

Military Surplus: Can Law Enforcement Agencies Benefit?

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This paper studies the current policies in place for the acquisition of military surplus property and examines whether law enforcement agencies can benefit from these acquisitions. The limited availability of replacement parts, restrictions of use, cost to acquire and disposal of items are some of the information not openly available when applying for the items. This paper explores the methods employed by law enforcement agencies in utilizing the equipment, maintenance and disposal of military surplus property. By exploring the current and previous methods used, some pitfalls and excessive costs to operate and acquire these items could be eliminated.