

U.S. Department of Energy delivers to Bingham County Sheriff's Office a Humvee that will support site security and help Bingham law enforcement



DOE-Idaho Operations Manager Rick Provencher (right) turns over a Humvee armored vehicle to Bingham County Sheriff Craig Rowland (left) during a ceremony at the Bingham County Courthouse on March 12.

The armored "Humvee" is a rugged, all-terrain tool for protecting law enforcement officers and security guards responding to dangerous situations.

On March 12, the U.S. Department of Energy's Idaho Operations Office delivered to the Bingham County Sheriff's Office an older but still very usable Humvee that had seen years of duty with Idaho National Laboratory's Protective Force.

High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWVs) – commonly known as "Humvees" – were replaced at INL recently with newer-generation BearCat armored vehicles.

"Providing this surplus equipment to adjacent county law enforcement does two things: it helps add to the INL's security by spreading these capabilities to counties where our site is located; and it assists the counties by giving them extra enforcement capabilities," said Rick Provencher, manager of DOE's Idaho Operations Office.

"This unique gift from the Idaho National Laboratory will enhance the overall safety for the citizens of Bingham County in several ways," stated Bingham County Sheriff Craig T. Rowland. "From search and rescue, to being able to respond to manmade and natural disasters, and for the Special Response Team," he added.

When the vehicle reaches the end of its service life, the sheriff's office will transfer possession of it back to the federal government.