

Elizabethton Police Department



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To: Public Notice via Web Site

From: Jason Shaw

RE: Notification of Participation in the Department of Defense surplus property program

The Elizabethton Police Department participates in the Department of Defense surplus equipment program coordinated by the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO). To continue to participate in this program, and to comply with updated program rules established by a Presidential Executive Order, I must make notification to Council and post like notice to our web site prior to 1-1-2023. This notice was passed to the honorable Mayor and other members of the Elizabethton City Council last week.

The Elizabethton Police Department may request surplus Department of Defense property, including "controlled property" in the form of armored, tactical, other wheeled vehicles, equipment, and supplies through this program. Prior to requesting any "controlled property" through this program, I will notify council 30 days prior to completing the request to allow for a reasonable period to review the request.

Any equipment requested from this program will follow the established guidelines and will be used to support our mission to serve and protect with integrity and respect. The Executive Order limits the use of the armored vehicle we acquired through this program a couple of years ago to the following: disaster-related emergencies; active shooter scenarios; hostage or other search and rescue operations; or anti-terrorism preparedness, protection, prevention, response, recovery, or relief. This is all we have ever planned to use this for anyway, it is to protect officers and citizens we serve.

