

## REGIONAL MEDEVAC FACT SHEET







#### **FACTS**

- Funded by a grant from the State Homeland Security in the amount of \$200,000.
- The remaining cost, estimated at \$100,000, will be divided among grant partners: Alameda County Fire, Fremont Police/Fire and San Leandro Police. We are seeking additional grant funding to cover this cost.
- San Leandro's share would be funded through Asset Forfeiture. The cost is estimated at \$33,333.
- The MedEvac Rescue Vehicle would be a countywide asset available to agencies throughout the Region; this is a requirement of the grant.
- If acquired, this will be the only MedEvac in Northern California.

#### **COMMON QUESTIONS**

#### 1. Why does the City of San Leandro need a MedEvac Rescue Vehicle?

This vehicle has dual purposes and there are none in Northern California. It's specially designed to safely transport and protect emergency medical personnel and their equipment into high threat environments.

It is also designed to protect the community and first responders when confronted with violent and/or armed individuals. At the present time, we borrow this equipment from neighboring agencies when potentially violent situations arise. It is essential that this vehicle be available immediately to ensure the safety of the City.

2. Why can't the San Leandro Police Department continue borrowing this type of equipment from neighboring agencies? Neighboring agencies do not have a MedEvac vehicle. Other armored vehicles may not have the equipment readily available and transporting the vehicle may take time. Time is of the essence during critical incidents and seconds count. Violent incidents (e.g. active shooters, acts of terrorism, etc.) transpire rapidly and having a rescue vehicle available immediately is vital to safely transport and protect emergency medical personnel.

#### 3. Where will the vehicle be stored?

It will be stored at the San Leandro Police Department in a gated and secured area.

#### 4. Is purchasing this vehicle another step towards militarizing our police department?

This MedEvac is a rescue vehicle built for urban environments. The purpose of this equipment is to provide a safe platform for First Responders to administer first aid to injured parties. The MedEvac rescue vehicle is simply a Ford F-550 truck with a protective shell to provide safety for emergency medical responders so they can provide immediate aid to injured parties.

#### 5. Will this vehicle be used for peaceful protests and/or crowd control situations?

The San Leandro Police Department's policy prohibits the use of this vehicle for peaceful protests. The vehicle may be utilized during violent crowd control situations since the vehicle is intended to safely transport and protect emergency medical personnel during incidents involving potential threats of violence.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- Designed to meet the needs of Emergency Medical Services Teams
- Ford F-550 Super Duty Chassis, 20 ft. (length), 10 ft. (width), 17,000 lbs.
- On board oxygen tanks, lighted work stations, and ample compartments for medical supplies
- .5 inch thick steel armored bodywork built to withstand 7.62 AP/.50 Cal BMG

# INCIDENTS WHEN SLPD BORROWED SIMILAR VEHICLES FROM OTHER AGENCIES

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TYPE OF INCIDENT	AGENCY LOANING VEHICLE	SYNOPSIS
Suicidal Subject	Hayward Police	Report of man armed with a gun. Investigation revealed a mentally disturbed male who was suicidal and armed with a handgun. The use of Hayward Police's armored vehicle provided SLPD staff a safe platform to approach the subject. Less lethal weapon was used to subdue the armed individual and lethal force was not necessary. Subject was subsequently transported for psychiatric care. The handgun was later determined to be an "Air Soft" type weapon.

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TYPE OF INCIDENT	AGENCY LOANING VEHICLE	SYNOPSIS
Warrant Assist	Alameda Police	Suspect wanted for robbery and criminal threats. Validated gang member.
High Risk Warrant Service	Hayward and Alameda Police	High risk arrest warrant for validated gang member involved in illegal storage and distribution of assault style firearms.
High Risk Warrant Service	Union City Police	High risk warrant. Oakland validated gang member.
High Risk Warrant Service	Fairfield Police	High risk search/arrest warrant on subject wanted for attempted murder. Validated gang member.

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TYPE OF INCIDENT	AGENCY LOANING VEHICLE	SYNOPSIS
Barricaded Subject	Hayward Police	Domestic violence incident. Suspect armed, with history of weapons and robbery.
Barricaded Subject	Hayward Police	Suspect wanted for attempted murder.
Arrest Warrant	Hayward Police	Arrest warrant for violent robbery suspect involved in "take-over" type robberies.
Barricaded Subject	Hayward Police	After discharging firearm, suspect barricaded self and threatened "suicide by cop." Armored vehicle requested.
Possible Barricaded Subject	Hayward Police	Search for domestic violence suspect, known to be armed and dangerous.