

SWAT BearCat Overview

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The Threat

North Hollywood Shootout 28 Feb 1997



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The Threat

Deputy Parrish 31 Dec 2017



3 other officers were also shot



What is a BearCat?



The Lenco BearCat G2 Model

BearCat G2

- A tactical armored vehicle designed for special operations teams such as SWAT.
- Designed for on-road urban environments.
- Built on a F550 Chassis, easy to drive, maneuverable in tight urban settings.
- Seats 12 SWAT operators (has 2 bench seats for medical treatment capability).
- Provides high ballistic protection (50 Cal).



BearCat G2 Continue

- Standard vehicle in US SWAT operations (National “Best-Practice” for SWAT Teams).
- Ram & tear gas Injector capability.
- Dimensions:
 - Weight = 19,840 lbs (2 axles limit = 36,000 lbs.)
 - Height = 9’ 1”
 - Width = 8’ 6”
 - Length = 21’ 9”
- Turning radius = 39’.



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The Need

- 12 of 22 SWAT team callouts over the last 12 months were high risk believed to be armed dangerous suspects:
 - 3 homicide suspects.
 - 5 attempted homicide suspects.
 - 4 armed robbery suspects.
- 7 of 22 (32%) no armor available.
- 3 of 22 (14%) no BearCat available.



The Need

- 11/29/21 = 2 barricaded attempted murder suspects shot at 3 CCPD officers.
- 1/14/22 = Barricaded attempt murder suspect.
- 3/30/22 = 2 child homicide suspects.
- 4/15/22 = Barricaded suspect with several “no bond” felony warrants.
- 4/16/22 = Barricaded murder suspect (MRAP would not fit).
- 6/16/22 = Attempted murder suspect (MRAP would not fit).



The Need

- 6/21/22 = Armed burglary (AR-15) suspect (1/2 million stolen property recovered).
- 6/22/22 = Homicide suspect (off-duty fire Captain).
- 6/29/22 = Search warrant for Fentanyl (MRAP would not fit and ACSO BearCat not available).
- 7/13/22 = Homicide suspect (MRAP would not fit).
- 7/22/22 = Homicide suspect (MRAP would not fit and ACSO BearCat not available).
- 9/16/22 = Barricaded armed robbery/kidnapping suspect.



The Need

- 9/27/22 = Attempted homicide suspect (MRAP would not fit).
- 10/9/22 = Barricaded armed carjacking suspect (MRAP would not fit and ACSO BearCat not available).
- 10/27/22 = Auto theft, armed robbery (gun store) 3 suspects.



Why Now - Background

- On June 2, 2015 the City of Commerce City and the City of Brighton established an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for a shared Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team.
- Shared costs = 60% CCPD 40% BPD.
- Since 2015, SWAT team needed a BearCat but BPD did not have the 40% funding match.



Why Now – Background Cont.

- On September 6, 2022, I started discussion with Brighton PD concerning a purchase of a BearCat.
 - A Lenco BearCat was available for reduced cost with a production completion date in December 2022.
 - All Lenco needed was a signed “Letter of Intent” and signed quote, no deposit or down payment was required.



Why Now – Funding

- By October 3, 2022, both jurisdictions found the funds for the purchase but still needed a Letter of Intent to reserve the BearCat.
- Lenco has giving us a November 8 deadline for a decision to purchase the BearCat or not.
 - No funds required until production completion date.
 - Estimated to be late November.



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Why Now – Notes

- The reason why we never submitted this purchase through the normal budget process in the past was the funds were not available for BPD. Now BPD has allocated the funds (\$112,000) in their 2023 budget. No guarantee the funds will be available in 2024.
- To order a BearCat, it is estimated the build time could be 12-18 months with a substantial price increase.



Cost Breakdown

- Cost = \$280,000
- CCPD share = \$168,000
- BPD share = \$112,000
- The payment process is CCPD will pay the total invoice amount and then invoice Brighton in January 2023 for their 40% share.



Commerce City Funding Source

- Police Forfeiture State Fund (Fund 150) = \$8,900.
- Police Forfeiture Federal Fund (Fund 160) = \$64,100.
- Unencumbered fund balance in the Fleet Management Fund (Fund 630) = \$207,000.
 - (\$207,000 - \$112,000 = \$95,000).
- Total = \$168,000 (CCPD 60% match).
 - CCPD gets a BearCat for \$168,000.



Three Options

- Option 1: Move forward with the purchase of the BearCat this year.
- Option 2: Delay the purchase of the BearCat for the 2023 budget re-appropriation or 2024 budget process.
- Option 3: No purchase of a BearCat.



Option 1

- Option 1: Move forward with the purchase of the BearCat this year.
- Consequences:
 - Funding is available from both cities.
 - BearCat is available by end of this year.
 - Increase safety for SWAT operators this year.



Option 2

- Option 2: Delay the purchase of the BearCat for the 2023 budget re-appropriation or 2024 budget process.
- Consequences:
 - BearCat estimated deliver date 2024/2025 (12-18 months build out from order date).
 - No guarantee BPD funds will be available in 2024.
 - 32% increase for serious injuries to SWAT operators (no armor available).



Option 3

- Option 3: No purchase of a BearCat.
- Consequences:
 - Potential 32% increase for serious injuries/deaths to SWAT operators (no armor available).
 - Limits SWAT operational capability.
 - Potential increase of liability to the city for workman's compensation/death claims.



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Questions

- Any questions before closing remarks.
- CCPD and BPD recommends Option 1.



Next Steps

- I need to let the vendor know by November 8 what option the City Council will support.
- If Option 1, then:
 - Ordinance amending the 2022 budget for next City Council meeting.
 - Sole Source form signed by CM.
 - Key



BearCat vs. MRAP



Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP)
(Off-road, 43,440 lbs, Height 12' 8", TR = 65')

BearCat



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MRAP

Front



Rear



MRAP

Driver Side



Captain Side

