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An act relating to the oversight of the transfer of military equipment to law enforcement agencies

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 24 V.S.A. § 1943 is added to read:

§ 1943. TRANSFERS OF FEDERAL MILITARY PROPERTY TO LAW  
ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

(a) Any municipal police department that applies to receive from the federal government a dangerous or deadly weapon as defined in 13 V.S.A. § 4016(a)(2) or any armored or mine-protected vehicle shall notify each legislative body of a municipality for which it provides law enforcement services within 15 days of the application.

(b) Within 7 days of receiving notification from the federal government of an award of a dangerous or deadly weapon as defined in 13 V.S.A. § 4016(a)(2) or any armored or mine-protected vehicle, a sheriff's department shall notify each legislative body of a municipality within the department's designated county of the award.

Sec. 2. 32 V.S.A. § 810 is added to read:

§ 810. AUDITING OF FEDERAL MILITARY PROPERTY TRANSFERS  
TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Annually, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall examine the records of  
all property acquired by a State or local law enforcement agency transferred  
through the U.S. Department of Defense excess personal property program  
established in 10 U.S.C. § 2576a, and shall send a copy of the results to the  
Office of the Attorney General.