

**Adams and Jefferson County Hazardous Response Authority
FIELD OPERATING GUIDELINES**

ARGO Procedures and tactical uses

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I. Purpose:

- A. To define the tactical uses and considerations for the use of the ARGO amphibious all terrain vehicle (ATV).

Procedures:

- A. The team is equipped with an ARGO amphibious, off-road utility vehicle. It is housed at Arvada Fire Station #2.
 - 1. The ARGO is the exclusive property of the Adams and Jefferson County Hazardous Response Authority. Transportation, care, maintenance and use of the ARGO will be done by agreement with the Arvada Fire Protection District and the Authority Coordinator and Board of Directors.
 - 2. Arvada Station 2 officers will assure that each member of the station is trained as needed in the use and routine maintenance of the ARGO.
 - 3. A weekly check will be performed on Sundays to include all fluids, tire pressure, tire pressure on trailer, and run for 15 min.
 - a. Annual maintenance will be performed per the maintenance schedule in the Arvada Fire Protection District Operations Manual and will follow manufacturer's recommendations in the ARGO Operations Manual.
 - 4. All personnel in the ARGO will wear a personal flotation device (PFD) or an approved ice rescue suit when operating in water depth that would require the vehicle to float.
 - 5. Considerations for use:
 - a. If available, the ARGO will respond with the Arvada Fire Protection District to all water rescue calls in district and as requested outside of the district.
 - b. The ARGO can be used to assist other agencies if operated by authorized AFD or other trained and qualified personnel when an ATV is needed.
 - c. The ARGO will respond to Adams/Jeffco Haz-Mat calls when requested by members of the team.
 - d. The ARGO should be considered to shuttle people on large scale incident scenes and snow conditions.