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Donation to

Cahaba Valley Fire
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MEDIA ADVISORY

**Spire Inc., Influential Drones and SkyeBrowse team up with NPS-DDP to donate a thermal drone
& modeling reality software to Cahaba Valley Fire Search and Rescue**

WHAT:

On November 05, 2020, the Cahaba Valley Fire Search and Rescue located in Birmingham Alabama applied to the National Public Safety Drone Donation Program [NPS-DDP.org](https://www.nps-ddp.org) for a drone donation. The department explained why the drone would help protect the communities they serve.

“ CVFD provides fire suppression and emergency medical services including transport to approximately 25,000 customers as well as thousands of drivers traveling the Highway 280 corridor each day. Responding from four stations, CVFD answers around 3,500 calls for assistance each year” Said Captain Stephen Taylor Gunells

WHEN: April 4, 2022, 10 a.m.

WHERE: 145 Narrows Drive, Birmingham, AL. 25242

Who: Buddy Wilks, Cahaba Valley Fire Chief

Eric Rigdon, Spire Manager of Gas Operations

Mark Langley, Executive Director and CEO of the National Public Safety Drone Donation Program

DETAILS:

“I am very happy that Spire has chosen to give back to their own community, The donated drone has high-quality thermal imagery that will help the fire department keep their firefighters safe and respond to calls with advanced technology.” Said Dave Krause, co-founder of Influential Drones and volunteer FAA Safety Team industry member.

“At Spire, we are always looking for ways to give back to the communities we serve, We work closely with first responders and are very grateful for the important services they provide. We are happy to be able to make this donation to the Cahaba Valley Fire Department to assist them in keeping our communities safe. Said Eric Rigdon, Spire manager of gas operations.

SkyeBrowse: Is donating a six-month license of accident reconstruction software which can be used with the drone donation. Acquire mission critical data for your command staff with **no training required.** “*We are proud to support NPS-DDP in their efforts to help underfunded public safety departments in need*”
Said Bobby Ouyang, CEO of SkyeBrowse

“National Public Safety Drone Donation Program is proud to have corporations support our mission across the country. Any department in need may apply through our foundation for a UAV / drone or other hardware and software at no cost.”

Said Mark Langley , Executive Director and CEO of NPS-DDP.

The generosity of these types of donations cannot be underestimated as this hardware provides lifesaving value in the hands of those who work so hard to protect the communities they serve. We encourage private citizens and any company including public safety to contact us to recycle any unused UAV back into service and donate it to a department in need.

Specs of drone being donated by Spire : Autel Robotics EVO II Dual 640 Drone

- Combination 8K camera and a FLIR Boson thermal camera with zoom capabilities
- 1/2-inch sensor with a 14mm lens, Resolution quality of 640 x 512 @ 30fps. / valued at \$10,998.00

Additional Items being donated from other NPS-DDP partners inspired by the Spire donation :

- Total of two 107 pilot Institute FAA training programs / valued at \$298
- 6 Month License to SkyeBrowse 3D modeling software / valued at \$600
- 6 Month License to Drone Sense management software / valued at \$800
- 6 Month License to AirData Operations software / valued at \$600
- 1 Colorado drone charger for rapid battery charging / valued at \$550
- 1 Smart Controller donated by Autel Robotics / valued at \$1199.00

