

Office Of The Sheriff

County of Southampton - City of Franklin

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TO: LESO Program Manager
DLA Disposition Services Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO)
74 Washington Avenue North Battle Creek, MI 49037

Subject: Armored Vehicle Justification

1. **Please thoroughly explain the intended use and impact the resource will have upon your jurisdiction and /or neighboring jurisdiction support to other agencies (examples may include SWAT, active shooter, barricaded suspect, emergency response, first responder, critical incident, hostage rescue, natural disaster response, border security, homeland security, counter-drug, counter terrorism).**

The County of Southampton covers 604 square miles. The Sheriff's Office is the primary law enforcement agency for the jurisdiction. The Sheriff's Office currently has an eight man SWAT team. The team currently deploys from an unarmored passenger van. The SWAT team has been deployed to armed barricaded subjects with only natural cover barriers. There are eleven schools in the county. There are numerous Department of Corrections housing inmates in the county. The county is located approximately 60 miles west of the Hampton Roads area which is home to some of the largest and most critical military bases in the country including a NATO base. Our SWAT team assists surrounding jurisdictions to supplement existing teams or to agencies that have no SWAT team. Our jurisdiction has had several flooding incidents and other natural disasters in the past few years. Receipt of the requested vehicles could assist in evacuation and rescue of citizens during inclement weather.

2. **Number of full/part compensated sworn officers in the agency making the request.** Southampton Sheriff's Office has 65 full time sworn officers and 3 part time sworn officers.

3. **Is the requesting agency located within an office of National Drug Control Policy designated High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)?**
The Southampton Sheriff's Office is not designated as a HIDTA area.

4. **Is the requesting agency involved by mutual agreement with multi-agency associations/task forces of a counter-drug/counter-terrorism/border security nature?**
Southampton Sheriff's Office is involved by mutual agreement with multi-agency associations/task forces of a counter drug nature. The Southampton Sheriff's Office is part of the DEA taskforce out of Norfolk as well as the Meherrin Drug Task Force.

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5. State the population within the requesting agencies jurisdiction and describe the geographical size of the area of responsibility.

Southampton County, which is the responsibility of the Southampton County Sheriff's Office consists of a population size of 26,000 and covers a jurisdictional area of 604 square miles.

6. Describe the type of facility that will be used to store and secure the resource.

The Southampton County Sheriff's Office has a secure area to hold and prevent access to the MRAP except by authorized personnel. The area in which the MRAP would be stored is protected by a security fence limited access by authorized personnel.

7. Provide estimated usage/mission requirements for the requested armored vehicles.

The call volume for this vehicle would vary, however, historically we have been called out six times a year where this type of vehicle would be an asset in Officer Protection".

8. If requesting a Tracked Armored Vehicle, provide additional jurisdiction for intended use. (justify the need for a tracked vehicle)

The Southampton County Sheriff's Office is not requesting a Tracked Armored Vehicle but a Wheeled Armored Vehicle.

Chief Law Enforcement Official/Head of Local Federal Agency (Supervisor/RAC/SAC):

J. B. Stutts Sheriff
(Print Name and Official)

[Signature]
(Signature and Date)