

BearCat and Grizzly Operations and Set Up

Statement of Purpose:

Sacramento Police Officers will learn the capabilities, dimensions, and proper set up of armored vehicles during critical incidents where additional safety is needed. In addition officers will learn the proper check out/in procedure of armored vehicles as well as how to operate the equipment.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

I. Armored Vehicles

- A. Learning Objective: Student will demonstrate understanding of tactical considerations and proficiency when placing the vehicles in position and establishing an arrest team during a critical incident.

- B. Dimensions and Capabilities:
 - 1. Safe Speeds
 - 2. Protection
 - 3. Equipment
 - 4. Check out/in procedures

- C. Surround and Call Out
 - 1. Containment using an inner perimeter on the outside of a residence or business while ordering the occupants to exit

 - 2. The use of a loud speaker (LRAD) or PA system will allow occupants inside the residents to hear the commands of the officers outside

- D. Pre-Planning
 - 1. Officers need to establish a plan for the correct placement of vehicles prior to arrival to prevent having to shuffle vehicles in front of the scene

 - 2. Officers will need to establish the correct number of officers (arrest team) at each vehicle to handle individuals exiting, and covering any threats that may be presented from individuals

 - 3. Equipment inventory should be taken to ensure all equipment needed is in working order and functional prior arrival (Shields, Rifles, Less lethal options, lighting, handcuffs)

E. Vehicle Placement

1. Place vehicles (primary/secondary) parallel to the structure at a safe distance to be able to visually see occupants or threats

F. Armored Vehicle (Bearcat/Grizzly) placement

1. When utilizing the armored vehicles during critical incidents, placement should be determined based on the number of threats presented
 - a. Position the armor to give you the best coverage while still maintaining a tactical advantage
 - b. Position in order to enhance the armor's ability to withstand multiple hits from small arms and high powered rifles
 - c. Placement should afford you the ability to cover multiple threat areas as well as being protected from multiple threats
 - d. Utilize ballistic shield for added cover
2. Turret High Cover
 - a. Utilization of the turret in the armored vehicle provides multiple threats to be covered from a protected position