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MEET "THE PEACEMAKER"

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is proud to announce the implementation of a new mobile surveillance vehicle, "The Peacemaker."

Through a strategic partnership with Brinks, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department was able to purchase a used armored truck for only \$10.00. After the vehicle was acquired from Brinks, it was clearly detailed with Fort Lauderdale Police insignia and outfitted with surveillance equipment capable of recording footage 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Due to the fact that it is an armored truck, it is fortified against vandalism and criminal attempts to thwart surveillance.

The purpose of "The Peacemaker" is to enhance the police presence in highcrime areas throughout the City. Whereas standard patrol vehicles can only drive through neighborhoods, "The Peacemaker" can be stationed in front of suspected drug houses, nuisance properties and other problem areas throughout the City.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department will be implementing "The Peacemaker" during the course of "Operation Endzone" to deter illicit activity from taking place at the youth football sporting events.

We believe "The Peacemaker" will be an excellent addition to our fleet and will prove to be an outstanding tool in preventing criminal activity.





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