

Armored Rescue Vehicle



The Lincoln Police Department intends to purchase an armored rescue vehicle

- Instances of resisting arrest and weapons use are on the rise.
- Active shooting incidents have consistently increased nationwide.
- Safer alternatives to resolve an incident peacefully exist when officers have time, distance, and tactical options.
- Over 95% of Benchmark Cities possess an armored vehicle.

- Military surplus vehicles, which are cheaper alternatives, bring with them certain negative perceptions about their use domestically.

- During the last decade, LPD has requested armored vehicle support 78 times from outside agencies. We've been denied 9 times due to maintenance issues or lack of trained personnel. Ability to control the vehicle's use and deployment is extremely important.

National success stories made possible by access to an armored rescue vehicle:

- In Dallas, TX 4 officers serving a warrant were shot and able to be evacuated and treated for their wounds.
- In Wisconsin, a suspect who armored his home and fired a rifle at officers was safely apprehended utilizing less lethal munitions.
- In Aurora Colorado, 108 stranded motorists were accessed and rescued as temperatures began to plummet during a severe snowstorm.
- In New Mexico, a suspect who fired at the vehicle was approached and subdued with a TASER rather than with lethal fire.
- In Bakersfield, California, 60 citizens in the line of fire were evacuated from an area when a suspect continued to open fire in their neighborhood.
- In Pennsylvania, a suspect boarded up his home and installed gun ports to shoot at officers. An armored rescue vehicle was used to push in one of the windows and deployed gas, leading to a peaceful surrender.
- There are countless stories of these vehicles being utilized for community safety across the U.S.

- Events continue to unfold across the nation where an armored vehicle is utilized to rescue injured citizens and officers, navigate otherwise unpassable terrain, and to aid in the safe and peaceable arrest of suspects.

- This vehicle will not be utilized for crowd control, civil unrest, protests, or demonstrations unless there are confirmed acts of violence toward the public or officers.
- Use of the vehicle will be tightly controlled by authorization only from the chief of police (or designee). This includes deployment on operations, public relations or community engagement events, and outside agency requests for mutual aid support.