

## **Operation Ranger Opens Grant Process**

To help bolster their critical infrastructure protection efforts, Emergency Services Sector (ESS) organizations can apply for the award of Polaris Ranger 6x6 utility vehicles under a program that has provided nearly 200 off-road vehicles since 2003.

Operation Ranger will review applications from volunteer and career fire and rescue departments, police and sheriffs at the municipal, county, and state levels, EMS and ambulance companies, search and rescue departments, and municipal, county, and regional emergency management offices. The vehicles are awarded through a competitive application process, with award criteria outlined on the application form. Because the program is intended to help improve emergency response, the review committee looks closely at life-saving, property protection, and emergency personnel assistance roles. Elaborate presentations are unnecessary, although applicants can supplement the form with videotapes, CDs, DVDs, maps, and letters of endorsement.

Applications must be received no later than January 6, 2006 to be considered for an award next year. The person who submits the application must have the authorization of the organization for which the vehicle is sought. Successful applicants typically receive the vehicle within four to six weeks after notification of award.

Additional information on the vehicle's features is available at:

<http://www.polarisindustries.com/en-us/Ranger/Models/Ranger6x6EFI>

To request a hard copy of the application by telephone, call 203-622-3368. To download the Polaris Ranger Application Form, visit:

<http://www.ustinc.com/content.cfm?id=62>



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