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Valdez Police Department
ATTN: Aaron Baczuk
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RE: Acquisition of Retired Drones

Dear Aaron,

The Skagway Police Department is seeking to build a drone program for our community, and we recently learned that your department is retiring your program's original drones. The Municipality of Skagway is interested in acquiring your retired drones if they are available.

A drone program was recommended in the Skagway Police Department's 2023 audit and in the Coast Guard's port security plan for Skagway. With the rugged terrain in our community, we continue to conduct more and more search and rescue missions. The Municipality of Skagway has long supported the idea of a program utilizing drones that are capable of locating lost individuals with camera and thermal abilities and carrying a payload of supplies. Our understanding is that your retired drones have these capabilities and would provide the perfect foundation for our fledgling program.

Please let us know if there is a possibility of acquiring your retired drones. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to work with your community to foster statewide partnerships and keep our citizens and visitors to Alaska safe.

Sincerely,


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