



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

DATE REQUESTED: February 27, 2021

REQUESTED BY (AGENCY): City of Franklin Police Department

DIRECTOR OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF AGENCY: Steve Patterson, Chief of Police *SP*

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:

Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicle

SERIAL NUMBER OR VIN NUMBER, IF APPLICABLE:

GMB408339KY

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

The public safety purpose of this Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle, as detailed in our policy which is attached, is two fold. Primarily the vehicle is utilized for tactical situations where the lack of it's use would cause undue harm to citizens and law enforcement officers addressing the tactical situation. These incidents include; active shooters, officer/citizen rescues, armed barricaded suspects/hostages, etc. The MRAP shall not be utilized for crowd control, protests, routine patrol, or operations where it's size is prohibitive from being used. Based on our participation with the Hampton Roads Mutual Aid Agreement and being within Southampton County, the MRAP would and could be utilized by our operators and within our policy to assist regional agencies. Furthermore, being in the extreme western side of Tidewater, the MRAP provides an asset that is readily available for use within those jurisdictions on the western side of Tidewater such as Franklin, Southampton County, Isle of Wight, and Suffolk where a response from other agencies, including the Virginia State Police, may take upwards of a hour or more. Secondly, the vehicle is utilized as a high water rescue vehicle. The City of Franklin, as well as some of the surrounding areas, has at times suffered from flooding. The MRAP has been used to traverse these areas and rescue citizens who could not otherwise seek refuge from their water emergency. The MRAP with it's high body style is high enough to traverse waters that are three to four foot deep.

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.