

Fact Sheet:

U.S. Government Equipment Donation to the Macedonian Ministry of Interior Ministry January 18, 2007

The Government of the United States of America strongly supports the Government of the Republic of Macedonia in its efforts to address the critical issues of organized crime and drug trafficking in Macedonia.

An important area of U.S. Government support is providing assistance to enhance the capacity of the police in addressing all forms of organized crime, through both training for Ministry of Interior personnel and through equipment donation. This donation provides valuable tools to improve the capacity of the Macedonian police in combating illegal drug trafficking.

The United States Government, through the U.S. Department of Defense European Command (EUCOM) and the U.S. Department of Justice International Criminal Investigative Training and Assistance Program (ICITAP), provided funding for this donation package, which includes equipment and training. The total value of the donation is approximately \$300,000. Of particular note is the fact that EUCOM, the Office of Defense Cooperation, the Defense Attaché Office, ICITAP Macedonia, ICITAP HQ, and the Macedonian Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Ministry of Defense worked together in order to secure this much-needed assistance.

The equipment is for the exclusive use of the Republic of Macedonia Ministry of Interior's Organized Crime Department, Border Police, Canine Unit and Helicopter Unit, and the Ministry of Defense Canine Unit.

The equipment donation consists of:

Organized Crime Department

- 150 Raid jackets
- 100 Binoculars 10x25
- 12 Binoculars 10x50
- 6 Digital Binoculars
- 3 Ultra Kits
- 2 Thermal imagers
- 1 P2 power pack
- 5 Laptop computers
- 5 Laser Jet Printers
- 5 Microsoft Offices
- 5 Windows XP
- 1 32" Television
- 1 DVD recorder

Border Police

- 50 Binoculars 10x25

40 GPS
30 Streamlight Flashlights
20 Drug Identification kits
20 Mini Drug Identification Labs
20 CO2 Detectors
20 Utility Tools
10 Binoculars 10x50
8 Digital Cameras
6 Digital Binoculars
3 Thermal Imagers
1 Endoscope

Canine Unit

50 Portable kennels
18 Jute Cuffs
4 Hard Sleeves
4 Euro Sleeves
3 Electronic Canine Collars
2 Bite Protection Training Suits
2 Pairs Bite Protection Gloves
1 Desktop Computer
1 19" Flat screen Monitor
1 32" Television
1 Digital Projector
1 Projector Screen
1 DVD Recorder
1 Laser Printer

Aviation Unit

1 Desktop Computer
1 19" Flat Screen Monitor
1 32" Television
1 DVD Recorder
1 Digital Projector
1 Projector Screen
1 Laser Printer

Equipment for the Canine Unit of the MoD

50 Training Overalls
10 Jute Cuffs
6 Portable Kennels
4 Bite Protection Training Suits
4 Hard Sleeves
2 Ballistic Helmets