised by the City, the annual fee would be \$125,000 per year.

How will this affect city programs or services?

Drone as First Responder (DFR) program uses unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) to respond

to emergencies day or night. DFRs serve as the first line of response, arriving quickly at the scene of various incidents, including but not limited to in progress crimes, road accidents, fires, water rescues and public events. DFR programs can improve response times, increase safety, and reduce the use of force. DFR will work with the current operating system in the Police RTCC (FLOCK OS) that will allow the DFR footage to be streamed seamlessly into the RTCC. The DFR will be used for both Police and Fire operations. This drone system will allow first responders to reach most locations in under 90 seconds.

Budgeted Item: Yes

Account Line Item and Description: 103-2110-521-64-02 Drones (PD)
001-2210-522-46-91 (FD)

Fiscal Impact:

The first year of the contract is for FY 2025/26, at an annual cost of \$100,000 split 50/50 by Police and Fire. The second year will require a 25 percent increase to \$125,000 and the third year will remain the same as year two at \$125,000.

3yr \$350,000: \$100,000/125,000/125,000

Attachments:

[R25-091 Agenda_Item_2846-2025_Resolution_for_Flock_Drone_purchase.docx](#)
[Exhibit A to Resolution - Boynton Beach PD -Flock Safety - DFR '25 - Law Enforcement Agreement - .pdf](#)
[Exhibit A - Addendum-All Short Form Terms 1.30.pdf](#)
[DFR sole source.pdf](#)
[R23-115 \(Read-Only\) Flock Master Agreement.pdf](#)
[DFR Compliance Statement - Flock Aerodome UAS.pdf](#)