

TO: Mayor and Town Council
From: Chief Wickman
Reference: Bearcat Deployments
Date: September 12, 2022

A few instances in the past when the Bearcat would have been deployed.....

- Barricaded subject in Dillon Valley- FPD involved for approximately 4 hours. Could be used to obtain better visual into home safely, also used to provide cover for entry team.
- Hard Road Closures- 1-70 Avalanche in 2019. FPD involved at the 201 for extended closure. Multiple cars attempting to drive around patrol vehicles. Also can be used to do hard closures for natural disasters.
- Evacuating civilians- barricaded subject in Wildernest. FPD involved for approximately 8 hours, Safely evacuating civilians in the area due to threats from suspect shooting randomly.
- Diversionary tactic- Barricaded DV suspect-Frisco-place Bearcat on rear of house where suspect was barricaded to provide safe over watch and be able to provide safe cover to deploy diversion tactic before entry team went in. (What we did was have an officer hit the window with an asp just prior to entry as a diversion)
- Response in adverse weather condition. FPD involved for 3 hours on I-70 for a 20-30 car accident. Coordinating evacuation for people took hours to get Summit stage bus onto the highway to evacuate people. Bearcat is a safe vehicle to evacuate 8-10 people at a time. The weight of the vehicle can drive through heavy snow conditions.
- Evacuations during natural disasters- During troublesome fire, deputies and officers found themselves blocked off from fire while performing evacuations in high risk areas. Deputies and Officers had to drive through fire covering the roadways to escape. Bearcat can be utilized in high risk areas to provide a safer vehicle to drive through debris and hazards to rescue people.
- Bearcat for Ptarmigan and Buffalo fire.
- Subject in Walmart cutting self, potential threat to others. Bearcat for presence, evacuation and less lethal launch point.
- Felony menacing with a weapon in a vehicle in Breckenridge. Had 20-30 minutes notice before vehicle started moving towards Frisco. Bearcat used for felony stop.
- Felony menacing with shotgun threatening jogger on Pitkin street.
- Domestic violence call in Dillon in the City Market parking lot. FPD on scene for over 5 hours. Situation turned into an armed suspect barricaded in vehicle. Bearcat could have been used as a pin vehicle and as a gas munitions delivery system. Also as a quick response staging point for a vehicular assault.
- DV suspect with a felony warrant out of Idaho potentially armed and dangerous parked outside the appliance store in Silverthorne. Bearcat could have been used to pin the suspect truck so that he could not go mobile and as a staging point for officers. Gas/breaching munitions could have been safely fired from turret. FPD on scene for several hours. Bearcat could have been also used to evacuate people (especially the handicapped) due to the time of day with heavy vehicle and citizen traffic.
- Drugs/Weapons call in Wildernest that became a barricaded subject in a residence. Bearcat could have been utilized as a rescue vehicle of neighboring houses, staging of officers for an

- arrest team, safe point of introducing gas munitions. Bearcat used as a safe location for negotiators.
- Quality Inn
 - Granby Colorado Incident with homemade tank
 - Granby Colorado abduction and killing

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Wickman". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "W" and a trailing flourish.

Chief Wickman