

# FACT SHEET



## Department of Defense (DoD), Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) Program

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### **Authorization**

The Secretary of Defense is authorized by 10 USC § 2576a to transfer to Federal and State/Territory Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs), personal property that is excess to the needs of the DoD that the Secretary determines is suitable to be used by such agencies in law enforcement activities, with preference for counter-drug/counter-terrorism or border security activities, under such terms prescribed by the Secretary.

### **Administration**

The Secretary of Defense has delegated authority for management of the Law Enforcement Support Office Program (LESO Program) (formerly known as the "1033 Program from 1997 to 2016 and as the "1288 Program" from 1990 to 1997) to the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). The DLA has delegated day-to-day management and oversight to the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO). The LESO Program office is located in Battle Creek, MI.

Within Missouri, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) is the Governor-appointed agency to administer the LESO Program. Specifically within the Department of Public Safety, the State Coordinator (SC) is the Program Manager of the Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement (CJ/LE) Unit. Once appointed, the CJ/LE Program Manager may choose to name and delegate all or a portion of his/her authority to an authorized State Point of Contact(s) (SPOC). The Missouri LESO Program office is located in Jefferson City, MO.

Contact information for the Missouri State Coordinator (SC) and State Point of Contacts (SPOCs) are available on the DPS – DoD webpage at <https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/cjle/dod.php>.

### **Eligible Participants**

Law enforcement agencies are eligible for the Missouri LESO Program if all of the following are met:

1. The department has a physical address in Missouri.
2. The department's primary function is the enforcement of applicable Federal, State/Territory, and Local laws.
3. The department's compensated law enforcement officers have powers of arrest and apprehension. ("Compensated" is defined as being paid an hourly or annual salary at a rate no less than the current hourly minimum state wage.)
4. The department is recognized by the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) as a law enforcement agency with a valid ORI # and by the Missouri Department of Public Safety, Peace Officers Standard and Training (POST) Unit as having licensed officers.
5. The department has at least one (1) full-time, compensated law enforcement officer employed by the law enforcement agency.

### **Enrollment**

Missouri law enforcement agencies who wish to acquire and/or retain LESO Program property must be enrolled and authorized to use the LESO Program. To enroll in the Missouri LESO Program, eligible law enforcement agencies must complete the "LESO Program Application", which is available at <https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/cjle/dod.php>.

If information supplied in the “LESO Program Application” changes during the course of participation in the LESO Program, the law enforcement agency must submit, within thirty (30) days of the change, a revised “LESO Program Application”.

### **Screening of Property**

The term “screening” is commonly used to refer to the request of property from the LESO Program.

In general, the majority of LESO Program property items are electronically screened via DLA Disposition Services RTD Web at <https://businessportal.dla.mil/irj/portal>.

However, certain commodity items (i.e. armored vehicles) require submission of the applicable commodity application request forms by the law enforcement agency and subsequent approval from Missouri LESO Program staff and LESO prior to the item being screened in RTD Web.

In addition, some high profile, high awareness, Demilitarization required property (i.e. aircraft and small arms) is made available to LESO Program participants outside of RTD Web. These high profile, high awareness, Demilitarization required property items also require submission of the applicable commodity application request forms by the law enforcement agency and subsequent approval from Missouri LESO Program staff and LESO prior to the item being authorized for transfer to the law enforcement agency.

Refer to <https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/cjle/dod.php> for the commodity-specific application request forms.

To access RTD Web, the law enforcement agency must be enrolled with Account Management and Provisioning System (AMPS) at <https://amps.dla.mil/oim> to receive a login for RTD Web. (Only employees of the law enforcement agency identified as a property screener on the law enforcement agency’s “LESO Program Application” are allowed to create an account for and use RTD Web.)

### **Distribution of Property**

Each LESO Program property item is classified by Demilitarization (DEMIL) Code.

LESO Program property with a DEMIL Code of “B”, “C”, “D”, “E”, “F”, “G”, or “Q3” is considered controlled property conditionally transferred to the law enforcement agency, but title or ownership of such controlled property remains with the DoD in perpetuity and will not be relinquished to the LEA. The LESO Program retains the right to recall the property.

LESO Program property with a DEMIL Code of “A” or “Q6” is also conditionally transferred to the LEA and controlled for one (1) year from the ship date. However, after one (1) year from the ship date, the DLA will relinquish ownership and title to the LEA. Prior to this date, the LEA remains responsible for the accountability and physical control of the item(s) and the LESO Program retains the right to recall the property. Once DEMIL A or Q6 property is placed in a closed status on the LEA’s LESO Program inventory, the LEA will receive title and ownership of the item as a governmental entity. (Title and ownership does not pass from DoD to any private individual or LEA official in their private capacity.) Accordingly, such property should be maintained and ultimately disposed of in accordance with provisions in State/Territory and local laws that govern public property.

### **Use of Property**

LESO Program property is for the use of authorized program participants only. Authorized participants who receive property from the LESO Program may not loan, donate, or otherwise provide property to other groups or entities that are not otherwise authorized to participate in the LESO Program (i.e. fire departments, street departments, parks and recreation departments, etc.).