

Madison Police Department
Standard Operating Procedures
Armored Vehicle Use
(Effective October xx, 2014)

Armored Vehicle Operation

The MPD Armored Rescue Vehicle (ARV) will only be used in accordance with these procedures. Operation of the Vehicle must be in accordance with MPD policy at all times.

Deployment

The ARV is intended for use during critical incidents, planned and unplanned events within the community, and trainings. SWAT Commanders will approve the use of the ARV unless a critical incident or event is rapidly developing and waiting for such approval is impractical.

The ARV will only be driven by approved personnel who have received training in the vehicle's operation. A second person (spotter) should also staff the vehicle when driven (unless an emergency situation makes it impractical to do so).

Approved Deployment situations

- An active critical incident within the City of Madison involving the use or potential use of firearms, where the use of the ARV will aid in stabilizing the situation. These requests should be directed to the OIC. On-duty approved drivers of the ARV that are closest to the current location of the vehicle shall respond and prepare the vehicle for deployment.
- An active or pre-planned incident involving MPD SWAT. These deployments shall be coordinated by MPD SWAT Command.
- A mutual aid request from another jurisdiction for an active critical incident. The decision to use the ARV shall be made by the OIC and communicated to SWAT Command as soon as practical. On-duty approved MPD drivers should be used to deploy the vehicle to the incident.
- A mutual aid request from another jurisdiction for a pre-planned event. These requests should be directed to MPD SWAT Command.
- Planned community events. Requests for use of the ARV at pre-planned, community events should be directed to MPD SWAT Command.
- Routine preventative maintenance and operation. A maintenance and operation schedule will be maintained on an annual basis by MPD SWAT Commanders to ensure this weekly maintenance and operation occurs.

Any use of the ARV (other than for maintenance/repair) should be approved by a SWAT commander (unless obtaining approval is impractical). The Chief and Assistant Chief of Operations will be notified promptly of any ARV use (other than for maintenance/repair).