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BEYOND PRODUCTIONS ANNOUNCES WEAPONIZERS – A DISCOVERY CHANNEL WORLD PREMIERE THREE-PART SERIES BEGINNING MAY 11

From the producers that brought you MYTHBUSTERS comes an explosive new series, **WEAPONIZERS** (3 x 60 min) premiering on Discovery Channel US, May 11, 2009 at 9pm.

This new program combines creativity, military-like strategy and engineering as two teams of master builders -- dubbed "Weaponizers" -- turn ordinary vehicles into remote-controlled machines of destruction. With the pace and intensity of a video game, the vehicles are completed with live-ammunition machine guns and other seemingly ordinary objects that are transformed into powerful weapons. Building on the teams' expertise -- hot rod restoration, pyrotechnics, special effects, crash engineering and military weaponry -- the opponents harness their ingenuity in a competition face off where the goal is to achieve victory by creating an indestructible vehicle.

In each episode, the teams convert regular rides such as a shuttle bus, an ice cream van and muscle cars into vicious vehicles. Using science, special effects, engineering, metal fabrication and a bit of fantasy, they construct and test their vehicles to ensure that they pack the biggest punch and are fully remote-controlled. Once all testing is complete, each team descends into respective underground control bunkers to command their vehicles for the two-round competition.

In round one, the teams undertake a challenge-based phase where the vehicles race to destroy or defend exploding targets such as medieval castles or Mad Max style fuel depots. Then in round two, the "Weaponizers" are thrown into a Carmageddon Round -- the rules are... there are no rules. It's a gloves off test of what expertise these teams can draw on to achieve victory, which in **WEAPONIZERS'** terms means there is only one vehicle left standing!

The series is executive produced by John Luscombe and Rob Hammersley for Beyond Productions. Chris Rantamaki is executive producer for Discovery Channel.

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