Alice will be out of the office two weeks from Tuesday, February 20 through Friday, March 2, returning on Monday, March 5. Alice will be representing Colorado at a meeting with other states regarding the 1033 LESO Program, and attending a training.

During this time, Jennah and Ed will approve online equipment requests. If you have questions or urgent needs, please call Jennah at 303-239-4212.

Join a quick webinar to learn how to comply with the new training and policy/protocol requirements that apply to all 1033 LESO Program participants.

*Note, the webinar will be recorded.*

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Join us for a general 1033 LESO Program training. Bring your questions for answers.

Come early and bring your laptop for help setting up or accessing your accounts online.

Topics will include:
- Search tips from active participants
- General program rules
- How to set up accounts

Register: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SG7SG79

Date: March 9, 2018
Time: 2:00-2:30 p.m.
Location: Huerfano County Community Center
928 Russell St
Walsenburg, CO 81089
Inspectors from the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO), the federal administrator of the 1033 LESO Program, will be in Colorado for a week in May. They will be travelling to various agencies around the state to evaluate their participation through program compliance review (PCR), or audit.

LESO conducts PCRs for each state every two years. The purpose is to ensure that state coordinators and law enforcement agencies in the state are compliant with the terms and conditions of the LESO 1033 Program.

Regular PCRs enhance the accountability of the program through oversight and review. They provide an opportunity for local agencies to connect with the federal level administrators, as well as a chance to demonstrate how the program benefits each community.

Any agency found to be out of compliance during the LESO compliance review is subject to sanction up to and including suspension or termination from the program.

Also, a single missing weapon during the review will also put the entire state on suspension - no agency in Colorado will be able to acquire equipment if a weapon is discovered missing during the compliance review.

Every agency in Colorado needs to prepare for a surprise compliance review (audit) from the federal office this year.

The majority of agencies selected for compliance review will be notified well in advance in order to prepare.

LESO will also be selecting some agencies to receive compliance reviews without advance notice. For these agencies, the LESO audit team will simply show up and conduct their review.
Prepare for a No-Notice Program Compliance Review (Surprise Audit)

During a compliance review, LESO will inspect your application, SPO, and equipment. For every item that they ask to see you MUST produce either the item itself OR a chain of custody / Equipment Custody Receipt.

Here are simple steps you can take to prepare for a surprise audit in case the federal office selects your agency:

- Ensure that your application is accessible and signed by the current Chief / Sheriff / Chief Marshal.
- Ensure that your current Chief / Sheriff / Chief Marshal has signed the State Plan of Operation (SPO) and that the document is accessible.
- Locate all of your 1033 equipment.
- Collect a name, signature, and date on a chain of custody form for each issued item. Ensure that the signed custody forms are accessible.
- You may use this Equipment Custody Receipt or your system.
- Alert front desk personnel that representatives from LESO may arrive in May. Provide points of contact so they can direct LESO to someone who can assist with the inspection.
- Build redundancy in your agency. Have more than one person who can access and knows where the files and equipment are stored.

Prepare for a Program Compliance Review with Advance Notice

The majority of agencies selected for a program compliance review will receive at least 60 days advance notice. When you receive advance notice, there are additional steps that you can take to prepare:

**Be Flexible**

- LESO may get ahead of or behind their schedule. They give you a best estimate of their arrival time and request your preparation for them to be a little early or late.

**Gather Files**

- Application and SPO, signed by Chief/Sheriff/Chief Marshal.
- Receipts from equipment acquisition, transfer, and return.
- Policies that your agency has regarding the 1033 program.

**Collect and Organize Equipment**

- LESO will provide a list of equipment they wish to inspect. Pull this all together in one central location as much as possible.
- LESO must physically inspect 100% of firearms. If firearms are issued to officers, collect them for the scheduled inspection.

Fun and Games Olympic Trivia

How many members of the 2018 U.S. Winter Olympic Team come from Colorado?

See the answer on page 4.
The Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) within the Department of Defense (DoD), Defense Logistics Agency, facilitates the 1033 LESO program. This program allows transfer of excess DoD property that might otherwise be destroyed to law enforcement agencies across the United States.

Section 1122 of the National Defense Authorization Act authorizes state and local agencies to purchase equipment and supplies in support of counter-drug, homeland security, and emergency response activities through federal sources of supply. Agencies can take advantage of the volume buying power of the Federal Government for low prices.

Fun and Games Olympic Trivia Answer

**Answer:** 36! Colorado is sending more athletes than any other state to the Winter Games, with 23 men and 13 women competing in 17 disciplines.

Source: [The Denver Post](https://www.denverpost.com/2024/02/08/colorado-winter-games/)