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City of Erie Unveils Tactical Intervention Armored Vehicle

ERIE, PA (August 25, 2011) - Mayor Joseph E. Sinnott, along with representatives of the Erie Police Department and members of the Northwest Pennsylvania Emergency Response Group (NWPARG), unveiled the newly acquired Lenco Bearcat Tactical Vehicle at a press conference on Thursday, August 25, 2011 at 10:30am at the City of Erie Municipal Building, 626 State Street.

The Lenco Bearcat tactical vehicle was procured through a funding application submitted by the Erie Police Department to the NWPARG and approved at the cost of \$201,000 that was fully funded by NWPARG. This vehicle was on display during the course of the press conference, and representatives were available to answer any technical questions regarding the vehicle itself at that time.

The Lenco Bearcat is an anti-terrorism/ tactical intervention armored vehicle. It has the capacity to carry up to 10 Officers. The Bearcat will be utilized throughout the five counties in the Northwest PA Response Group area and will be housed with the City of Erie Police Department.

The City of Erie wishes to thank the NWPARG for their assistance and funding consideration regarding the purchase of this vehicle that will provide a greater level of security, for not only the officers that are deployed with the vehicle, but also the response provided for all citizens of our community in securing and controlling high-risk situations.

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