Lenco developed its line of armored tactical police vehicles in 1999 with the input of tactical officers from around the country. For over 15 years the Lenco BEAR and BearCat have played a critical role in our nation’s defense and homeland security. The following articles highlight a variety of scenarios where police have utilized Lenco vehicles to address hazardous situations and save lives.

This presentation includes stories in the following format:

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PEACEFUL CONCLUSION
Barricaded fugitive wanted by FBI
SWAT parked BearCat in driveway
Called for fugitive to surrender
Within (1) minute - fugitive surrendered

“The psychological factor that the BearCat brings to this situation was enough in this instance to break the spirit of a desperate suspect and get him to surrender peacefully, without the use of any other force...” SGT Mike Hanel

City Population: 17,780 (2010 Census)
Violent Crime Rate: 11% below State Average
(FBI UCR Statistics, 2012)
Las Vegas, Nevada

Peaceful Conclusion

Las Vegas SWAT

June 14, 2013

• High Risk Warrant
• Homicide suspect barricaded in apartment
• More than (2) hours of negotiations
• Police convinced suspect to surrender

City Population: 583,700
Violent Crime Rate: 29% above State Average

"We tied up an entire city street, and in the end we got the suspect to walk out on his own accord. No shot was fired, nobody was injured. Now that's what I would call a success." Dennis Flynn, Crisis Negotiation Team
York County
Quick Response Team
February 26, 2013

• Suspect boarded in house with installed gun ports
• BearCat used to push in window
• Threw in phone to negotiate
• Negotiations failed, officers deployed teargas
• Suspect taken into custody without injury

“Whenever we surround a house, usually we have good cover; we had nothing there ... I called Lancaster and Dauphin counties for their BearCats.” York City Police Sgt. Craig Losty
Smyrna, Tennessee

Peaceful Conclusion

Rutherford Sheriff’s Office SWAT
April 14, 2013

- Man armed, intoxicated & agitated
- Suspect fires rounds from inside
- Nearby homes evacuated while BearCat protects disabled neighbor from stray bullets
- Suspect threatens officers, attempting “Suicide by cop”
- Suspect subdued with less lethal munitions

"I am proud of the way The BearCat has been an asset to county and city law enforcement in saving resources and lives." Sheriff Robert Arnold

City Population: 39,900
Violent Crime Rate: 60% below State Average
Officers confront suspect near stolen vehicle

- Suspect known for carrying high powered weapons
- Upon confrontation, suspect flees
- Barricades self in home
- SWAT enters home, makes (4) arrests without injury

Beaumont PD & Hemet PD
September 23, 2012

“With the safety provided by the Lenco BearCat, officers were able to enter the residence and make (4) arrests.”

Incident Press Release

City Population: 36,800
Violent Crime Rate: 36% below State Average
"We were able to get right in front of the structure with the appropriate personnel and stay protected while relaying valuable intel back to the perimeter units. I was able to see the hostage walking in the hallway and confirm that there was no one else following him."  
*Sgt. Matthew Vogel*
Barricaded Gunman
Suspect would not respond to crisis negotiators
Deployed less-lethal munitions to subdue suspect safely

"I was advised to drive right up to the house so the negotiators could attempt to negotiate from inside the vehicle using the BearCat’s PA System and also using the (2) 400,000 candle power spotlights to illuminate the location with a wall of light. I did this without reservation or hesitation for I was quite comfortable within the BearCat.”

Sgt. Mike Levesque

City Population: 86,500
Violent Crime Rate: 19% below State Average
Spokane PD &
Spokane Sheriff’s Office SWAT
May 24, 2012

• Armed suspect inside home with handgun
• Negotiations last (1.5) hours
• Upon arrival of BearCat, suspect surrenders
• Improvised Explosive Device (IED) found in suspect’s garage
• Bomb Squad deactivated device

"The BearCat gives us the opportunity and the availability to operate into an all hazards environment, and that’s something we’ve never had before." Lt. Scott Stevens, Spokane PD
York County Quick Response Team & Dauphin County Sheriff’s Office
March 6, 2012

- Suspect armed and barricaded in home
- BearCat helped breach two windows
- Enabled deployment of less-lethal munitions
- Suspect taken into custody without injury

*The Ram operation enables officers "...to see inside more clearly and to create an opening without obstacles, in case tactical officers needed to enter the home."* Sgt. Craig Losty, York City Police
Barricaded, suicidal suspect with semi-automatic rifle

Suspect leans across front of vehicle

Points weapon at (3) deputies behind BearCat’s windows

SWAT tasered suspect through gun port

"The No. 1 goal is to preserve life. Because we knew the SWAT team members were safe inside while the suspect was aiming the rifle at them, we were able to decide not to shoot him and wait for the opportunity to disarm him safely ... I can honestly say that the Lenco BearCat saved the suspect’s life." Lt. Brice Current
The Suspect "specifically stated that he surrendered after seeing the approaching armored personnel carrier."

Captain Kevin Whited, SWAT Commander
York County Quick Response Team
June 9, 2011

• Suspect fired gunshots through his wall
• Bullets pierced neighbor’s home
• BearCat helped evacuate neighbor’s home
• Negotiators talk suspect into peaceful surrender

"We’ve been here for four years, nothing like this ever close...I guess it happens everywhere else, you never think it will happen here." David Hopkins, Neighbor

"Obviously we were dealing with somebody that had access to some serious weapons and it’s a vehicle you can take up close and personal. Once you are in you are buttoned up, the guys don’t have the worries they used to have.”
Chief David Zink, Jackson Township PD

City Population: 7,500
Violent Crime Rate: % unavailable
HOCKINSON, WASHINGTON

PEACEFUL CONCLUSION

Clark County Sheriff’s Office SWAT
September 20, 2011

- (3) hour standoff
- Disturbed man in tree, fires handgun outside home
- While inside BearCat, SWAT officers approach gunman
- Officers negotiate until man surrenders

City Population: 5,100
Violent Crime Rate: % unavailable

"Officers using the loud speaker were told to tell the man police were there to help him, and to drop the gun."
John Branton, Colombian Staff Reporter
EMT’s respond to drug overdose
Patient becomes aggressive
Suspect flees, barricades himself inside truck
Thought to be armed with an assault rifle, a stand-off ensues
SWAT negotiates from within BearCat
Suspect surrenders peacefully

"(The suspect was) believed to be armed with an assault rifle and under the influence of drugs while police surrounded his truck and worked for hours to persuade him to surrender peacefully." Susan Abram, Contra Costa Times Reporter
STURGEON BAY, WISCONSIN

PEACEFUL CONCLUSION

Sturgeon Bay PD & Green Bay PD
August 7, 2011

• Suspect threatens homeowner with handgun
• Suspect shoots at responding officers & (7) hour stand-off ensues
• SWAT knocks down door behind BearCat cover
• Suspect still non-compliant
• Less-lethal munitions used to subdue suspect

"A five-block area around the home was evacuated and cordoned off, and police made numerous attempts to talk to the suspect ...” Green Bay Press Gazette

City Population: 9,100
Violent Crime Rate: % unavailable
Waukesha County Sheriff’s Office SWAT
October 20, 2011

- Armed suspect parked at gas pump
- BearCat arrives on scene
- Suspect surrenders
- (2) pistols found in suspect’s car
- Charges: operating while intoxicated and endangering safety

"The BearCat will be used like the Peacekeeper but provides an additional level of sophistication. For example, it has off-road capability." Deputy Inspector Eric Severson
ORCHARDS, WASHINGTON

PEACEFUL CONCLUSION

Clark County Sheriff’s Office SWAT
September 14, 2011

• (10) hour standoff in field outside Shooting Club
• Armed woman with shotgun, threatens suicide
• BearCat approaches suspect
• SWAT apprehends using less-lethal munitions
• Situation ends without injury

"She was asked for hours to put the shotgun down and wouldn’t do it..." but in the end, "...it was the perfect outcome.”
K.C. Kasberg
Gilroy PD & Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office
December 14, 2011

- Armed & wanted parolee barricaded in a house
- GPD negotiates from within BearCat
- Santa Clara Bomb Squad deploys 4-foot robot
- Negotiator talks suspect into surrender via the robot

“"You can’t hurt an inanimate object. It can break. You can replace parts...” Sgt. Joseph Deras, GPD
Washington County SWAT
November 10, 2011

- Suspect barricaded in his car
- SWAT pulls BearCat in front of suspect’s car
- Suspect rams BearCat then drives in reverse hitting a parked vehicle
- Less-lethal munitions subdue suspect
- SWAT brings him into custody

"A search of (the suspect) also turned up marijuana and more than $2,400 in cash, including the money used to buy cocaine and a gun ..." Don Aines, harold-mail.com
Suspect barricades self with a shotgun, threatening suicide
- Suspect shoots several rounds inside the house
- Threatens to shoot anyone who approaches
- (9) hour standoff ensues
- Negotiators talk suspect into surrender

San Luis Obispo PD SWAT
March 20, 2013

"The BearCat enabled our officers to better contain the subject reducing risk to both the officers and surrounding neighborhoods and also establish communications with him ... one week after we received the vehicle. It’s role in protecting our officer’s lives and potentially saving this man’s life is clearly invaluable. Please share this as ... a justification for having such an essential tool for such a hazardous job."
Steve Gesell, Chief of Police
PASCO, WASHINGTON  
SEARCH & RESCUE

Tri-City SWAT  
July 10, 2014

- Suspect fired SKS 7.62 at a victim from home
- Victim takes cover behind a car
- Suspect fired 60-80 rounds throughout neighborhood
- SWAT positions BearCat between civilian and house
- Rescues civilian and brings to safety

"(The suspect made) statements from what I understand that he wanted to die ... So there is some information out there that perhaps he wanted to die by suicide by cop." Sheriff Steve King
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA
SEARCH & RESCUE

Bakersfield PD SWAT
March 14, 2014

• Armed suspect shoots at BearCat
• Suspect continues shooting recklessly throughout neighborhood
• SWAT uses BearCat to safely evacuate (60) civilians

City Population: 347,500
Violent Crime Rate: 28% above State Average

"I truly believe (The BearCat) saved the lives of our officers ... Having the BearCat allowed us to deploy in a manner not possible before and opened up a whole range of options ... Because of the job Lenco has done, you were able to help us do ours and serve our citizenry." Brett Stratton
Suspicious fire in an apt. building
Officers report shots from .50 caliber rifle
(1) officer is shot
SWAT rescues (4) civilians using BearCat bringing them to safety
Negotiations last (5) hours
Suspect surrenders without further incident

“We absolutely could not have rescued trapped civilians from that dangerous situation as quickly, or safely, without (the BearCat)…” Chief William B. Lamb
Hatfield Township PD & North Penn Tactical Response Team
May 9, 2012

- Suicidal man barricades self with a gun
- (3) hour standoff ensues
- SWAT evacuates (4) employees from a nearby business
- Negotiator communicated with subject via BearCat’s PA system

"Numerous attempts made by a friend and radio to communicate with him were unsuccessful. For the safety of everyone, the police SWAT was called in. The subject followed directions and cooperated with police."

Hatfield Township Detective Pat Hanrahan
Aurora Special Response Team
February 2, 2011

• (20) inches of snow
• Drifts up to (10) feet tall
• Wind gusts up to (60) mph
• Officers attempt to rescue stranded citizens
• Squad cars end up stranded
• BearCat assists (108) motorists stranded during storm

"The BearCat was one of the only vehicles we had access to; to drive around town and make sure people weren’t stuck in their cars in snowdrifts ... It’s our job to go out and help people to make sure the citizens are safe. You’ve got to find a way to help make that happen, and that’s what we did." **Sgt. Ricky Ahlgren**
Pierce County Sheriff’s Office SWAT
October 19, 2011

- Suspect fires weapon inside home
- Aims weapon at neighbors and responding officers
- SWAT evacuates one civilian out of house
- Uses tear gas to subdue suspect
- No injuries

"A man in his 70s reportedly fired a shot inside his house and made threats to kill himself ... There were (3) other people inside the home at the time." Stacy Mulick, The News Tribune
Suspect barricades self firing .22 caliber revolver at officers
BearCat evacuates several nearby civilians
During evacuations, suspect continues firing weapon
Standoff lasts (10) hours
No officers or civilians injured

“Although this is an unfortunate incident, (I) am grateful no neighbors or emergency responders were seriously injured.” Chief Harry Kubojiri
Onondaga County
Sheriff’s SWAT
November 8, 2009

• Suspect barricaded with hostage
• Fired .357 Magnum at approaching officers
• BearCat driven to rear entrance
• SWAT uses BearCat to evacuate several citizens, including (2) teenagers
• Civilians driven to safety

"Officers drove the BearCat to a rear entrance and used it as cover as six people, including two 15-year olds, ran outside and jumped over a fence to safety." *Douglas Dowty, syracuse.com*
Dallas SWAT
February 16, 2006

• SWAT serves federal drug warrants
• Suspect shoots (4) officers
• Operator drives BearCat between shooter and wounded officers
• Wounded officers pulled to safety
• Suspect shoots additional rounds
• SWAT Dr. dresses wounds on scene

"When they opened up on us, we had all our safety checks in place ... We're just blessed."  
Sgt. Kenneth Wilkins

"Instead of (4) potentially disastrous outcomes, (4) officers can go home to their families."  
Dr. Alex Eastman
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
SEARCH & RESCUE

Milwaukee PD Tactical Enforcement Unit
October 8, 2006

- (2) Officers respond to “shots-fired”
- Rifle rounds fired upon them from undisclosed location
- Officers take cover, call for rescue
- Tactical Enforcement operator responds & Drives BearCat directly into “hot zone”
- Rescues officers & brings to safety

"The BearCat makes the unapproachable, approachable." Sgt. Jeffrey Kranz
• Officers responded to reported disturbance
• Suspect fired upon officers from inside an apartment
• (3) officers took cover behind (2) vehicles parked in the street
• BearCat evacuated the officers and (8) civilians from apartments

"The BearCat performed flawlessly ... it provided an unparalleled level of safety for my team members, the officers who were pinned down, and the uninvolved citizens. Thanks again for designing and producing such a quality product." Sgt. Christopher Weaver
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
SEARCH & RESCUE

Chicago NIPAS
June 5, 2001

- Officers attempted to arrest wanted felon in parking lot
- (2) Illinois State Troopers shot
- Suspect barricaded himself in nearby store for (14) hours
- BEAR evacuated (15) officers from the “hot zone”

"Great days for the BEAR. Pass on our thanks and congratulations to all the guys at Lenco. What you are producing is revolutionizing the way tactical teams are able to do business. Many thanks again! By the way, the two Troopers who got shot are doing fine and will make it."  
Sgt. Ed Mohn, Suburban Chicago, IL
OTTAWA, CANADA
SEARCH & RESCUE

Ottawa PD SWAT
October 22, 2014

• Tactical Unit responds to an active shooter at Parliament Hill
• Downtown Ottawa placed on lockdown
• Tactical Unit uses BearCat to evacuate civilians to safety

"The BearCat was instrumental in safely moving members of the Ottawa Police Tactical Unit across open ground to clear the centre block of parliament as well as relocate the Chief of Defense staff to a secure location." James Hutchins, Ottawa PD Tactical Unit
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

BALLISTIC ATTACK

• Police tried to stop vehicle for reckless driving
• Vehicle sped off and opened fire on pursuing officers
• Chase ended hours later when suspect opened fire with high-powered rifle at SWAT team in approaching BearCat
• One officer shot in calf

LAPD SWAT
August 18, 2014

"The BearCat played a large role in the survival of his life ... We don’t know what the outcome could’ve been. He could’ve been killed." Officer Wendy Reyes, LAPD
STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

BALLISTIC ATTACK

• (3) armed suspects rob bank, taking (3) hostages
• Suspects flee, (1) hour car chase
• SWAT follows suspect in BearCat
• Suspects fire (4) rounds at the BearCat with AK-47
• (3) rounds hit chassis and (1) right rear tire
• Run-flat tire enable SWAT to continue, completing pursuit

Stockton PD SWAT
July 24, 2014

"The three rounds that hit the chassis, well, to say they were defeated by the armor is an understatement."
Officer Mark Sandberg

City Population: 291,700
Violent Crime Rate: 266% above State Average
WILLISTON, FLORIDA
BALLISTIC ATTACK

Marion County SWAT
June 2, 2014

• Officers responded to armed and violent suspect
• Suspect fires (20) rounds from a 7.62 x 39 (SKS) at the BearCat

"You guys build an awesome vehicle. This past weekend we took 20 rounds from a 7.62 x 39 (SKS) to the windshield and front of our BearCat which had an entry team in it and it kept my guys protected ... Thanks again for building a quality product that helps protect the good guys." Sgt. D.J. Medlin

City Population: 2,700
Violent Crime Rate: % unavailable
Mentally ill man refuses Order of Detention
Suspect barricades himself with 30-30 rifle
Strikes BearCat with gunfire
Behind the BearCat, SWAT deploys less-lethal munitions
Ends threat without injury

“I am certain that the deployment of the Lenco BearCat at this incident saved lives.” Captain Kevin Whited, SWAT Commander
LAINGSBURG, MICHIGAN
BALLISTIC ATTACK

Michigan SP, Emergency Support Team
January 31, 2014

• Barricaded gunman shoots at random into residential neighborhood
• Fired (4) rounds at approaching BearCat with Russian Nagant Rifle - 7.62 x 54

"Vehicles of this type clearly save the lives of officers while allowing them to secure armed individuals who present themselves as a threat to their neighbors, innocent civilians and law enforcement officers performing their duties."
Lt. David Bower
"Looking back on the situation, I feel the presence of the BearCat was the only way to address this rolling situation. It is the only piece of equipment that can provide such a large area of hard cover." **Sgt. Joseph Fay**

"Upon confirmation that the subject was inside the boat, we mounted the 15-foot hydraulic ram on the front of the BearCat... We could remove the covering of the boat and see inside. I can tell you that it felt very good to be in a safe position within that armored car. There is very little someone armed with a regular rifle or handgun could do to us with the cover provided by the BearCat."

**John Suyemoto, Massachusetts State Trooper**
Stafford County Sheriff’s Office
September 1, 2013

• Judge orders custody for a disturbed person
• Suspect barricades himself in his home
• Armed with a semi-automatic rifle
• Fired at officers and BearCat upon arrival
• Stand-off lasts (14) hours

"Had we not used the BearCat, I don’t think every operator on our team would have made it home that night.”
2nd Lt. Brian Jacobs
Dallas SWAT
April 22, 2013

- Suspect struck roommate in the head with a firearm
- Suspect barricades himself inside
- SWAT responds in a BearCat ready to negotiate
- Suspect fired at BearCat
- Officers did not return fire

"During the standoff, the man fired shots at Dallas officers, with bullets bouncing off a Lenco BearCat SWAT truck parked outside." The Dallas Morning News
DOYLESTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA
BALLISTIC ATTACK

Central Bucks Emergency Response Team
June 22, 2012

• ERT responds to stand-off
• Suspect strikes police SUV and cruiser approximately (50) times
• Both vehicles are totalled
• One officer injured in face
• Suspect strikes BearCat with 28 shots
• BearCat back on road within week

"(The other SUV) was shot through the engine block and computer. It’s probably going to be totaled ... (but the BearCat goes to) Massachusetts to get recertified ... That’ll probably take about two days." Police Chief Jim Donnelly
Dauphin County Sheriff’s Office SWAT
December 17, 2012

• BearCat shot by a barricaded gunman with shotgun
• (1) officer shot during (4) hour standoff

"When they got there, (York City Police Sgt. Craig Losty, who heads up the QRT’s tactical division) found out Dauphin County authorities only needed the Lenco BearCat,"

Tom Czech, York Daily Record

"Without the BearCat we would have had more officers shot ... I would have had to send officers into the enclosure risking more danger to the lives of the officers. It was only through use of the vehicle that we were successful in that armed engagement." Chief Rob Martin
DIVIDE, COLORADO
BALLISTIC ATTACK

Teller County Sheriff’s Office SWAT
October 26, 2011

• Suspect attempts “suicide by cop”
• Tried to coax officers in BearCat to kill him
• Suspect fired (3) rounds from a Scoped 30.06
• Strikes BearCat (2) times

"The BearCat worked flawlessly ... We were able to get into and out of places that amazed me. If we had not been in the BearCat I believe we would have either lost a team member or had one seriously injured. To all the employees of Lenco thank you for what you do." Les Lewis, Commander
FBI agents seek to arrest suspect
Accused of murder and kidnapping
Fired upon FBI agents
(3) hour standoff ensues
FBI does not return fire, protected by (2) BEARs
Negotiator convinces suspect to surrender peacefully

"The arrival of (2) BEARS and (1) BearCat allowed for 360° coverage on the tactical problem and provided a clear signal to the suspect that his gunfire was futile."  

SWAT Officer Steve Mescan
"There is no doubt that the Lenco BearCat saved officer’s lives in this incident. It allowed officers to approach the residence safely and protected them under heavy fire from a very high powered rifle." Rusty Jacks
• Suspect opened fire on (2) PPD officers
• (3) officers died, (2) seriously injured
• Suspect lay in wait with a bulletproof vest
  wielding an AK-47 style rifle, and several
  other guns
• Suspect held police at bay for (4) hours
• (2) Lenco vehicles approached residence
• Lenco vehicles took hundreds of rounds,
  protecting officers and nearby civilians

"Lenco’s engineering prowess and tactical forethought directly saved the lives of two of our officers and countless others by its mere presence..." Pittsburgh SWAT
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
BALLISTIC ATTACK

Oklahoma County Sheriff’s Office SWAT
December 27, 2008

• (5) hour standoff with suspect attempting “suicide by cop”
• Suspect sits on porch with a rifle and a shotgun
• Points weapons at officers, shooting at BearCat
• (5) hours later, SWAT apprehends suspect without injury

“We would have had to approach him at some point. If we had approached him without an armored vehicle, we would have definitely used lethal force against him.” Sgt. Jim Lilly
VIOLA, WISCONSIN
BALLISTIC ATTACK

Vernon County Sheriff’s Office SWAT
April 3, 2008

• Worst fire fight in Wisconsin history
• Suspect fired hundreds of rifle rounds & used military style hand grenades

City Population: 700
Violent Crime Rate: % unavailable

"There are officers who got to go home, hug their wives and bounce their children on their knees last night because of this vehicle." Sheriff Gene Cary
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

BALLISTIC ATTACK

Washington County Special Response Team
December 19, 2007

- Suspect murdered 24-year-old police officer
- No SRT members were hurt during incident

City Population: 147,400
Violent Crime Rate: % unavailable

"The BearCat took three 12 gauge rounds to the passenger door. One buck shot round to the window and two slugs (FROM FIVE FEET AWAY)." 
Sgt. Mike King, Washington County, MD SRT