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My name is Matthew B [REDACTED]. I am the newest member of the Ute Tribe Police Department, located in Fort Duchesne, Utah. Being new to this department gives me a unique perspective. When i became a part of this department and learned the challenges that face my fellow officers i saw an opportunity. The Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation is located on approximately four million acres. This vast reservation is the second largest indian reservation in the United States. Our agency employs twelve officers that are responsible for patrolling this great expanse of land. Officers traverse dirt roads, mountain paths and oil field service roads to respond to search and rescue calls as well as day to day incidences.

I and other officers face challenges to our region and geography that make our day to day operations very difficult. We respond to calls that range from fleeing suspects and gun crimes to search and rescue and missing persons. Because of the terrain, extreme weather and lack of paved roads in much of the area within the reservation, our officers can be delayed in administering life services. In some cases our officers are forced to enter an unknown area, difficult to navigate because of the landscape; to pursue a fleeing and possibly armed suspect. Our night and swing shift officers face even more obstacles; back up is usually ten to twenty minutes away. In most cases assisting agency personnel are the closest to respond to a call for assistance.

I believe that an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle with good range, GPS, a good camera and a FLIR System would be a great benefit to my department. It would allow us to better serve our community and the people that depend on us. I feel that the use of this device can improve the safety of our officers. It would allow our department to be come more self-reliant and would ease the strain on neighboring agencies that have to send resources to aid in searches. Through the use of a UAV we can protect our community and ourselves more thoroughly. In situations where we are pursuant on foot in a low light or dense vegetation cover the use the use of the on board FLIR system can give our officers the upper hand and more peace of mind when locating and capturing a suspect and improve the safety of the people in the area. This same system could help officers locate missing or injured persons in a search and rescue situation much more quickly. It would decrease the amount of time that, that individual is exposed to the weather and other environmental hazards. The UAV can be put to use in these more high stressed situations but also be used to monitor a scene of an accident or to help the members of our community become more familiar with our officers in a positive light. The demonstrations could help build a level of confidence in our ability to serve them but it can also help us become more approachable. This would overall improve the quality of relationships between officers and the people we protect. I feel having a UAV program can bring our department up to date technologically, make our officers safer, make the community safer, and help make our department more efficient.

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