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New Braunfels Fire Department Receiving Donated Drone

New Braunfels, TX – The New Braunfels Community Emergency Response Team (NBCERT) was recently awarded a grant from the New Braunfels Community Foundation for the purchase of a Mavic Enterprise Drone.

NBCERT is an emergency preparedness program supported by the Department of Homeland Security. New Braunfels CERT was established by the City Office of Emergency Management in 2010 with support of the leadership of the City of New Braunfels. Its volunteer members receive special training to enhance their ability to support the Office of Emergency Management, City first responders and all other City departments during emergency/disaster events.

The New Braunfels Community Foundation is an independent philanthropic organization that began in 2009 when a group of civic-minded individuals saw the need to create a local community foundation that offers individuals, businesses and families a professional and efficient way to match philanthropic efforts with the needs of the New Braunfels area.

NBCERT applied for the grant with the ultimate goal of donating a drone to the New Braunfels Fire Department. The equipment has the potential to be used for a variety of tasks including:

- Search and rescue operations on land and the rivers
- Damage assessment after severe weather events or other disasters
- Wildland fire reconnaissance to determine the size, scope and exposures
- Rapid gain of situational awareness in large apartment or other multi-family complex fires for swift resource deployment
- Hazmat reconnaissance

“We are very appreciative to our NBCERT for applying for this grant and to the New Braunfels Community Foundation for their award,” said Interim Fire Chief Patrick O’Connell. “This is a powerful tool that can be rapidly deployed to assist us in achieving our mission of providing protection with integrity to our community.”

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