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Donation to

Chaffee County Fire Department
499 Antero Cir, Buena Vista, CO
81211, USA

MEDIA ADVISORY

Colorado Center For Excellence For Advanced Technology Aerial Firefighting team up with NPS-DDP to donate a drone to Chaffee County Fire Department

WHAT:

On November 05, 2018, the Chaffee County Fire Department located in Buena Vista, CO applied to the National Public Safety Drone Donation Program NPS-DDP.org for a drone donation. The department explained why the drone would help protect the communities they serve.

WHEN: Nov 16, 2022

WHERE: 499 Antero Cir, Buena Vista, CO 81211, USA

Who:

Colorado Center For Excellence For Advanced Technology Aerial Firefighting, and National Public Safety Drone Donation Program will donate a drone to Chaffee County Fire Department.

DETAILS:

"Chaffee County Fire Protection District covers over 1,000 square miles of mountainous terrain, including twelve 14,000 ft peaks. The area is heavily used for recreation attracting people throughout the Country for hiking, four-wheeling, rafting, snowmobiling, fishing, or just exploring the beauty. The Arkansas river is one of the most rafted sections of river in the Country. This creates many situations for visitors to become lost or injured in the wilderness, or fires caused by abandoned campfires. A drone that is capable of flying with a small payload such as a water bottle, radio, or a PFD would be ideal to assist in getting aid or Intel quicker. Camera and thermal imaging capabilities would be ideal to aid in locating the victim or a fire. Additionally, a drone that would be able to pass a nighttime and possibly line of sight waiver would be ideal because of the terrain we cover. We currently have 4, part 107 remote pilots on the fire department. "

Colorado Center of Excellence for Advanced Technology Aerial Firefighting (CoE), a section within The Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control:

"We look to identify new drone technology to help firefighters do their job faster safer and more efficiently. Our mission is to drive technological advancements to improve firefighting practices and influence innovation across the public safety community. We have older drones that have been shelved and we are donating them to help public safety agencies through the National Public Safety Drone Donation Program. The National Public Safety Drone Donation Program is a great resource to help us find new homes for these aircraft. We are happy to help support NPS-DDP.org's mission to put "Eyes In The Sky For Every Department In Need [™]."

The National Public Safety Drone Donation Program:

"We are pleased to see companies of all types making donations in support of the NPS-DDP mission to help put " Eyes In The Sky For Every Department In Need[™]" The generosity of these types of donations cannot be underestimated as this hardware provides life-saving value in the hands of those who work so hard to protect the communities they serve. Also, it provides a tremendous amount of economic benefit in saved man-hours. We encourage private citizens and any company including public safety to contact us to recycle any unused UAV back into service. If any of the drones that we receive are not suitable for public safety we have partnered with women and drones to donate these types of drones to STEM programs across the country to help benefit youth education." Said Mark Langley CEO of NPS-DDP