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To: James Gailey, Cumberland County Manager

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Subject: CCSO 1982 Armored Peacekeeper

On September 28, 2011 the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office acquired an armored 1982 Peacekeeper from the US Military, through the 1033 Federal Excess Property Program. The 1982 Peacekeeper was initially acquired by the NH State Police from the military for their tactical team. When the NH State Police later purchased a Bearcat Armored Vehicle, the Peacekeeper was then transferred to the custody of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office by the military's leasing program.

The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office had operated the regional Emergency Services Unit for nearly 20 years without an armored vehicle and the armored Peacekeeper became an important asset for the unit and the protection of its members during high risk calls for service. In more recent years, the county wide Emergency Services Unit acquired a larger and more functional armored vehicle from the US Military's lease program. This vehicle, a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle was put into service and is currently being used as a protective asset by the ESU team.

After acquiring the MRAP, the Peacekeeper remained in service by the crisis negotiations team as a protective measure when operating in the line of fire and when in close proximity to threats during crisis situations. In more recent months the 1982 surplus vehicle began to show its age in wear and tear nearing the end of its serviceable life. The vehicle had a bad rear tire that could not be replaced after conducting a nationwide search. This made the vehicle more of a liability than an asset.

Since the vehicle was leased to the Sheriff's Office under the 1033 program as military surplus, we were required to return the vehicle to the US Military at our expense. All law enforcement equipment, light, radios, and markings were removed from the vehicle in accordance with the Military's regulations and on September 25, 2024, the vehicle was transported to a military base in Pennsylvania by a local towing company for \$3,000.00, which was paid out of the Sheriff's Office budget.

Respectfully,

Chief Deputy Brian R. Pellerin
Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

