



STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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To: All Wisconsin Law Enforcement Agencies
From: Brian M. Satula, State Coordinator
Wisconsin 1033 Program
Date: May 27, 2015
RE: Wisconsin 1033 Program Status

As you are all aware, the Department of Defense 1033 Military Surplus Property Program and other local law enforcement equipment acquisition programs have been subject to increased state and federal scrutiny due to recent high-visibility events. Over the last year:

- Congress has held a series of hearings and several legislative changes have been proposed.
- Based on the findings of a presidential task force, President Obama issued executive order #13688 providing new recommendations for federal law enforcement equipment programs. The specific implementation requirements of the executive order are not fully known at this time.
- Wisconsin legislators on the Joint Committee on Finance unanimously added a provision to the state's 2015-17 biennial budget bill providing additional program and reporting law enforcement agencies participating in the 1033 military surplus property program. This provision will not go into effect until the bill is passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor.

As these changes become effective and specific guidance is issued, Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM), as the designated oversight agency for the 1033 program in Wisconsin, will develop and issue policies that will provide your agency with guidance and direction. These policies will be widely distributed to all law enforcement agencies and posted on the department's 1033 program website.

Due to the scope of the pending changes, I am placing a temporary hold on the transfer of all surplus military property and equipment through the 1033 program until we have greater clarity on the new state and federal requirements and have developed a clear plan of action to ensure law enforcement agencies remain in compliance with all program requirements. Further information and updates on the status of the program hold will be forthcoming.

This pause in program operations will also allow WEM to implement a transfer of administrative responsibilities from the Wisconsin Technical College System Foundation, which has handled day-to-day administration of the program for many years, to WEM staff. The administrative transfer will result in the relocation of the warehouse operation from Waunakee to Camp Douglas while the office operations will be moved to WEM's headquarters.

I look forward to working with you in the upcoming months on this issue. If you have further questions, please contact Michael Jordan at (608) 242-3335 or Michael.Jordan@wisconsin.gov.