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October 4, 2013

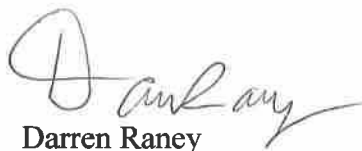
Re: Homeland Security Grant Program Application Support

To Whomever It May Concern;

The City of Livingston and Park County are vulnerable to terrorist attacks and other violent occurrences. Interstate 90, being a major corridor, draws a significant number of people into and through our area. A primary railroad line transporting coal, hazardous materials, and other product passes through Livingston. In excess of a dozen trains travel through our community each day. We have a seemingly growing population of anti-government citizens, and radical special interest groups actively involved in such contentious local issues as bison management, logging, gun control, mining, abortion, etc. Our close proximity to neighboring Yellowstone National Park, the Yellowstone River, and being home to a multitude of well know celebrities further increases our exposure to acts of terrorism or violence from those seeking national attention.

Being a smaller jurisdiction, we are reliant on outside resources to respond to acts of terrorism or large scale violence. The Bozeman Police Department has assisted with high risk incidents in the past, and we will call upon them in the future. Any enhancement to their ability to respond to critical incidents and/or acts of violence would benefit my department and the citizens of Livingston and Park County.

The Livingston Police Department is in full support of the grant application submitted by the Bozeman Police Department for the acquisition of a Bearcat Incident Response Vehicle.



Darren Raney
Chief of Police



September 30, 2013

Montana Department of Military Affairs
Disaster & Emergency Services-Grants Program
PO Box 4789
Fort Harrison, MT 59636-4789

Reference: Bearcat Incident Response Vehicle 2013

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Montana State University Police Department, I would offer this letter as a statement of full support and request for funding for the Homeland Security Grant Program application submitted by the Bozeman Police Department for the purchase of a Bearcat Incident Response Vehicle.

This equipment would support the City/County SRT Team and enhance the safety of all law enforcement officers and our entire community by reducing response times and enabling responding officers to safely contain and approach a hostile and volatile situation. This equipment would truly benefit all law enforcement agencies and communities within Gallatin and surrounding counties. The City/County SRT Team is relied upon to provide quick response to high risk incidents and has proven time and time again that the team and departments are well trained, dedicated and ready to respond where needed.

It is unfortunate that the changing climate of the world and increasing acts of violence necessitate equipment like this Bearcat Incident Response Vehicle be available to protect our staff and communities but we believe that this equipment will enhance our response capabilities; act as a deterrent to acts of violence and will increase the safety in this corner of our State.

Without the requested grant funding, we would not be able to procure this equipment.

Respectfully,

Mark Lachapelle, Assistant Chief

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October 2nd, 2013

Dear Montana DES

I am writing this letter in support of the pending application of the Bozeman Police Department's armored vehicle. The City of Bozeman and the Gallatin County Sheriff's Office have worked jointly for many years on specialized law enforcement cases. Our Tactical team has been a joint team for over 20 years and has been recognized nationally as well as statewide as an exceptional team.

I had the opportunity to serve as the tactical commander for the team for approximately 7 years. During my time as the commander, I had a number of incidents where the availability of an armored vehicle would have been appreciated. I recall times when we had to call jurisdictions as far away as Billings and Great Falls in order to use some sort of armored vehicle. It was during these times that the discussions began with the City of Bozeman and our office to start figuring out a way for us to apply for such a vehicle. There have been times when we could not wait for an armored vehicle to arrive and we used heavy equipment or other vehicles as barriers from a dangerous situation.

The team has routinely deployed to multiple agencies throughout SW Montana. These agencies include, Park County, Meagher County, Sweetgrass County, Madison County, Broadwater County, Jefferson County and Yellowstone National Park. We are the closest Type 1 team to all of these jurisdictions and we are centrally located for an armored vehicle to be deployed to these jurisdictions.

The Gallatin County Sheriff's Office wholly supports the idea of providing the City of Bozeman with an armored vehicle.

Respectfully,

**Dan Springer
Undersheriff**



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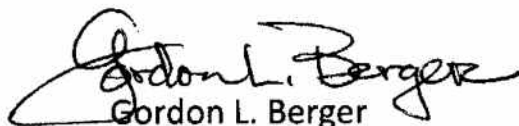
Fort Harrison, Montana 59636-4789

October 1, 2013

I'm writing this letter in support of the Bozeman Police Department acquiring a Bearcat Incident Response Vehicle 2013.

Even though our community is small in size we still host millions of visitors through our community from all over the world. From time to time we also host the President of The United States and other dignitaries. This vehicle would assist us with these potential high risk services and any acts of terrorism in our area. Knowing that there is a Response Vehicle an hour and a half away would be inspiring to say the least giving us a higher level of service and protection when needed.

Sincerely;



Gordon L. Berger

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In the past we have relied on the Bozeman/Gallatin County Special Response Team (SRT) for assistance with incidents in our county. We have had them on stand-by for criminal trials involving Sovereign Citizen's. This past summer we utilized the Bozeman/Gallatin County SRT for a barricaded subject with a pistol, who also had access to a high powered rifle. The residence the subject was in was close to other residences in which two contained children. In this particular incident it would have been helpful if the team would have had the Bearcat as they were using cover that really would not stop the rounds that could have been fired. I believe this piece of equipment would be beneficial to southern Montana for the protection of the team members to be able to protect the citizens of our communities.

Sincerely,

Sheriff M. Allan Lutes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lt. Thomas Totland". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "T".

Lt. Thomas Totland
for Sheriff Lutes
10-9-13

BZN Bozeman Yellowstone INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

October 10, 2013

Dear Sirs:

As the Chief of Police for the Gallatin Airport Authority, aka, Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport, I would like to offer a letter of support for the City of Bozeman's Grant Application.

We are a very busy airport with international and local travelers and clearly a potential target for an act of domestic terrorism. Having a local response team that is properly trained and equipped serves as a deterrent as well as improved response in the event of a need. With our partnership and positive working relationship with the Bozeman Police Department and Gallatin County Sheriff's office we would consider it a huge benefit to the Airport as well if this grant is approved.

Respectfully,



Bill Dove
Public Safety Chief
Gallatin Airport Authority