



Glendale Police Department

Purchase of a New Replacement Helicopter

Glendale & Burbank Joint Air Support Unit

JASU Mission

- Officer Safety Support
- Rapid Response and Mobility
- Search and Rescue Operations
- Critical Infrastructure Security
- Event Management and Crime Prevention
- Force Multiplier

Memorandum of Understanding

- All assets and costs are split equal 50/50
- Maintain 3 Helicopters
- Depreciation schedule set for 20 years or 15,000 hours – which ever comes first



MD Helicopters (Current Fleet)

- Current Status:

MD Helicopter N102CG – 26 years old – non-operational

MD Helicopter N103CG – 18 years old – operational

MD Helicopter N520PD – 10 years old – operational

- Council approved to replace N102CG in April of 2024 with a new MD Helicopter.
- MD unable to provide a helicopter due to organizational prioritization of military contracts.





Police Department Recommendation Dispense with Competitive Bidding

Airbus H125 Police Helicopter

- Meets both agency's mission requirements
- Similar platform and familiarity to current fleet
- Local service centers and availability of parts
- Most common helicopter fleet in the country (law enforcement, media, etc)
 - 75% US market share for law enforcement
 - 83 operating in California

Fiscal Impact

- \$6.8 million – including sales tax
 - Price includes parts/technology to make it mission ready and pilot training
 - Cellular technology that will support the Real Time Intelligence Center
 - Advanced camera system allows better observation from higher altitudes
 - Total cost for Glendale PD: \$3.4 million
 - Additional \$900,000 of appropriation from previous approval
 - Both departments will make arrangements to sell older helicopter – proceeds will be placed back into the same fund
 - Future operational costs is already included within the police department's budget.



Questions





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