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**To:** Town Council

**From:** Debbie Nichols

**Date:** August 30, 2016

**Re:** Garfield County Public Information Officers (GCPIO)

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I am part of the Garfield County Public Information Officers group and we are having a conference September 29 and 30. The subject of this conference is "Unmanned Aircraft Systems," giving information regarding Drone usage in the event of an emergency. The conference will be held at the Rifle campus of CMC, with lunch on Thursday at one of the hangars at the Rifle airport. We are anticipating up to 300 people from across the state to attend this conference, the cost of this is \$25 per person, covering lunch, the auditorium, av techs and speakers' expenses.

I would like to request from the Council, \$500 to go towards sponsoring the "morning welcome" table at this event. I have received a bid from Cori at Burning Mountain Bakery & Deli, (who is going into Maud's on Main next month.) This bid is for \$2200, which included assorted mini bakery items and fresh fruit for 300 people both mornings. Another person from our committee will be requesting the same amount (\$500) from her employer, Terra Energy Partners and then the balance would be paid from GCPIO funds.

I am also collecting items for the swag give-a-way bags that will be given out at the beginning of the morning sessions and after breaks. My goal is having numerous restaurants (Rifle to Glenwood Springs) to be represented, whether it be a gift card or coupon for a percentage off, encouraging to visit local restaurants. Also included in the swag bag give-a-ways will be items from various places ie. Valley View Hospital, Carbondale Fire Dept. and Garfield County Sheriff's Office.