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Evolver DFR Debuts a Complete Drone as First Responder Program for Public Safety Agencies

The solution, powered by Drone Nerds, combines Parrot ANAFI UKR aircraft, DBOX autonomous docking station, and SkyfireAI software, with implementation support and training.

MIAMI, Oct. 22, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- Evolver DFR, powered by Drone Nerds, a division of XTI Aerospace, Inc. (NASDAQ: XTIA), today launched its Drone as First Responder (DFR) program, which gives police, fire, and emergency agencies everything they need to confidently send a drone to an emergency call. The solution debuts this week at the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Annual Conference and Exposition in Orlando.



Evolver DFR integrates the Parrot ANAFI UKR GOV aircraft, the DBOX PRT autonomous docking station, and SkyfireAI's FlyAura public safety software into one purpose-built emergency response system. Within minutes of a call, the Evolver DFR solution puts real-time aerial video and data in front of dispatchers and commanders, improving situational awareness, protecting responders, and helping departments send resources where they are needed most.

"Launching a DFR program involves more than purchasing a drone. Agencies need the aircraft, software, infrastructure, training, and ongoing support to make the system part of their daily operations," said Jeremy Schneiderman, Interim CEO of XTI Aerospace and CEO

of Drone Nerds. "Evolver DFR brings those pieces together through a single solution."

Parrot ANAFI UKR GOV, Blue UAS approved, carries wide and telephoto cameras with 35x zoom and a 640 thermal sensor, uses AES-256 encryption on its radio links, and is FIPS 140-2 compliant. It launches from and returns to the DBOX, a climate-controlled docking station, built specifically for the aircraft, that recharges it between flights and operates in heat, cold, and rain. FlyAura software lets authorized users fly missions, stream live video, and share a common operating picture from a web browser, with TAK integration and a searchable record of every flight.

"The ANAFI UKR GOV was designed to deliver mission-critical aerial intelligence in demanding operational environments. Through our collaboration with DBOX, SkyfireAI and Drone Nerds, agencies can now deploy a fully integrated DFR solution that combines secure autonomous operations, thermal imaging, and long-range visual capabilities in a streamlined platform built specifically for public safety," said Chris Roberts, Senior Vice President & Chief Revenue Officer of Parrot.

"We know a dock is only valuable if it is ready every time a call comes in," said Dr. Linas Gelazanskas, CEO at DBOX. "We engineered the DBOX PRT around the ANAFI UKR so the two work as one system in any weather. Together, we called it Evolver DFR."

Evolver DFR goes well beyond buying equipment. The solution team guides each agency from the first needs assessment through coverage planning, site selection, installation, system integration, and training. It also supports agencies through FAA approval processes, including Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) authorizations, so new programs are ready to operate safely and in compliance.

Built around proven public safety workflows, Evolver DFR gives departments automated dispatch, remote operations, live video streaming, advanced imaging, and real-time information sharing. Incident commanders can assess threats earlier, coordinate personnel more effectively, avoid unnecessary deployments, and make better-informed decisions before responders arrive on scene.

Every program includes Always Flying™ by Drone Nerds, which provides expedited replacement aircraft when equipment is damaged, along with dedicated technical support, maintenance resources, and operational help. Always Flying minimizes downtime so departments can count on aerial response when their communities need it most.

Unlike traditional DFR offerings built around ongoing subscriptions, Evolver DFR lets agencies buy a complete, multi-year program covering multiple locations on a single purchase order. With no recurring subscription fees for the contracted solution, departments gain predictable budgets, simpler procurement, and the flexibility to expand coverage while keeping long-term costs under control.

"The future of Drone as First Responder isn't just about getting an aircraft in the air. It's about what happens before, during, and after every mission," said Don Mathis, CEO of SkyfireAI. "With FlyAura, we're bringing AI-assisted mission planning, remote flight operations, and real-time intelligence together in one platform. Combined with SkyfireAI's operational expertise, Evolver DFR gives agencies the flexibility to manage their own programs or rely on our team to operate them. That's how we move DFR beyond individual deployments and

make it a scalable, everyday public safety capability."

Evolver DFR will be on display at IACP 2026 in Orlando from October 24-26 at Booth 2761, where representatives from SkyfireAI and Drone Nerds will be in attendance. Agencies can schedule a demonstration at www.evolverdfr.com.

About Evolver DFR

Evolver DFR delivers complete Drone as First Responder programs to police, fire and emergency management agencies, combining proven aircraft, autonomous docking station, and public safety software with planning, installation, training, and ongoing support. Evolver DFR is a brand of XTI Aerospace, Inc. ("XTI") (Nasdaq: XTIA). For more information, visit: www.evolverdfr.com.

About Drone Nerds

Drone Nerds, LLC, a subsidiary of XTI Aerospace, Inc. (Nasdaq: XTIA), provides comprehensive drone solutions for enterprise, private, and recreational needs. Founded in 2014, Drone Nerds helps customers deploy the right UAS solutions for their unique operational requirements. Through its proprietary Always Flying™ program, Drone Nerds delivers enhanced reliability and assurance for enterprise implementations across industry verticals, including public safety, government, agriculture, construction, insurance, energy, inspection, and more. For more information, visit: enterprise.dronenerds.com.

About Parrot

Parrot is Europe's leading group in the field of professional micro-UAVs and 3D mapping and modeling solutions. The Group designs, develops and markets a complementary range of high-performance micro-UAVs and photogrammetry software, serving both operational and analytical needs of security forces, industrial and commercial operators as well as public authorities worldwide. Parrot integrates artificial intelligence at the core of its microdrone systems, enabling advanced capabilities in autonomous flight, detection, tracking and analysis in complex environments. Founded in 1994 by Henri Seydoux, Chairman, CEO and main shareholder, Parrot is headquartered in Paris and develops its products in Europe. It manufactures in the United States and South Korea. Parrot is listed on Euronext Paris (FR0004038263 - PARRO). For more information, visit: www.parrot.com.

About DBOX

DBOX designs and manufactures autonomous drone docking stations that let unmanned aircraft launch, land, recharge, and operate around the clock without an operator on site. Headquartered in Vilnius, Lithuania, DBOX has more than five years of operational deployments across public safety, critical infrastructure, smart city, and border monitoring applications in Europe and North America. The DBOX PRT is an all-weather, climate-controlled docking station engineered for the Parrot ANAFI UKR, delivering an NDAA-compliant drone-in-a-box solution for government and emergency response agencies. DBOX is a registered NATO supplier (NCAGE) and operates under UAB IT logika. For more information, visit: <https://dbox.lt>.

About SkyfireAI

SkyfireAI is a U.S.-based AI company building a dual-use, AI-native platform for autonomous multi-ship drone operations and robotic systems. Its tools help public safety, defense, and critical-infrastructure organizations plan, manage, and execute complex missions with greater situational awareness and operational efficiency. SkyfireAI is headquartered in Huntsville, Alabama. For more information, visit:

<https://www.skyfireai.com/>

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