

Memorandum



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DATE: July 17, 2026

SUBJ: Approval – Purchase Replacement of DCSO Bearcat

On May 17, 2026, the Lenco Bearcat was dispatched to a SWAT incident in the Franktown area. While responding, the vehicle hydroplaned while navigating a hill and turn, ultimately striking the hillside and rolling over before coming to rest on its side. Fortunately, the deputy operating the vehicle sustained only minor injuries. However, the Bearcat suffered significant damage, taking this critical armored asset out of service.

This vehicle plays a vital role in protecting both citizens and officers throughout Douglas County and within our Regional SWAT operations. Its sudden loss required us to immediately explore every feasible option to return an armored vehicle to service. After contacting Lenco, our preferred manufacturer of armored vehicles, we learned that they do not repair heavily damaged Bearcats of this age and that new units currently have an 18-month build time.

The Bearcat, a 2012 model, was already nearing the end of its service life. After a comprehensive inspection by County Fleet, we again consulted Lenco and confirmed that many components for this older model are no longer manufactured due to updated designs and production methods.

Despite this, Douglas County Fleet, through Lenco and Ford, identified a pathway to complete essential mechanical and fabrication work that would allow the vehicle to return to service, though not in its original form. Douglas County Fleet will perform the necessary modifications and custom fabrication to make the Bearcat operational enough for deployment. The estimated cost of these repairs is approximately \$75,000, with an anticipated completion date of January 2027.

During this interim period, Douglas County Regional SWAT will rely on mutual aid from partner agencies when an armored vehicle is needed. While feasible, this is not preferred because it introduces delays in time-sensitive emergencies.

Over its 14 years in service, the Bearcat has logged thousands of miles and served as a critical regional asset throughout Douglas County and across Colorado. Despite consistent preventive maintenance, the rising cost of repairs, increasing downtime due to obsolete parts, and evolving ballistic threats make continued long-term reliance on this aging vehicle unsustainable.

Therefore, our plan is twofold: repair the current Bearcat sufficiently to return it to service—not as a full restoration—and order a replacement Bearcat at a cost of \$412,481.00.

We respectfully request approval to move forward with the replacement purchase.

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