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Citizens and Council of the City of San Marcos,

The San Marcos Police Department has been fortunate to be a part of the Federal 1033 Program for many years. Congress created this surplus program in the 1990s to repurpose taxpayer-bought equipment. The program transfers excess U.S. Department of Defense supplies to federal, state and local law enforcement at little to no cost to the agencies. The 1033 Program is a multi-billion dollar surplus program that has transferred over \$4.2 billion worth of equipment to more than 13,000 law enforcement agencies throughout the country. In Texas, more than 700 agencies participate in the program.

Equipment obtained through the program is classified by the federal office as either *consumable* or *controlled* property.

- *Consumable* items don't need to be modified before being given to state and local law enforcement. These items become the agency's property after a year. Consumable items include: *Clothing, packs/bags, medical supplies, office supplies/furniture, electronics/laptops/monitors, exercise equipment, storage units/cases and non-tactical vehicles/equipment such as pickups, cars, ATVs/UTVs, forklifts, and construction equipment.*

- *Controlled* items remain federal property, but agencies are allowed to borrow them for as long as they want. Many controlled items have to be demilitarized before they are given to the agencies. Controlled items are inventoried and accounted for annually. Controlled items include: *Weapons (pistols, shotguns, long rifles), Weapon modification kits, Weapon parts, Training Weapons. Aircraft (Fixed & Rotary), Aircraft parts, Armored Vehicles (MRAPs, Peacekeepers, Armored HMMWVs & NTAVs), Vehicle parts, Weapon-mounted optics & lasers, Handheld Optics & lasers, Night Vision Devices (including thermal equipment), Optical & sighting equipment (range finders, boresights etc), Tactical cargo vehicles (HMMWV, Cargo trucks), Watercraft, Unmanned Ground Vehicles (all robots), Wheel assemblies, Tools (hand, pneumatic & power), Purpose-built Handheld Breaching Equipment, Decontamination Equipment, Computers & peripherals, Camouflage & deception equipment, Radio & Telephone Equipment, Generators, Lighting & observation towers, Riot gear (helmets, face shields, fixed batons over 2 ft., wearable gear & shields), Capability Sets, and Camera Sets.*

[IN HONOR OF OFFICER KEN COPELAND EOW 12/04/2017 AND OFFICER JUSTIN PUTNAM EOW 04/18/2020](#)

As an attempt to be good stewards of the citizen's funds, when the San Marcos Police Department identifies a need for materials or a particular item, generally the first place that it attempts to locate or acquire it is via this free program. The San Marcos Police Department is required to provide this notification to the Council and Citizens that it *may* identify a need and *potentially* request controlled items that fall under any of the aforementioned categories at any time during the fiscal year. The process for acquiring items is competitive and time-sensitive as there are over 13,000 agencies with access to the program so this notification is required to be made preemptively in order to have any chance at realizing the savings of being awarded an item. Some of the equipment listed is used and at the end of its life cycle, however, some of it has also been found to be brand new, old stock still in its factory packaging. A recent example would be 115 brand new "Universal First Aid Kits" (enough to provide one to each sworn officer) that include two tourniquets, chest seals, Quick Clot and gauze bandages valued at \$361.10 each (total savings to the City of \$ 41,526.50). These items may be used to save the lives of injured officers and citizens as needed.

From 2010-2022, the San Marcos Police Department has been able to acquire \$4.7 million worth of items from this program at an expense of less than \$12,000 in shipping costs. This is a tremendous value to the citizens of San Marcos.