



Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services
Military Surplus and Other Regulated Police Equipment
Waiver Request to the Criminal Justice Services Board

DATE REQUESTED: 01/25/2021

REQUESTED BY (AGENCY): Page County Sheriff's Office

DIRECTOR OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF AGENCY: Sheriff Chad Cubbage

Items listed below are eligible for this request. Submit one waiver request per individual item.

- (i) **weaponized unmanned aerial vehicles;**
- (ii) **aircraft that are configured for combat or are combat-coded and have no established commercial flight application;**
- (iii) **grenades or similar explosives or grenade launchers from a surplus program operated by the federal government;**
- (iv) **armored multi-wheeled vehicles that are mine-resistant, ambush-protected, and configured for combat, also known as MRAPs, from a surplus program operated by the federal government;**
- (v) **bayonets;**
- (vi) **firearms of .50 caliber or higher;**
- (vii) **ammunition of .50 caliber or higher;**
- (viii) **weaponized tracked armored vehicles.**

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

MRAP

SERIAL NUMBER OR VIN NUMBER, IF APPLICABLE:

GMB408336EKY

DESCRIBE, IN DETAIL, THE PUBLIC SAFETY PURPOSE OF THIS ITEM.

See Attached Documentation

Please include your departmental general order and any specific examples of the use of the above equipment, and email this information and waiver form to harvey.powers@dcjs.virginia.gov for review by the Criminal Justice Services Board.

January 25, 2021
To Whom It May Concern,

As the Sheriff of Page County Sheriff's Office, our department has many extra resources that we hold valuable and effective for the County of Page. One of those extra resources is the Mrap. In reference to the new bill in the state of Virginia, House Bill 5049, that impacts the use of certain military surplus and other items by other law enforcement agencies that comes into effect March 1, 2021, we would like to request a waiver for number 4) Mine resistant or armored vehicles from military surplus.

I would like to briefly share with you why the Mrap is a valuable asset to our Sheriff's Department. Since I have taken office in January 2016, the Mrap has been able to serve our community on several different occasions. In my first month of taking office, our county experienced a very large snow storm. In this particular situation, we received an emergency call for a lady that was pregnant and hemorrhaging. Our local rescue squads did not have the proper apparatus to be able to get to her to provide the proper medical services she was in need of. I then immediately activated the use of the Mrap and sent an emergency rescue team to her location. Without this assistance, the outcome would have been much different. It was used to save lives.

In another situation, the Mrap was used to assist a house fire on Campbell Hill road. This house was very secluded and deep in one of our local hollers. This road had no Vdot attention, and therefore the Mrap was used to get the firefighters into that location to provide the emergency services that were needed at this time.

Through my continued service to the citizens of Page County, which I deem a privilege and honor, we have used the Mrap to assist hospital personnel during times when they were unable to report for their important duty due to local weather conditions. It has been used to assist other agencies for search and rescue and flooding conditions. The Mrap has also been used for several community events that draw the attention of the people in our community. In one community event, we were able to fit 33 elementary students into the Mrap. This allowed for us to consider the use of this apparatus in the event of an emergency school situation.

We would like to thank you for considering extending our Page County Sheriff's Department a waiver to continue the important use of the Mrap to the county of Page. In my service as Sheriff of Page County, I consider the Mrap a valuable asset to our rural community. As Sheriff, I feel it is my duty to serve and protect the citizens of our great community. Being able to utilize the Mrap in all of the above emergency situations provides a sense of security in knowing we can help when others are in need. The use of this apparatus allows our rescue squad, fire departments, and health care workers the opportunity to also serve and protect at their capacity as we all work together to serve our community. The removal of the Mrap would be a disservice. If we did not have the use of this apparatus in the above situations the outcome would have been different causing great heartache and loss to our community. Thank you for working with us to provide the best possible care for the citizens of Page County.

Sincerely,
Sheriff Chad Cubbage

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Chad Cubbage". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.