



Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services

Military Surplus and Other Regulated Police Equipment

Waiver Request to the Criminal Justice Services Board

DATE REQUESTED: 01-26-2021

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

DIRECTOR OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF AGENCY: Sheriff Steven L. Dye

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:

2006 MRAP

SERIAL NUMBER OR VIN NUMBER, IF APPLICABLE:

DTIDW56HZV40900348

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

The 2006 MRAP, VIN DTIDW56HZV40900348 is primarily used for officer safety in times of critical incidents where law enforcement officers are transported and delivered to scenes where armed individuals are normally barricaded in dwellings or other structures, thus taking their moving through open areas without armored protection, improving the safety of these law enforcement officers. On numerous occasions with armed individuals and in barricade situations, the 2006 MRAP has been used in order to successfully deliver law enforcement personnel to the scene in order to resolve these situations. On each of these occasions, there has never been any use of force on behalf of law enforcement or by the suspects that were encountered. Russell County, Virginia is located in a very remote section of Southwest Virginia, not readily accessible from the larger municipal police departments that have access to these particular types of equipment. This particular piece of equipment was acquired through the 1099 Military Surplus Property Program and was delivered to Russell County through the kind donations of a local business owner without any cost to the tax base. Upon receiving, the 2006 MRAP, the appearance of the vehicle's exterior was altered by using black paint and with the addition of Sheriff's Office lettering in order to make the vehicle more function-able for law enforcement use as opposed to previous use a military vehicle. In conclusion, there are many misconceptions about the Military Surplus Property that is acquired by local law enforcement agencies. As it has been described to you, these pieces of particular equipment are not used in a day to day law enforcement function in a militaristic type manner; it is quite the contrary. These vehicles are used primarily in major critical emergency incidents that impact the public safety of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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.