TO: All Port Police Personnel

SUBJECT: DEPLOYMENT OF THE BALLISTIC ENGINEERED ARMOR RESPONSE VEHICLE (BEAR)

Effective immediately, the following special order regarding deployment of the “BEAR” shall be in effect.

Currently, the Los Angeles Harbor Department, Port Police is in possession of a Lenco Industries, Ballistic Engineered Armored Response Vehicle, commonly referred to as “BEAR”. The BEAR was purchased with grant funding and is currently stationed at Port Police Headquarters. The “BEAR”, a regional first responder asset, is intended to perform high-risk rescue missions and/or extraction of persons in peril utilizing an armored vehicle.

The “BEAR” may be operated only by trained Los Angeles Port Police personnel who possess a valid, California, Class B driver license.

The “BEAR” may not be utilized for public static displays without approval by the Chief of Police or his designee.

Watch Commander Responsibilities

The “BEAR” may be deployed with the approval of the Watch Commander under one or more of the following conditions:

1. Incidents where human lives may be in immediate peril
2. Incidents where confrontation by gunfire or other offensive weapons is anticipated
3. Incidents involving significant threats of violence
4. Incidents involving active and/or complex shooters

5. Incidents involving violent attacks on populated areas such as schools, community events, passenger terminals, government facilities, day-care facilities, critical infrastructures, prisons, restaurant/entertainment complexes.

6. Natural disasters to include earthquakes and major fires where initial responder protection is paramount

7. Incidents deemed reasonable by the Chief of Police or his designee

**NOTE:** Whenever the "BEAR" is deployed the Command Duty Officer and Assistant Chief of Police shall be notified immediately.

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RONALD J. BOYD
Chief of Police

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