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Sheriffs Applaud Restoration of Critical Public Safety Program

Today, American law enforcement has cause for optimism. President Trump's announcement to rescind the Obama era Executive Order limiting critical lifesaving equipment is what the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA) has been advocating for the past few years.

Executive Order 13688 rendered local law enforcement jurisdictions across the Nation less prepared when responding to active shooters, terror attacks and dangerous situations. Oakland County, MI Sheriff Mike Bouchard said, "We hope and pray to never have one of these situations, but in our line of business hope is not a strategy. Preparation is. Armored vehicles pull up every day to protect money at banks and stores across America. Why, then, should trained law enforcement not be able to use one to protect people at those very locations should a critical incident occur?"

MCSA member Sheriff John McMahon of San Bernardino County, CA commented, "The military surplus equipment program is vital for us to protect our officers and the public. My county saw firsthand the value and benefit of the program and I'm pleased President Trump listened to the concerns of America's Sheriffs."

The ultimate goals of law enforcement remain the same: to protect the public; to solve, deter and respond to criminal acts; and to enforce the law in a responsible and constitutional manner. By rescinding Executive Order 13688, local law enforcement will once again be able to acquire lifesaving equipment.

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The [Major County Sheriffs of America](http://www.mcsheriffs.com) (MCSA) is a professional law enforcement association of elected sheriffs representing counties or parishes with 500,000 population or more. MCSA is dedicated to preserving the highest integrity in law enforcement, corrections and the elected Office of the Sheriff. MCSA's membership represents over 100 million Americans, and works to promote a greater understanding of strategies to address future problems and identify law enforcement challenges facing members of the organization.

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