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# Information on Armoured Rescue Vehicles (ARV)

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# What is an Armoured Rescue Vehicle (ARV)?

- Has ballistic protection
- Designed to provide protection and prevention
  - Safe haven
  - High-risk operations
  - Natural disasters
- Large enough to carry several people

# Key features & functions

- Safely remove people from dangerous situations
- Ability to engage with existing equipment
- Secure environment for officers to respond to a variety of emergency calls
- There is no weaponry or aggressive equipment on ARVs
- Side portals and roof hatch
- Skip shield
- Manual or powered ram

# Canadian landscape

- Canadian agencies have increasingly been using ARVs over the last decade
- Models and types have evolved from tactical use to rescue response in the case of active shooters and threats
- Many major centres and provincial capitals use ARVs as part of their critical incident deployment

# Current Canadian Models

# Halton Police ARV



# Fredericton Police ARV



# Evolution of critical response

- HRP has trained Critical Incident Commanders, Crisis Negotiators and Emergency Response Team members
- All tactics to engage require proximity to the target, including:
  - Rescue
  - Tactical arrest or execution of warrant
  - Harsh environments

# Why does HRP need an ARV?

- Crises can happen here
- What police officers face is changing each year, and we have to be prepared
- It is critical to have capability to respond in a tactical and prepared way
- The ARV provides a level of safety for both officers and members of the public
- Logical next step in our critical response to major critical incidents

# Questions?