



June 13, 2013

By electronic mail and United States mail

Sheriff Gregory J. Ahern
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Re: sUAS

Dear Sheriff Ahern:

I am writing to inquire as to the status of your office's efforts to acquire a sUAS.

After the Public Protection Committee hearing on February 14, 2013, you graciously indicated your willingness to work further with my office on a policy governing sUAS usage. Since that time, Captain Madigan and I met once in person and exchanged some language. He indicated that he would reach out to me when your office made further progress on a draft policy. That exchange occurred in early April and since that time, I have not heard from your office further about the substance of any draft policy, presumably because it is not a current priority. I also received some budget documents from your office pursuant to a Public Records Act request, in particular, a memo itemizing \$1,988,767 in capital equipment requests and \$3,303,788 in the Maintenance of Effort request for grants. As far as I can discern, neither the itemization of capital equipment requests nor the MOE request for grants includes any provision for acquisition of an sUAS. Thus, these documents appear to indicate that you have not budgeted for and thus do not intend to acquire an sUAS in FY 2013-14.

In the continued spirit of transparency and dialogue, would you kindly advise whether you intend to proceed with acquisition of an sUAS? If you do intend to proceed, please let me know your contemplated source of funding, your proposed timeline, and the current status of any policy drafting.

I request a response by June 28, 2013. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Linda Lye

cc: Captain Tom Madigan (via email)
Gabiella Raymond (via email)

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