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1033 Program

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Chief after attending the training in Austin this program will be very beneficial for our department. There are a couple of things I want to make you aware of. There are some pieces of equipment that our department will never get to keep. Some of these pieces of property include vehicles larger than a truck, weapons and some controlled items (I.E riot batons, riot shields). We will be responsible for returning the items to a depot where we obtained the property originally from. So lets say we obtain a Humvee when we are done with it we can either transfer the humvee to another agency who is in the program or we have to return the humvee back to the base at our cost.

However if we get property such as a washer/dryer after a year it belongs to the police department. So if you want to sell it or give it to another department within the city you can do that. We can even obtain Commercial grade refrigerators for preservation of evidence such as blood samples.

Also we are not allowed to obtain equipment for other departments within the city. So we cannot obtain dump trucks for public works or fire equipment for the fire department. All the equipment we obtain has to be for the police department. There is a program very similar to the 1033 but for fire fighters.

The nearest locations we have to go obtain property are San Antonio and Corpus. We can either go in person to obtain the property or have a shipping company such as UPS go obtain the property and ship it to us which will include shipping fees.

Hopefully once the mayor can sign the document and we can submit to state/federal for approval in a months time we can start obtaining free equipment. There are even branches of the government that will ship stuff to you for free. A supervisor from Houston PD was at training as a speaker and he showed us several pieces of equipment he got for free which were in either new condition or gently used. Some of the equipment included rolling Mac tool chest with new tools inside, washer/dryer for their gym, commercial grade refrigerator which was fairly new, 40 microwaves, binoculars, new chairs, computers monitors, welders, zodiacs, new portable generators and gym equipment. All I have to do is have a decent justification of why we need the equipment.

There is of course alot more to this program but giving you a little bit of info so you get a basic idea about this program.

If you have any questions feel free to ask.