



**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Mike Carlson, Chief of Police

**Date:** February 23, 2026

**Subject: Drone as First Responder (DFR) Expansion Agreement and Renewal of PCID’s Technology Partnership Commitment**

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**ACTION**

Authorize the mayor, city manager, or designee to sign the Drone as First Responder (DFR) Expansion Agreement with Flock. and approve PCID’s Partnership Commitment Letter to fund this expansion project.

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY**

In 2024, the City entered into a technology partnership agreement with the Perimeter Community Improvement District (PCID) to fund the installation and operation of gunshot detection systems, live-view cameras, and license plate readers to enhance public safety. The initial agreement has successfully deployed these technologies throughout the City of Dunwoody. PCID has agreed to a two-year renewal of the agreement, which is fully funded through the PCID partnership. The renewal will continue the operation and maintenance of the existing gunshot detection, live-view cameras, and license plate reader systems.

Additionally, PCID has committed increased funding to support the installation of additional DFR (Drone as First Responder) coverage, addressing evolving public safety needs. This creates no fiscal impact to the City’s General Fund. The agreement is fully funded by PCID.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommend the City Council approve the DFR Expansion Agreement and PCID’s commitment letter to fund the project and to authorize the mayor, city manager, or designee sign the agreement. The agreement has been reviewed by legal.



Police Chief Mike Carlson  
City of Dunwoody  
4800 Ashford Dunwoody Rd NE  
Dunwoody, GA 30338

October 20, 2025

Dear Chief Carlson:

I am writing to inform you of the recent decision to fund the public safety partnership by the Central DeKalb Perimeter Community Improvement District.

On September 24, 2025, the Dunwoody Police Department presented a proposal to the Central DeKalb PCID Board, requesting a partnership to bolster security measures. I am pleased to inform you that following the presentation, the DeKalb PCID Board voted in favor of funding a two-year partnership with the Dunwoody Police Department, totaling \$360,000 (\$180,000 per year) for two years to fund the Public Safety Partnership for 2026 and 2027 within the PCID boundary.

The joint effort between the Dunwoody Police Department and the PCID is an important step forward in improving public safety across our community. We deeply appreciate the Department's partnership and continued dedication to keeping our community safe.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring the safety of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann Hanlon", is written over a white background.

Ann Hanlon  
Executive Director

CC:

Patrick Krieg, Major  
Ann Hanlon, Executive Director

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