

RESOLUTION NO. 390

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE MOUNT CARMEL FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2008 POLARIS RANGER DONATION PROGRAM THROUGH THE U.S. SMOKELESS TOBACCO COMPANY.

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of the citizens and employees of the Town of Mount Carmel is of the greatest importance; and

WHEREAS, all efforts shall be made to provide a fully equipped and properly trained fire department; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company seeks to assist local fire departments by providing assistance in obtaining rescue vehicles at no cost to the department by offering the 2008 Polaris Ranger Donation Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mount Carmel now seeks to participate in this important grant; and

WHEREAS, the public welfare requiring it;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF MOUNT CARMEL, TENNESSEE, as follows:

Section I. The Mount Carmel Fire Department is hereby authorized to apply for and accept the 2008 Polaris Ranger Donation Program through the U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company; and

Section II. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage the public welfare requiring it.

A D O P T E D this the 18th day of December, 2007.

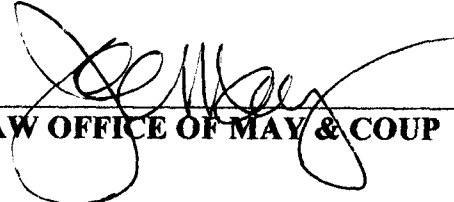


GARY W. LAWSON, Mayor

ATTEST:


MARIAN SANDIDGE, Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


LAW OFFICE OF MAY & COUP

FIRST READING	AYES	NAYS	OTHER
Vice Mayor Eugene Christian	✓		
Alderman Richard Gabriel	✓		
Alderman Tresa Mawk	✓		
Alderman Thomas Wheeler	✓		
Alderman Carl Wolfe	✓		
Alderman Wanda Worley-Davidson	✓		
Mayor Gary Lawson	✓		
TOTALS	7	0	0

PASSED: December 18, 2007



**OPERATION
RANGER**

Polaris® Ranger Donation Program

2008 Application



**POLARIS
RANGER**

Eligible Organizations: Applying organizations must be based in the United States. The following organizations are eligible for consideration as part of this donation program:

Fire - Volunteer & Career
Police/Sheriff - Municipal/County/State
Wildlife Conservation & Enforcement

EMS/Ambulance
Search & Rescue
Park/Forest Ranger

Application Instructions: Please complete this application form, providing all of the information requested. We encourage you to send additional material, including organizational publications, news articles, photographs, DVD, CD or VHS tape, that may assist in the evaluation of this application. Typewritten or computer-printed responses are highly encouraged. Applications and accompanying material become the property of U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company and will not be returned. [Please note: We cannot accept e-mail submissions.]

Send this application and any additional materials to: USSTC Operation Ranger, 6 High Ridge Park, Building A, Stamford, CT 06905.

All materials must be postmarked by midnight Dec. 28, 2007. Organizations previously awarded Trail Gator or Ranger vehicles through the company's donation programs are not eligible.

For more information and important program updates, visit ustinc.com and click under the Corporate Giving section.

Polaris RANGER 6x6 Utility Vehicle Features

- On-demand 6-wheel drive, independent center axle suspension
- Liquid-cooled 40 HP engine
- Bosch® multi-port electronic fuel injection
- Industry-leading top speed – 44 MPH
- Multi-function speedometer
- Seating for three adults
- Composite cargo box with class-leading cargo capacity – 1,250 lbs.
- Class-leading towing – 1,750 lbs.
- Industry exclusive 4,000-pound capacity 4.0 Warn™ winch
- Industry leading 27-inch water-crossing depth
- High 7.2-inch ground clearance
- Automotive style 4-wheel hydraulic disc brakes
- Sealed, water resistant fuel system connections



A. ORGANIZATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Organization name: **Mount Carmel Fire/Rescue/Police**

Type of organization (police, fire, EMS/ambulance, rescue, wildlife conservation/enforcement, etc.): **Fire/Rescue/Police (Public Safety)**

Organization's address (please provide complete street address and P.O. Box): **P.O. Box 1421, 100 E. Main Street, Mount Carmel TN 37645**

County in which organization is located (very important): **Hawkins**

Officer in Charge/Command or Supervising Official (include title): **Chief Christopher S. Jones**

Organization's contact person for this application (include rank/title): **Chief Christopher S. Jones**

Contact daytime phone number: **423-357-7311**

Fax number: **423-357-1184**

Evening number: **423-817-2961**

Mobile number: **423-817-2961**

E-mail address: **chiefchrisjones@yahoo.com**

Is this organization career, volunteer or a combination of the two?

Combination Departments

Approximate number of personnel: **30**

Annual equipment budget: **Public Safety received 56,000 for Police Dept. this year.**

Total annual budget: **815,773**
A combination of both Police and Fire/Rescue

Organization's geographic jurisdiction/service area (i.e., municipality, county, region, state, etc.):

The Town of Mount Carmel is the second largest city in Hawkins County. We have agreements with other agencies which we respond and assist in emergency calls. We work closely with 11 Fire Departments, 1 Emergency Medical Service, 1 Rescue Squad, 1 Police Department, 1 Sheriff's Department, Drug Task Force and the Tennessee Meth Task Force. We provide personnel and equipment when requested by other departments. We are part of the 1st District of the Homeland Security Council which include 8 counties. We work closely with bordering Sheriff's Departments in providing security and emergency response during Nascar and Bush Races. We are a suburban community with a large rural area. We traverse hills, mountains, logging roads, and hiking trails to perform rescues, marijuana eradication and searches for lost kids, children and hunters. We provide emergency response during the annual block parties and events where it is easier to bring victims out of the crowd on an ATV than it is to bring them out by hand. This vehicle allows us to monitor surroundings around an event and respond quickly during an emergency.

Service area square miles: **Our regional response area is 480 square miles and our district is 7 square miles.**

Nearest large or medium-sized city (if applicable); approximate distance and direction from:

Kingsport City is the largest city which borders our town on the east.

B. HOW YOUR ORGANIZATION WILL USE THE UTILITY VEHICLE

For this part of the application, feel free to attach additional pages as necessary. If you prefer to make your organization's case in a separate narrative or video, please send it in along with this application with sections 1 and 3 completed.

1.) Does your organization currently own or have access to an ATV? If so, what make and model? **We do have a Kawasaki mule borrowed it is a 1990's Mule 2500.**

2.) Is this application for a replacement vehicle? **This will be new to our department since we do not own one of our own.**

3.) If your organization is awarded a utility vehicle, for what major purpose(s) will it be used?

The Mount Carmel Fire/Rescue Department has many responsibilities. We can utilize this vehicle in several ways. We can use the vehicle during search and rescue operations by transporting personnel and equipment. We can put a vehicle on small trails and cover a large area quicker than personnel can walk the area. We can bring equipment into a secluded area for the purpose of rescuing trapped hikers, ATV joy riders, hunters or trapped kids. We have a large area which has sink holes, caverns or steep ledges where rope rescue equipment could be utilized and quickly taken to the scene if we had a means of transportation. We also have stokes baskets which can be strapped in the rear of the vehicle and patients can be transported to awaiting ambulance or helicopter. We can use the vehicle to access remote areas during wildland fires and take water tanks, drinking water to personnel or personnel to the fire lines. During special functions such as large crowded events, the vehicle can be used to gain access to areas personnel can only access with small vehicles. We can transport elderly patients to awaiting ambulance and can be utilized to patrol the outer area until emergencies take place for vandals or thieves trying to gain entry to parked vehicles or surrounding closed business. The Police can use the vehicle when patrolling areas where poachers frequent and the area is only accessible by foot. When eradication of marijuana plants are needed in secluded rugged terrain, we can transport personnel and equipment easily. During the race which we assist, we can use the vehicle as a multi purpose vehicle in transporting persons to medical and officers to posts. We respond to Haz Mat calls and can utilize the vehicle to transport the responders from the cold zone to the hot zone without utilizing all the air and stressing the responders out. We will utilize the vehicle in other emergencies in which we respond to other departments in need of help. We will be able to have the vehicle loaded on a trailer and capable to respond within minutes on request.

4.) If your organization is awarded a utility vehicle, where will it be stationed and primarily used?

The vehicle will be stationed at the Mount Carmel Fire Department. It will be loaded on a trailer for quick response to emergency calls and will be stored so that it will remain plugged up to an battery charger to keep the vehicle battery ready for response. We will be able to start the vehicle on Mondays and check that the vehicle is serviced and maintained on a regular basis.

5.) Knowing that other emergency organizations will be competing for a limited number of vehicles to be awarded by USSTC, please describe how your organization intends to use the vehicle and/or how it will improve your emergency response, patrol or other capabilities.

By awarding this vehicle to our department, you will not only be giving our department a tool to use, but you will be giving a tool for the Police Department, Emergency Medical Services, Rescue Squad and 11 County Fire Departments to use. Our department will equip and maintain the vehicle in a ready to use condition so that when for any and all emergencies it will be able to serve. This vehicle will be used in a wide range of areas in our regional district and will receive a lot of attention and publicity to both your company and our department. We strive to be the best and the equipment we use is kept up because we know somebody's life is depending on us. We strive in assisting agencies with training so that the minimum standards are met by both our department and the departments we work with. A vehicle such as the one you would give us will help tremendously in our entire region and by all branches of Emergency services. We by no means want to deprive a department from getting this equipment if the need is greater than our, however we feel that by helping our department you will be impacting not just us, not just the fire service, but multiple areas, multiple agencies and multiple emergency response agencies. You will be giving to a collective group of emergency workers, police, EMS, Rescue, and Fire. Your consideration and grateful contribution to all emergency services for even thing of us is greatly and respectfully appreciated. Thank You!

6.) Please cite specific examples within the last three years where a utility vehicle would have enhanced your organization's response?

Response during the Bush, Food City, Onileys, Sharpie races at the Bristol Motor Speedway of persons with heat exhaustion, unknown packages, drunks, fights, etc.

Response to a secluded area where a logger was pinned between two logs and rescue equipment had to be packed in the raise the log off the persons legs.

Search of a missing Emotionally Disturbed Person who was off his medication and hiding from emergency responders during the night and the temperatures had dropped below 40 degrees. Personnel had to carry the person over two miles while he fought them to get away until he could be treated by emergency personnel.

During a two hundred acre fire, personnel had to walk a long distance up hills and around logging trails to reach the fire. Water was taken in by the firefighter or else he had to walk out to get some.

He have had several events where over 15,000 people are placed into a crowded area during the 4th of July Celebration. We had to carry patients while trying to move people out of the way to get a patient to a treatment area.

We have had to search for stolen property in isolated areas which had been dumped in off road areas.

We have had to patrol areas by foot which would have been quicker by vehicle when persons were trying to poach deer from neighboring federal property.

Several times we have search for a overdue hunter or hiker.

We have had persons sprain or fallen who were out hiking or walking ATV trails and could not walk out and we had to carry them making the trip uncomfortable for both the rescuer and victim.

Gain access to an area that was blocked by snow and the only way we could get to a victims house was by foot due to the large amount of snow leading to the houses in a secluded area.

We had to walk door to door during a power failure and check on seniors during a 72 hour power outage and the temperatures were below freezing and snow was on the ground. We carried thermos of coffee and cups to give them coffee to drink since there was no power to heat water.

We had four wheelers do and trail bikes doing damage to trails and had no way of running them down until we finally caught them on a trail big enough for a police cruiser to run them down before they got back on smaller roads.

We had a 15 year old kid poaching deer on a farm and because of the location we had to run the person down on foot until we cornered him on his 4 wheeler and was able to put a stop to the needless poaching of deer.

7.) Is there any other information that your organization would like the selection committee to consider?

This is an opportunity for our department to enhance its ability to serve our citizens and give back to the community. We are not fortunate to have a large tax base in our area since we are rural and our community and community surrounding us is a retirement community with a lot of farms.

8.) How did you learn about this program? Please be specific.

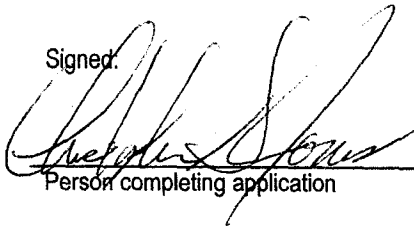
We utilize the University of Tennessee Technical Advisers for projects or advise on the direction in which we manage our department. Our adviser brought this program to our attention and stated it was one way which a vehicle could be obtained for our department and departments in our region.

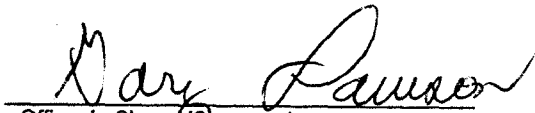
C. AGREEMENTS AND CERTIFICATION

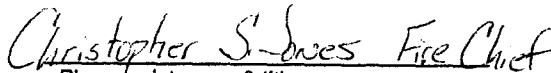
By completing and submitting this application, the undersigned certify that:

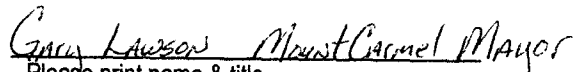
- A) You are authorized on behalf of your organization to apply for a utility vehicle through this program and that said organization will accept delivery of a vehicle if this application is ultimately successful.
- B) The applying organization is a governmental, volunteer, or non-profit entity with appropriate tax exempt and/or 501(c)(3) status under IRS regulations.
- C) If awarded a utility vehicle, your organization will participate in a presentation event with USSTC representatives and appropriate officials. If you have questions about the presentation event, please contact the USSTC Operation Ranger line at 203-817-3368.

Signed:


Person completing application


Officer in Charge/Command or
Supervisory Official


Please print name & title


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