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**Subject:** War gear flowing to police departments

Hello Public Safety Committee Members,

Please read the **War gear flowing to police departments** article. Two months ago I put the City of Manitowoc on the waiting list to receive one of these types of vehicles through this same program. It didn't cost anything to put us on the list. Although the vehicle can be "free" there are transportation costs and maintenance costs that are real costs to the local taxpayer. (The Sheriff Dept. is trying to fund raise to purchase a new vehicle for SWAT.)

The driving force for us to take advantage of this opportunity and acquire one of these "Bullet Proof" vehicles is to be able to safely rescue the injured or safely transport personnel in close proximity to armed and dangerous people (Think City of Fond du Lac officer shooting incident). These vehicles are a real game changer for police departments even though they may sit idle for the majority of the time.

The upswing state wide in heroin and meth will most likely translate into a high crime rate. At first I thought having an armored vehicle an hour away in Green Bay was fine. Then I realized how long it can really take for them to get here even if they are not using it. Then I learned we may be able to obtain one for a fraction of the cost of new vehicle.

It may be months or years before we are faced with having to make a decision on whether we should accept this vehicle. There is sure to be more publicity on this topic so I thought it best to bring it to your attention now rather than drop it on you later and make it appear that the process must be rushed to get an answer. Of course if the Sheriff is able to get a vehicle for his department we would reconsider whether there is a need for two of these in Manitowoc County.

Please let me know your thoughts

Tony

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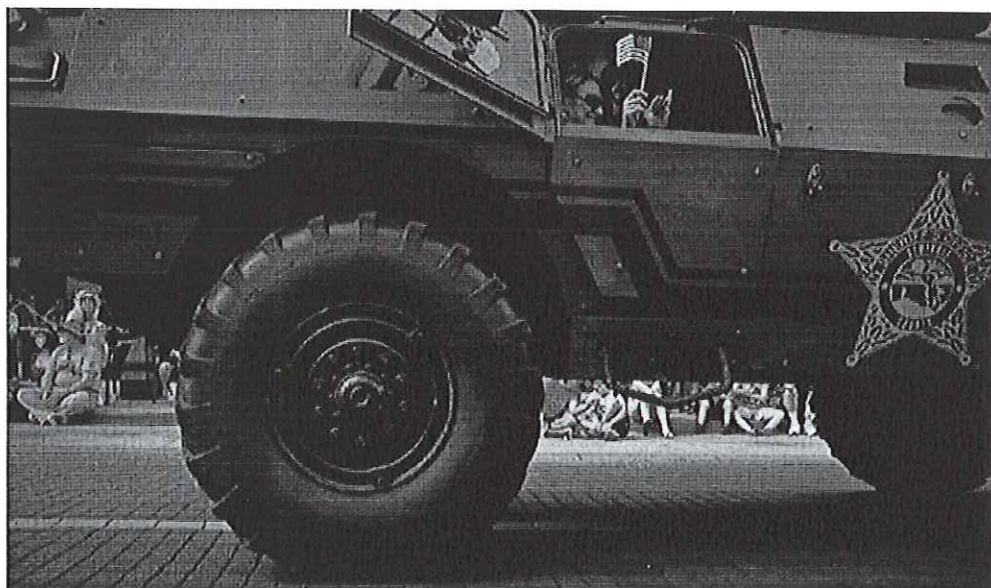
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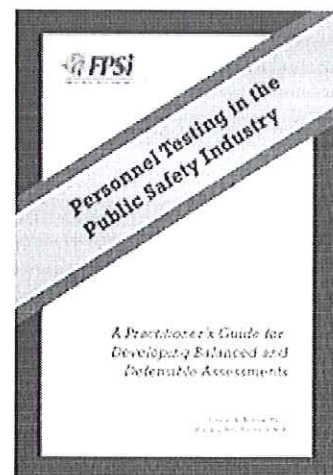
## War gear flowing to police departments

The New York Times

Inside the municipal garage of the small lakefront city of Neenah, Wisconsin, parked next to the hefty orange snowplow sits an even larger truck, this one painted in desert khaki. Weighing 30 tons and built to withstand land mines, the armored combat vehicle is one of hundreds showing up across the country, in police departments big and small.

The 9-foot-tall armored truck was intended for an overseas battlefield. But as President Obama ushers in the end of what he called America's "long season of war," the former tools of combat — M-16 rifles, grenade launchers, silencers and more — are ending up in local police departments, often with little public notice.

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