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### **Incident: Armoured Rescue Vehicle Arrives**

**Abbotsford – February 24, 2011.**

This week the armoured rescue vehicle that will be utilized by the Municipal Integrated Emergency Response Team (MIERT) will enter service. The cooperative policing arrangement between Abbotsford, Delta, New Westminster and Port Moody allows for public safety to be enhanced in all of the jurisdictions through the sharing of these specially trained and equipped personnel. The MIERT team is comprised of both full time and part time members of all departments and is deployed when officer and public safety is a specific concern due to the presence of weapons or the nature of the incident. The existence of MIERT has afforded each jurisdiction benefits of the skill and expertise of this highly trained unit without having to form four separate teams with associated costs and resourcing issues.

One integral piece of equipment that has been noticeably absent from MIERT was a vehicle that could be used to safely transport officers and serve as a rescue vehicle to extract people from life threatening environments. MIERT has currently been deploying in vehicles that lack ballistic protection. Fortunately, this issue was alleviated with the joint decision by the civic and police leaders in those jurisdictions to purchase an armoured rescue vehicle (ARV). Although the vehicle has been openly discussed at Police Board meetings in the past and has been part of previous media stories, the deployment of the Armoured Rescue Vehicle represents a significant milestone for our emergency response team members who are regularly deployed to the most dangerous incidents police attend.

Police in Abbotsford, Delta, New Westminster and Port Moody are pleased to announce the arrival of the MIERT ARV and the improved safety it will provide to police officers and citizens in all of the jurisdictions.

Attached are photos of the MIERT ARV.

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