

INTENT TO OBTAIN LESO EQUIPMENT

LESO Program Overview: The National defense Authorization Act authorizes the Secretary of Defense to transfer excess Department of Defense (DoD) personal property to Federal, state and local Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) with special emphasis given to counter drug and counter terrorism. The LESO Program allows LEAs to receive DoD excess property. Qualified departments may choose to participate and become one of over 13,000 local LEAs who have taken advantage of this unique program. All equipment awarded is free of charge to the departments and its governing body.

Awarded Equipment: The McAllen ISD Police Department has qualified and granted participation into the LESO Program. The Department has at this time been awarded the following: 10 Conversion Kits for AR 15 rifles which will be used for training of our officers on force on force for active attacks. 1 Medical Trauma Pack, 3 Medical Trauma Vests that can be outfitted with medical equipment needed for life saving which can be carried by an officer during an active attack or other catastrophe. Multiple Sight Reflex (red dot) scopes to outfit a long gun our officers carry. 10 M-16 A1 rifles which have been assigned to our patrol and investigation divisions. These rifles will be used for all law enforcement purposes depending on the nature of the call. 5 M4 rifles which can be outfitted with a scope. These rifles have the capability to be used by expert marksmen for precision shooting. They can be utilized for any law enforcement purposes depending on the nature of the call. The department also was awarded 5 Winchester 12-gauge pump shotguns. Three of the shotguns will be used as less than lethal weapons and will utilize bean bags. They will be used to safely neutralize any potential threat without using deadly force to affect a safe arrest or detention. Two will be used as breaching shotguns. They will utilize breaching rounds so that officers can quickly force themselves into a locked room to stop a threat.

Intent to Obtain: The McAllen ISD Police Department is currently attempting to be acquire Armored Vehicles such as the MRAP – Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle. The MRAP will be utilized as a Rescue Vehicle after all pertaining officers have been properly trained on the use of the vehicle on various scenarios pertaining to law enforcement. The department currently has officers with previous experience with such a vehicle and training. The vehicle will be used as a rescue vehicle during any catastrophic event such as inclement weather, rescue during high water events, the rescuing of individuals during possible hostage situations, and active attacks.

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