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PRESS RELEASE

Surplus Equipment Program Benefits Community

Over the past few months, the City of Glasgow has been participating with the Military Surplus Property Program which provides excess military property to local governments. The items acquired have benefitted not only the City of Glasgow but also Barren County Emergency Management.

According to Barren County Emergency Manager Tony Richey "The 6 generators we received will be used at the volunteer fire departments and saferoom locations. These are going to be a great asset for our community and I thank the City of Glasgow for their assistance in acquiring these for these projects." Mayor Trautman summarizes the goal: "Via this Program, we have been able to add to our inventory of emergency equipment to assure that we are prepared during emergency situations. As part of the Barren County Emergency Management Team, we are working together to meet the needs of emergency services for the City and County."

Glasgow Police Chief Guy Turcotte agrees about the importance of the Program. "For the Glasgow Police Department it is not only my duty but my obligation to my officers and the citizens that we serve to provide the best service and protection possible. The Military Surplus Program which is part of Homeland Security has provided many cities such as ours throughout the United States with resources they otherwise would not be able to obtain.

According to Mayor Trautman "Staff time to research the available equipment, travel to the various military locations and shipping expenses are the only cost. We have made trips to military bases in Ohio, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, Kansas and Pennsylvania to retrieve the larger pieces of equipment. We have acquired \$640,000 equipment for our community for less than \$9,000. The availability of grants to purchase equipment has become scarce in past years. However we still have a need for various types of support equipment and this equipment is readily available. The Military Surplus Program is a win/win for the City."

The list of equipment the City has received is extensive. Items include Dell Laptop Tough Books, a 15-passenger van, safety equipment, office furniture, digital cameras, night vision goggles, emergency lights, tools, tents and other items. The Program is administered by the Defense Logistics Agency Law Enforcement Support Office whose mission is to "transfer property from the warfighter to the crimefighter". Since inception, the Program has transferred over 500,000 items saving taxpayers more than \$2.1 billion dollars.

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