



## Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

# MEDIA RELEASE



## “THE TANK” TRANSFERRED

**Hamilton County, December 17, 2014** – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports the Armored Personnel Carrier, commonly referred to by the media and the public at large as “The Tank,” was transferred to the Jackson County (Ohio) Sheriff’s Office on December 16, 2014.

The Tank was obtained from the State of Ohio in September of 2000 through the U.S. Government Defense Logistics Agency Disposition Services’ Program. Over the years it had been used primarily as an exhibit in parades, the County Fair, and other events.

This is another example of Sheriff Jim Neil reducing his inventory to save funds which can be reallocated and used for more pressing needs during tough budget times. Since taking office in January of 2012, Sheriff Neil reduced the Marine Patrol fleet from five (5) boats down to two (2) boats. Sheriff Neil sold at auction the underwater Hydrospeeder commonly referred to as “The Submarine.” Now he transferred “The Tank,” and is exploring options to sell the semi-truck and trailer used to transport these large items.

Sheriff Neil stated, “When I took office I tasked my Commanders to either explain to me the practical use of everything we have and how it is needed to provide public safety. If it isn’t critical to our operation, then we need to get rid of it.”

Two of the boats were donated to other law enforcement agencies in our region, and the other boat and submarine were sold at auction.

“The cost of upkeep as well as the space to store some of these items was reason enough to look at reducing our inventory,” Sheriff Neil continued. “With a tight budget we’re streamlining our organization to be as lean and efficient as possible.”

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