



Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services

Military Surplus and Other Regulated Police Equipment

Waiver Request to the Criminal Justice Services Board

DATE REQUESTED: 02-10-2021

REQUESTED BY (AGENCY): Harrisonburg Police Department

DIRECTOR OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF AGENCY: Chief Gabriel Camacho

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 Vehicle

SERIAL NUMBER OR VIN NUMBER, IF APPLICABLE:

GMB408657E-CZ

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

The Emergency Response Vehicle (E.R.V.) is equipped to serve as an armored personnel carrier. The ERV's primary use is for high risk situations in which it can provide maximum protection to departmental members, citizens and other first responders. . Due to the size, weight and nature of this vehicle, the vehicle can be utilized in other than high risk situations such as, 1) High water rescue: certain parts of our community experiences flooding when we receive high volumes of rain. This vehicle affords us the capability to drive into those waters in the event a rescue is needed; and 2) Snow rescue: We currently have an operational plan in place to utilize the ERV if we receive a large accumulation of snow. The vehicle can be utilized to escort Police, Fire and Rescue and assist in the event they get stuck or the vehicle can be used to transport emergency first responders to locations. The ERV has operationally been used to pull a fired truck after being immobilized by deep mud caused by heavy rain. The ERV also has also been utilized during community events as a tool to foster trust between our Department and our citizens.

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.