

PUBLIC NOTICE

Ferndale Police Department

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Background

Through the Surplus Program at the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services, the Ferndale Police Department is able to obtain surplus military equipment that can be used for Law Enforcement purposes. This program is more commonly referred to as Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO). Ferndale Police Department has participated in this program for nearly two decades.

In the past, Ferndale Police Department acquired a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle. Ferndale Police Department has also acquired multiple other pieces of equipment over the years. E.g., Night vision, firearms, emergency power generators and other safety/lifesaving equipment.

Benefits

Public Safety

The MRAP can and has been used to provide officers ballistic protection during hostage incidents and armed-barricaded subjects. Additionally, the MRAP can be used in flood events to assist in rescue, evacuation and delivery of supplies.

Other controlled equipment such as night vision and firearms have been acquired in the past when budgetary restraints were prohibitive.

Having well equipped officers provides additional safety for officers and in turn allows them to respond more confidently and timely to critical incidents while protecting the community.

Tax Dollars

All LESO equipment is acquired at substantial cost savings for the city. Most equipment is completely free of charge. Over the years, this program has saved nearly one million dollars in taxpayer dollars.

Notification Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to make the City Council and Community aware of Ferndale Police Department's intent to continue to request lifesaving controlled and non-controlled property through the LESO program.

Possible acquisitions are similar, but not limited to the following:

- Ballistic shields.
- Firearms.
- Body armor.
- Head protection.
- Eye protection.
- Ear protection (This would include suppressors.)
- Ballistic and Non-Ballistic shielded vehicles.
- Cold weather gear.
- Medical and first aid equipment.
- Emergency power generators.

Our Promise

Ferndale Police Department values the relationship it has with the community of Ferndale.

Ferndale Police Department has and will continue to follow state and federal guidelines when obtaining and deploying LESO equipment.

The Ferndale Police Department is committed to forming strong bonds with all members of our community. Together we will strive to make Ferndale the safest possible place to live, work, play, and thrive. We are honored to serve our community and hold the duty entrusted to our Team in the highest regard."

"Stronger Community Together"