



QUICK FACTS

- The FPS MCV program was established in 2008
- MCVs provide enhanced communication capabilities for FPS operations and its partners
- An MCV is available to arrive within 24 hours, anywhere in the continental United States
- Eight large MCVs, and four smaller SUV Rabbits are located strategically across the nation

Mobile Command Vehicles

The Federal Protective Service operates custom-built Mobile Command Vehicles (MCV) to provide command, control, and communications services. MCVs can be rapidly dispatched to any location in the continental United States where the communications infrastructure is inadequate or has been disrupted, or where enhanced interoperability among law enforcement agencies is needed.



FPS MCV

FPS MCVs have been deployed during natural disasters and for special security events such as political party conventions, presidential inaugurations, major sporting events, and terrorist trials.



FPS Rabbit

Strategically located around the nation, FPS currently operates eight large 42-foot MCVs, which support a 600-mile radius to ensure any area of the continental United States generally can be provided service within 24 hours driving time. FPS also operates four smaller SUV-based mobile communications vehicles called “Rabbits,” which offer many of the same communications capabilities but are able to better navigate tight spaces and unimproved roads.

Key Features and Capabilities

- Secure, encrypted radio communications
- Radio systems interoperable with VHF, UHF, 700/800 MHz frequencies
- Radio Interoperability System (RIOS) to link together radio communications of multiple agencies involved in an incident
- Satellite telephone and data communications
- 4G LTE connectivity
- Satellite and broadcast television monitoring
- Two 40-foot telescoping masts that support antennas and cameras, including infrared devices for night viewing
- External cameras to capture images and video of nearby incidents
- Video teleconferencing
- Seven workstations with network capability
- Weather station with accurate, real-time awareness of environmental conditions
- 20-kilowatt generator
- Triple redundancy for all communications systems (hardwire, cellular, and satellite) to handle a variety of situations



Managing communications from inside a Mobile Command Vehicle.

The Federal Protective Service provides integrated security and law enforcement services to more than 9,000 federal facilities nationwide. FPS is a component of the National Protection and Programs Directorate.

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