



# TOWN/VILLAGE OF HARRISON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Supervisor/Mayor Ronald Belmont and  
Members of the Town Board  
Town/Village of Harrison  
1 Heineman Place  
Harrison, New York 10528

Re: Purchase of an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS), or drone

Supervisor/Mayor Belmont and Members of the Town Board:

I am interested in procuring an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS), or drone, for the Department. A UAS would be an invaluable asset to the Department and residents of the Town of Harrison. It could be deployed for purposes of:

**Situational Awareness** – to assist in understanding the nature, scale or scope of an incident and for planning an effective response, or in cases where such deployment may be more timely than sending a patrol vehicle;

**Search and Rescue** – to assist in missing person investigations, such as AMBER Alerts, missing children, and vulnerable adults;

**Tactical Deployment** – to support officers and equipment in emergency situations, such as active shooter situations in schools or other buildings, or in cases of vehicle or foot pursuits, where sending a police vehicle or officer would not be prudent;

**Visual Perspective** – to provide aerial perspective to assist officers with directing crowd control, traffic, and perimeter security at events such as parades, fireworks and other large gatherings; and

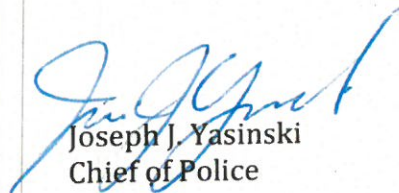
**Scene Documentation** – to document a crime scene, accident scene or other major incidents.

All deployments will strictly conform to state and federal privacy laws.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is responsible for processing and approving all requests for Unmanned Aircraft System operations in the National Airspace System. Before the FAA grants an agency access to the online application process, the agency must provide the FAA with a "declaration letter" from the Agency's Attorney's office. This document assures the FAA that the agency is recognized as a political subdivision of the government of the State under Title 49 of the United States Code (USC) section (§) 40102(a)(41)(c) or (d) and that the agency will operate its Unmanned Aircraft in accordance with 49 USC. § 40125(b) (not for Commercial Purposes).

I respectfully request a "declaration letter" from the Town, so that we may begin the application process.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief of Police

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