

From: [Eric Levitt](#)
To: [CityCouncil-List](#)
Cc: [Lara Weisiger](#); [Gerry Beaudin](#); [Yibin Shen](#); [Eric Levitt](#)
Subject: FW: Request regarding Council Agenda item
Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 3:11:50 PM
Attachments: [Armor Group BATT.docx](#)
[Armored Sprinter Van.docx](#)
[Lenco Bearcat.docx](#)

Here is further information on the vehicle and information on which agencies have vehicles.

Thanks

Eric Levitt
City Manager

From: Jeffery Emmitt
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 1:55 PM
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Mr. Levitt,

Here is a list of agencies and what type of armored vehicle they have;

Oakland PD: Lenco Bearcat
ACSO: Lenco Bearcat
Berkeley PD: Sprinter Van
San Leandro PD: Lenco Medcat
Hayward PD: Armor Group BATT
Union City PD: Lenco Bearcat
Fremont PD: Lenco Bearcat
Livermore/Pleasanton PD: Lenco Bearcat

I have attached photos of the different makes/models of armored vehicles. If you have additional questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

Jeff

From: Eric Levitt
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Chief Fenn:

A Council Member thought it might be helpful to show what other cities have as far as the vehicles. If a chart could be ready to put up that would be helpful. This Council Member thought it would be beneficial to show that this is a common tool / vehicle (they support keeping).







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Subject: Request for information on vehicle use.
Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 9:18:18 AM

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft & City Council:

I received a question on the capacity of the vehicle and whether Fire personnel have been transported in it. Below is the response.

Thanks

Eric Levitt
City Manager

Mr. Levitt,

The vehicle can hold somewhere between 8-10, depending on the size of the employees.

In 2013, the PD and FD created a Tac Medic program. Ever since 2013, Tac Medics (AFD paramedics) respond to all SWAT operations. Every time the armored vehicle is deployed, it would carry at least one Tac Medic, sometimes two depending on the operation type.

Thank you,

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Subject: Police vehicle
Date: Monday, March 1, 2021 12:01:55 PM

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft & City Council:

Based on some questions I had received, I asked for clarification on the armored vehicle. Below is added perspective from the Department on the vehicle and potential mutual aid.

Thanks

Eric

You asked for feedback on the armored vehicle for a few questions. Adding to what Matt wrote below, if we don't have an armored vehicle (or even say we needed more than one right now for a large incident), we have to call individual agencies asking for help. There is no central point of contact for this kind of request. This means our dispatcher would start calling dispatch centers in our area, asking if their vehicle was available and if they could respond to Alameda with it. Just like when APD is called and asked for our vehicle, we have to ensure we have proper staffing and trained personnel to respond to the PD, pick up the vehicle, and drive to the location it's needed. Depending on the time of day, you can see where that could be a protracted amount of time.

When APD takes ERV to other cities, we don't relinquish control of our equipment. This requires communication with the scene supervisor(s) of the requesting agency to ensure mutual understanding of the request and our ability to fulfill that request or not. The same would be in reverse if we called for a neighboring department's vehicle. In an emergency situation we hope that communication would be very short, but having clear expectations and understandings is extremely critical, especially in an emergency situation.

In short, relying on other agencies is not out of the question and, frankly, if the ERV were inoperable, or we don't own one this is what APD would do. The issue is, in an emergency in particular, when seconds count, the reliance on other agencies is a longer process than some might understand.

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Subject: Question regarding 2 uses of Police Vehicle.
Date: Saturday, February 27, 2021 10:35:18 AM

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft & City Council:

I received requests for more information on the two uses in 2020 of the Police armored vehicle.

Eric

Below is further information.

Police Perimeters

A police perimeter is the strategic placement of personnel and equipment to help mitigate suspects' escape. Often, when responding to critical incidents involving freethinking violent criminals, they will fight or attempt to flee. Police officers try to thwart suspects from escaping by placing redundant rings of equipment surrounding the area of potential conflict (locations of search and arrest warrants). This is done to contain the situation and prevent violent encounters by the suspects with other innocent people in the area.

CHP & Armored Vehicle

CHP Golden Gate Warrant Division was working with the FBI Safe Task Force to apprehend multiple people involved in a homicide, armed robbery, and trafficking. When numerous searches and arrest warrants are to be served on criminal groups, they are often executed simultaneously to prevent information transfer of those responsible for crimes. They needed additional bullet-resistant vehicles for the operation. Other agencies with similar equipment were also used. I am confident CHP has bullet-resistant vehicles, but their locations, availability, and limitations are unknown.