

## AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVES MANUAL

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### 4.9 BALLISTIC ENGINEERED ARMORED RESPONSE VEHICLE (B.E.A.R.)

The B.E.A.R. is an armored response/rescue vehicle which is assigned to the Operations Support Section. All maintenance to the vehicle will be the responsibility of the Section Commanding Officer or designee.

#### 4.9.1 Internal Deployment

The B.E.A.R. may be deployed by certified officers under circumstances which would coincide with normal SWAT or ERT Team Deployment.

The B.E.A.R. may also be deployed by non-SWAT officers under circumstances which would meet the criteria for an Active Critical Incident per APD Directive 12.09. In these cases, the non-SWAT officer may obtain access to the vehicle through the Duty Lieutenant. The Duty Lieutenant will be responsible for the vehicle and will document in the Duty Lieutenant log the justification for the vehicle's use, and will include the name of the driver. Following the use of the vehicle, the Duty Lieutenant will visibly inspect the vehicle, note any damage in the log and forward all information to the OSS Commanding Officer. The Duty Lieutenant will ensure that a SWAT officer, trained in the use of the vehicle is notified and responds to conduct the maintenance required to properly store the vehicle.

Since the B.E.A.R. is a Regional Asset, it may be deployed in accordance with existing Inter-Governmental Agreements. When a request for the vehicle is made by a participating agency, the vehicle shall be driven by a trained SWAT officer. Following a request of this nature, the Duty Lieutenant shall document the request in the Duty Lieutenant log. The designated SWAT driver shall inspect the vehicle following the deployment and follow the steps for the return of the vehicles as prescribed in the IGA.

When operating the B.E.A.R. in conditions other than prescribed above, the driver shall possess a Class B Commercial Driver's License. The B.E.A.R. shall not be used as a patrol vehicle, and shall not be deployed strictly due to its four-wheel drive

capability during a weather emergency. Drivers shall adhere to the vehicle's specific operating procedures.

#### 4.9.2 Storage

The B.E.A.R. shall be stored inside a structure when possible. Efforts should be taken to ensure that the vehicle is stored with a full tank of fuel. Drivers shall perform any cleaning and required maintenance procedures prior to storing the vehicle and will ensure that proper shutdown procedures are followed. Failure to follow shut down procedures can cause the main battery system to drain and will leave the vehicle inoperable.

#### 4.9.3 Modifications/Equipment

No modifications shall be made to the B.E.A.R. without the permission of the OSS Commanding Officer. Modifications approved by the Commanding Officer shall meet guidelines set forth by the vehicle's manufacturer and shall not interfere with the vehicle's warranty. Approved modifications shall not hinder the safe operation of the vehicle.

No equipment shall be attached to, stored in or removed from the B.E.A.R. without the permission of the OSS Commanding Officer.

#### 4.9.4 Interagency Use

The B.E.A.R. was acquired through grant funds and is intended to serve the region in the event of a Chemical, Biological, Radioactive, Nuclear, Explosive (CBRNE) event, other major or catastrophic events, active shooter events or events that require a secure vehicle to rescue citizens and public safety personnel and or to carry personnel to a location where ballistic protection is desired or required.

- a. During a CBRNE or other unplanned event, use of the B.E.A.R. will be provided at no charge. After the first operational period, up to 12 hours, if the requesting agency does not have trained personnel to operate the B.E.A.R., the requesting agency will pay the Aurora P.D. for personnel costs associated with operation of the vehicle in accordance with any applicable Inter Governmental Agreements. Requesting agencies will attempt to utilize all available forms of reimbursement for the incident (i.e. DERA).
- b. Planned events that are regionally sanctioned, i.e. regional exercise or training, the Aurora P.D. will provide the B.E.A.R. and trained personnel to operate it for the duration of the event. The B.E.A.R. must be an integral part of the exercise, formally written into the master scenario events list and utilized for

the operational capabilities that it offers. The event must include reimbursement of personnel costs in its plan documents.

- c. Planned events that are NOT regionally sanctioned, i.e. local fair or local exercise, the requesting agency will provide trained staff to operate the B.E.A.R.. If the requesting agency does not have trained staff, Aurora P.D. will be reimbursed for personnel costs in accordance with any applicable Inter Governmental Agreements.

#### 4.9.5 Aurora P.D. Requirements

- a. Make the B.E.A.R. available to other participants within the region in the event of CBRNE or other major or catastrophic events
- b. Maintain the B.E.A.R. in good working order, following the preventive maintenance schedule as per the manufacturer, for the expected life-cycle of the vehicle. The expected Life cycle is 15 years.
- c. Provide training and retraining of personnel within their jurisdiction as well as other interested personnel within the region
- d. Ensure a certified driver will deploy and redeploy the B.E.A.R. when possible
- e. Ensure that proper dispatch procedures are in place to assure an effective response when requested
- f. Ensure that the B.E.A.R. is listed, maintained and current in ROSS
- g. Preparation for mobilization, including inspection, licensure, insurance, cleaning and fueling
- h. Participation in regionally sanctioned exercises
- i. Transporting the vehicle to the site of a declared CBRNE or other major or catastrophic events
- j. Staff the vehicle for one operational period however, the provision of existing mutual aid agreements will prevail
- k. Participation in non emergency events or locally directed exercises as referenced in 4.9.4
- l. Conduct an inventory and take such steps as are necessary to prepare the equipment for future mobilization at the conclusion of each event

#### 4.9.6 Requesting Agency Requirements

The requesting agency of the B.E.A.R., whether for incident response, training or other appropriate use will:

- a. Participate in appropriate training
- b. Undertake such maintenance as is normally required during operation of the vehicle
- c. Clean and refuel / replenish the vehicle at the conclusion of use to include:
  1. Replace any and all items used during event
  2. Clean interior and exterior of vehicle
  3. Fuel the vehicle
  4. identify and repair any broken equipment or other problems experienced prior to return of the vehicle
  5. notify host agency to retrieve the vehicle
  6. conduct a pre/post inventory and take such steps as are necessary to prepare the equipment for future mobilization

During any training or other planned event, priority exists for CBRNE or other major or catastrophic incidents and will be the responsibility of the requesting agency to coordinate delivery to the emergency incident.