



To: Sgt. Larry Lam
Virginia State Police

From: Cpl. Joshua Butts
City of Franklin Police Department

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Re: MRAP Justification Letter

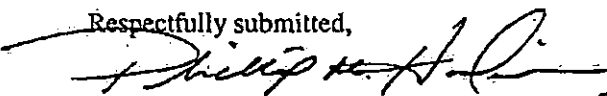
Sgt. Lam,

This letter is to provide a justification as to the necessity of acquiring an MRAP (Mine Resistant Ambush Protected) vehicle for the City of Franklin Police Department. The City of Franklin Police Department is comprised of thirty sworn law enforcement officers and utilizes a ten person Tactical Response Unit. The City of Franklin Police Department has a mutual aid agreement with over seven jurisdictions and is able to be called to assist with any of those agencies at a moment's notice. The City of Franklin Police Department is located within the County of Southampton, Virginia, which is over six hundred square miles, and borders Isle of Wight County, Virginia, which is over four hundred square miles. Located within Isle of Wight County is the Town of Windsor and the Town of Smithfield, which are also able to utilize the City of Franklin Police Department's Tactical Response Unit. None of these jurisdictions listed possess an armored vehicle, and are forced to wait several hours for one to respond or sometimes not even be able to have one respond.

The City of Franklin Police Department Tactical Response Unit is required and able to respond to high risk search warrants, high risk arrest warrants, hostage situations, and barricaded subject situations, and the necessity for an armored vehicle is overwhelming. This is not only for the protection of departmental personnel, but also for the safe evacuation of innocent civilians who may be trapped within the area of operation.

This vehicle will not only be utilized within the City of Franklin, but will be utilized across multiple jurisdictions for a multitude of situations that may arise within those jurisdictions. This vehicle will be available to service over seven jurisdictions expanding well over one thousand square miles of South East Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,


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