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In August of 2000, retired Sheriff, Mike Brickert acquired three, de-militarized 107 Millimeter Mortar Carriers from the Military to be used for our regional SWAT team. Better known as APC's or Armored Personnel Carriers, they were to be utilized to safely transport tactical Officers to and from dangerous locations. The APC's were used for a little over three years in this fashion. Ultimately, we discovered the APC's didn't supply enough room inside to transport but only a few tactical officers, when more were actually needed.

In 2004, instead of returning the APC's, the County agreed to loan them to Chelan County Fire District #3 in Leavenworth to assist in fire suppression. They were successfully used for a short time and then ultimately parked and not used any further.

In January 2011, shortly after taking office, Sheriff Brian Burnett decided it was time to send them back to the Military. They were still on the Sheriff's Office Property Books through the Military Surplus and since they were no longer being used, it was time to give them back. Over the course of the next 3 ½ years, letters, emails and phone conversations took place to ultimately prepare the paperwork and transfer them back to the Military.

On Monday, November 24, 2014, the APC's were officially off the Sheriff's Property Books. With the help of Leavenworth's Chelan County Road Crew in loading the APC's onto three separate truck carriers, they were picked up from a location in Leavenworth, with their final destination being the Yakima Military Training Center.

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