

# Department of Energy (DOE) Convoys

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Many years ago 60 Minutes did a segment on nuclear weapons convoys and couriers. The segment covered transportation over the interstate system as well as the protection afforded these weapons.

A special purpose vehicle, such as a Suburban, was shown being utilized. If memory serves me correctly, a minimum of two vehicles were/is used. A lead vehicle as well as one or more trail vehicles. Each vehicle carried a "team" consisting of 4-5 heavily armed security personnel. Deadly force was/is indeed authorized! And yes, gunports were indeed located on the trailer I believe, as well as on the escort vehicles. There were no markings on any of the vehicles for obvious reasons.

In addition to M-16s, the security personnel also carried grenade launchers and at least one large calibre (.50 cal) machine gun, as well as sidearms and shotguns.

I'm sure that today these persons and vehicles are equipped with the latest weapons and gadgets-some we may not even realize exists or are in use eg., hi-tech laser weapons.

Security couriers are civil service (GS rating) employees. I believe starting rating is a 7 for these positions. Check with a Federal Job Information Center for exact qualifications, etc.

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