

# Surplus Sampler

January 2006

## From The Director's Chair

Physical inventories were completed during December at both the Harrisburg and Hermitage Federal warehouses. We had the highest inventory accuracy every recorded. Why do I mention this to our customers? Because when you find something on our on-line inventory, 99.35% of the time, it will be there. (Great work, team!)

Looks like we have made the news again. Recently, we were interviewed by **USA Today** Investigative Travel Editor Gary Stoller about our innovative and low cost eBay program for voluntarily surrendered airport property. Mr. Stoller actually carried fake bombs through 55 airports BEFORE 9/11 to highlight the need for improvements. He is the recipient of the National Press Club award and three Lowell Thomas awards for investigative reporting. We expect a very informative, well-written article. Look for the story to run during the week of January 23, 2006.

Speaking of surrendered property, TSA changed its rules regarding property that will be permitted to be carried onto planes. Starting December 22, 2005, passengers will be allowed to bring scissors with less than a 4" blade length and blunt tools with less than a 7" length (screwdrivers, wrenches, pliers) in carry-on luggage. The complete list of allowed/prohibitive items can be found at [http://www.tsa.gov/public/interapp/editorial/editorial\\_1012.xml](http://www.tsa.gov/public/interapp/editorial/editorial_1012.xml). However, there is an initiative—the "Leave All Blades Behind Act" in the House (HR 4452) and in the Senate (SR 2083) to reverse the changes. As a result of the anticipated changes in the mix/volume of property that we receive, we may be forced to decrease our standard packaging and lot sizes on eBay. Of course, you will read about it here first!

Last month, we provided some grant information that just might help you to acquire more of our property. We received several favorable comments, and so decided to include a few other reminders:

- **Department of Community and Economic Development** has one more round of grants for their 2005 Emergency Responders Resources and Training Program. The deadline for the grant application is March 30, 2006. The grant is specifically for facilities and equipment to support the operation of fire, ambulance, and emergency medical services. For additional information regarding this grant, please contact the DCED Customer Service Center at 800-379-7448. Don't forget to stretch those grant dollars a little further by shopping with us. We can help you obtain all manner of first responder equipment and vehicles through Federal Surplus, Law Enforcement Excess Property, and even State Surplus!
- **Department of Environmental Protection** is applying, in conjunction with PENN-VEST, for Federal funds to establish a Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund. Public review and comment is being sought regarding the grant application. To request a copy of the application, or to subsequently log comments, contact Tom Mellot at 717-783-1566, or by email at [mtmellott@state.pa.us](mailto:mtmellott@state.pa.us). Federal surplus normally stocks pumps, generators, and tanks/tankers to help with brownfield remediation.

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- **Department of Education** has grants available to Vo-Tech/Career schools with approved trade, industrial, and/or agriculture programs. The maximum grant is either \$15K or \$50K, depending upon the program. Applications are due by January 31, 2006, and can be obtained on-line at [www.pde.state.pa.us](http://www.pde.state.pa.us) or by calling John Bonchalk at 717-772-4177. Remember that we carry machine tools, welders, and air compressors to help you expand or upgrade your facilities through the Federal Surplus Property Program.

I noticed that PennDOT and the PA State Police are proposing changes to some specifications regarding flashing or revolving lights on emergency or authorized vehicles (67 PA Code, Ch 173). The change, if passed, "allows the use of flashing and revolving lights which were not envisioned or available at the time the regulations were originally adopted". Please keep in mind that the Federal Surplus Property Program often has lights and lightbars available. We can also assist law enforcement agencies with the purchase of new lights and lightbars through our 1122 Program, which provides such agencies the ability to purchase from select GSA contracts. We would be happy to research manufacturers, models, and pricing to provide you with a quote, so that you can plan and budget more effectively.

Joe Angelo and the State Surplus team have been hard at work with our partners to prepare the 2006 Heavy Equipment Sale Schedule early so that you can budget and plan accordingly. See Joe's column for the details. For the public portion of the Harrisburg sale, we are working to team up with other state agencies to set up an "Auction Blowout" for late August at the Farm Show. Our intention is to have an indoor sale format with different types of property from different agencies sold on different days of the week. It is a little early to provide details just yet, but look for updates in future editions of the Sampler.

And, finally, we are working hard with GSA to modify our Fixed Price Vehicle Program. We would like to be able to get you the information that you need to make a decision much sooner in the process. Hopefully, you will be able to notify us of your requirements BEFORE the vehicles are offered for auction. Check out Scott Pepperman's column for the latest information.

We recognize that, when you need something, most times, you need it now. Members of the Federal Surplus Property Warehouse and Bureau Management recently brainstormed some improvements to our marketing program to get availability information to you more quickly and on a more consistent basis. Look to Scott's column for late-breaking news on "Just Arrived" merchandise and "Special Order" opportunities.

# State Surplus

## Doings and Happenings

Ready to welcome in the New Year, we have just completed our 2006 PennDOT Heavy Equipment Auction Schedule. Currently, we have three (3) confirmed auction sites and dates identified. We have also selected a fourth alternative site and date, should we have enough equipment to warrant an additional auction. Please check the Asset Auctions website at [www.asset-auctions.com/padgs](http://www.asset-auctions.com/padgs) later in the year for additional information regarding the fourth possible auction.

As requested, municipalities will have the opportunity to preview the equipment at PennDOT maintenance district yards prior to submitting bids. The contact information for each Equipment Manager surplussing heavy equipment will be listed on the Asset Auctions web site for each auction. Feel free to contact the Manager to arrange to view an item or to inquire about its condition.

## 2006 Auction Dates

**PennDOT Heavy Equipment Auction:** Punxsutawney Maintenance District, 205 Witherow Street, Jefferson County. The online auction starts at noon on **Wednesday, May 3, 2006**, and ends at 10:00 AM on **Wednesday, May 17, 2006**. Payment is due by Monday, May 22, and all equipment must be removed by Friday, May 26.

**PennDOT Heavy Equipment Auction:** Harrisburg Farm Show Building, Cameron Street, Dauphin County. The online auction starts at noon on **Wednesday, July 26, 2006**, and ends at 10:00 AM on **Wednesday, August 9, 2006**. Payment is due by Monday, August 14, and all equipment must be removed by Friday, August 18.

**PennDOT Heavy Equipment Auction:** Nazareth Maintenance District, Rt 248, Northampton County. The online auction starts at noon on **Wednesday, September 27, 2006**, and ends at 10:00 AM on **Wednesday, October 11, 2006**. Payment is due by Monday, October 16, and all equipment must be removed by Friday, October 20.

**PennDOT Heavy Equipment Auction:** Harrisburg Equipment Division, 17th and Arsenal Boulevard, Dauphin County **IF NECESSARY**. The online auction starts at noon on **Wednesday, October 18, 2006**, and ends at 10:00 AM on **Wednesday, November 8, 2006**. Payment is due by Monday, November 13, and all equipment must be removed by Friday, November 17.

**Please remember** that these auctions are your opportunity to acquire PennDOT heavy equipment **before** it is offered for sale to the general public. At each auction, you are given first choice of the available equipment, and you are bidding against other municipalities only.

# Federal Surplus

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## “Just Arrived” and “Special Orders”

Based on suggestions from our customers, we are beginning a more aggressive campaign to ensure that you receive timely and accurate information regarding our property. We will highlight newly arrived items and special interest items, such as overseas heavy equipment. Look for our weekly e-mail updates to secure these hot commodities!

Naturally, current e-mail addresses are key to the success of this program. If you would like to update your e-mail address, or add other personnel from your organization, please notify [Mary Beth Enggren](#), and she will be happy to make the necessary changes.

Also, if you simply do not have an e-mail address, you can check our specials on our web site at [www.dgs.state.pa.us](http://www.dgs.state.pa.us). Choose the right-hand circle labeled “Government Surplus”. Our “Just Arrived” list and our “Special Orders” list will be in the left navigation bar of our web site, along with our newsletter and all of our contact information, should you have any questions.

We may not be able to build a surplus warehouse in your neighborhood, but now you can have one right in your own office or living room!

And, speaking of special deals, see the deal on **hanging file folders** later in this column!

## Greene Township in “Seventh Heaven” with Federal Surplus Furniture

“Seventh Heaven” is exactly how Greene Township employees describe their recent acquisition of two truckloads of Federal Surplus furniture to outfit their new township building. The township received a conference table and chairs, shelving units, credenza, lounge furniture, computer desks, secretarial desks with hutches, and other “excellent quality” pieces. Surplus Property Agent Skip Page located the furniture at the Food and Drug Administration offices in Gaithersburg, Maryland, and promptly secured it for Pennsylvania donees. Greene Township estimates that it saved around \$3500.00 using Skip’s found furniture.

If you would like to join Greene Township in furniture heaven, contact us toll-free at **1-800-235-1555**, so that we can find the property to meet your furniture needs as well!

# Federal Surplus

## Special Deal!



**Hanging Files, just approved for pick-up!** These files are gray, metal, lateral, hanging files with an oak laminate finish on the front, 42" wide x 12" high x 16" deep, hanging brackets are not included. The files are in **excellent condition**, 392 single units available, service charge is only **\$10.00 each!**

## This Month's Featured Items



**Tool Kit**, general mechanic's. Each kit contains a wide variety of wrenches, socket sets, pliers, screwdrivers, etc. Item number 5180-05-0913-003, 25+ kits are available. Service charge is only \$93.75 per kit.



**Work Bench**, four (4) drawers, with a power strip. Item number 7110-06-0012-005, 17 benches are available. Service charge is only \$50.00.



**Drum**, Mfg. Ludwig, 48" diameter, excellent condition. Item number 7710-06-0010-004, only 1 available. Service charge is only \$100.00.

As always, please call our Harrisburg Distribution Center **toll-free** at **1-800-235-1555** for additional information regarding these items.

## Items Available at our Hermitage Warehouse

**Chair**, rotary, with arms, various colors, **excellent condition**. Item number 7110-06-0101-005, 18 chairs available. Service charge is only \$22.50.

**Boots**, heavy duty, with laces, size men's 9, 10, and 11, **NEW**. Item number 8430-00-0003-001, 45 pairs available. Service charge is only \$12.00.

**Chair**, metal, stacking, plastic seats, very good condition. Item number 7110-06-0101-006, 16 chairs available. Service charge is only \$12.00

**Wrench**, torque, 1/2" drive, **excellent condition**. Item number 5120-05-0809-009, only 1 wrench available. Service charge is only \$35.00.

**Wrench**, torque, 3/4" drive, **excellent condition**. Item number 5120-05-0809-005, only 2 wrenches available. Service charge is only \$75.00.

**Refrigerator**, two door, stainless steel, 40 cubic feet, commercial grade, very good condition. Item number 4110-06-0111-002, only 1 refrigerator available. Service charge is only \$1500.00.

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**Mower**, Mfg. Yazoo, walk behind master mower, good condition. Item number 3750-06-0080-002, only 1 mower available. Service charge is only \$250.00.

**Scooter**, Mfg. Cushman, three wheeled, **excellent condition**. Item number 2340-06-0045-001, only 1 scooter available. Service charge is only \$400.00.

**Mower**, Mfg. Cadet, riding mower, very good condition. Item number 3750-06-0099-001, only 1 mower available. Service charge is only \$300.00.

**Concrete Bit**, Mfg. Hilti, various diameters, **excellent condition**. Item number 5133-05-0956-001, 12 bits available. Service charge is only \$8.00.

**Level**, 48", aluminum, **excellent condition**. Item number 5210-05-0679-024, 16 levels available. Service charge is only \$15.00.

**Generator**, gas, 3.5 kw, very good condition. Item number 6115-06-0080-006, only 1 generator available. Service charge is only \$275.00

**Surveying Distance Meter**, good condition. Item number 6675-06-0034-002, only 1 meter available. Service charge is only \$1,000.00.

**Tamper**, gas, good condition. Item number 3895-06-0034-003, only 1 available. Service charge is only \$350.00.

**Pump**, electric, water pump, 2" inlet, 2" outlet, 50 gallons/minute, 5 hp engine, very good condition. Item number 4320-06-0034-004, only 1 pump available. Service charge is only \$95.00.

## Hermitage Reminder

We will be open for business in Hermitage on **February 7, 8, and 9** and on **March 7, 8, and 9** from 8:30 Am until 4:00 PM. And don't forget to ask about our "green dot" sales!

## Equipment Acquired By Your Neighbors....

**Changing of the World, Inc.**, Beaver County, acquired a pontoon boat with a trailer for education, valued at \$8,718.00 by the Federal Government, for a service charge of \$2,500.00.

**Blue Mountain Academy**, Berks County, acquired a Cushman Cart for use on their campus, valued at \$9,020.00 by the Federal Government, for a service charge of only \$412.50.

**Lock Haven City**, Clinton County, acquired a hoisting unit for use in their shops, valued at \$6,890.00 by the Federal Government, for a service charge of only \$67.50. The City also acquired thirty-nine (39) four-lamp 120v ballasts for their shops, valued at \$40,560.00 by the Federal Government, for a service charge of only \$390.00.

# Fixed Price Vehicles

Program staff is working with the General Services Administration (GSA) to distribute more vehicle information to you earlier in the auction cycle. GSA is considering the release of **preliminary** auction information to enable you to determine whether or not any given vehicle will suit the needs of your organization. Please look for further information concerning this new effort with GSA soon, as we hope to be ready to launch this project in early Spring.

Also, please remember to send you requests to us as soon as possible if you are interested in acquiring low mileage, quality, late model cars, trucks, vans, and even heavy equipment. Call us toll-free at **1-800-235-1555**, or contact our Jerry Vaux, our Fixed Price Vehicle Screener, directly at **717-319-3550**, or by email at [jvaux@state.pa.us](mailto:jvaux@state.pa.us).

## Law Enforcement

# 1033 Excess Property

### Property Available for Law Enforcement Agencies



**Helmet**, Kevlar, ground troops, various sizes. Plenty available, service charge is only \$15.00.



**Sleeping Mat**, 3/8" foam. Plenty available, service is charge only \$3.00.



**Riot Shield**, two-handed, 36" height. Service charge is only \$10.00.

### Equipment Acquired By Your Neighbors.....

**Moon Township Police Department**, Allegheny County, acquired a Loader/Crawler, Mfg. Case, diesel, 6 cylinders, for use in surveillance work and prison work for a service charge of only \$4,775.00 delivered.

**Stroud Area Regional Police Department**, Monroe County, acquired a diesel powered, 8 cy recovery vehicle for off-road work and surveillance for a service charge of only \$3,000.00.

**Titusville Police Department**, Crawford County, acquired two (2) Chevy cargo pick-up trucks, all wheel drive, for off-road surveillance and drug eradication, for a total service charge of only \$2,350.00 delivered.

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# 1122 New Property

### Recent Acquisitions by Your Neighbors...

**Allen-Vanguard Hook and Line Building Accessory Kit**, recently acquired by Berks County for security use into confidential law enforcement areas. This kit contains a range of special rigging tools to assist with building entry and clearance tasks. The total cost of this system, shipped directly from the manufacturer, was only \$3,527.26.

**Vision Hawk In-Car Camera**, recently acquired by the Conemaugh Township Police Department for recording drug arrests, surveillance, and other duties. This camera includes the rigging, software, installation, wireless component, and a removable hard drive upload option. The total cost of this system, shipped directly from the manufacturer, was only \$6,204.50.

**American Technologies NVG7-3A Night Vision Goggles and 5x Lens**, recently acquired by the Pennsylvania State Police. The NVG7 is a single tube night vision goggle built around High Grade 18 mm Gen 3 image intensifier tube, and utilizes a pseudo binocular design for added observation convenience. It has a built-in IR light source for close-up illumination in complete darkness. Lightweight, rugged, and a top-notch performer, the NVG7 is an exceptional choice for hands free usage. The NVG7 is available with a wide range of image intensifier options to meet a wide array of specification requirements. These units will be used for both surveillance and arrest situations. Each of the three goggles purchased include a headset with chinstrap, instruction manual, one battery, packing, a soft carrying case, and a 5x lens. The total cost for these three units was only \$11,250.00

### Now Available.....

**4-Panel No Step Collection Cups**. Only about 400 cups remain at the low price of only **\$3.99** each, delivered to your doorstep. The cups can be delivered within 14 days. Contact Lil Davis at 717-787-6158 ext 3212 to place your order!

# Calendar of Events

## January, 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 CLOSED FOR STATE HOLIDAY	3	4	5	6 Lehigh Valley School Bus. Officials	7
8	9	10 Hermitage Whse Open	11 Hermitage Whse Open	12 Hermitage Whse Open	13	14
15	16 CLOSED FOR STATE HOLIDAY	17	18	19 Grants Workshop Senator Pileggi Concordville	20	21
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			<b>1</b> Grants Workshop Sen Gordner Middleburg	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> PSAB Training Brookville	<b>4</b> PSATS Training Lewisburg
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Hermitage Whse Open	<b>8</b> Hermitage Whse Open	<b>9</b> Hermitage Whse Open	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
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<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> CLOSED FOR STATE HOLIDAY	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> PSAB Training Allentown	<b>25</b>
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### Prohibited Items

#### Air Travel - Prohibited Items

Prohibited items are weapons, explosives, incendiaries, and include items that are seemingly harmless but may be used as weapons - the so-called "dual use" items. You may not bring these items to security checkpoints without authorization.



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#### Permitted and Prohibited Items List:

- [English](#) (Word 280KB) (Revised 12-22-2005)

#### Civil Sanction Guidelines for Individuals:

- [English](#) (PDF 122KB)

If you bring a prohibited item to the checkpoint you may be criminally and/or civilly prosecuted or at the least asked to rid yourself of the item. A screener and/or Law Enforcement Officer will make this determination depending on what the item is and the circumstances. This is because bringing a prohibited item to a security checkpoint - even accidentally - is illegal.

- Your prohibited item may be detained for use in an investigation and if necessary as evidence in your criminal and/or civil prosecution. If permitted by the screener or Law Enforcement Officer, you may be allowed to:
- Consult with the airlines for possible assistance in placing the prohibited item in checked baggage
- Withdraw with the item from the screening checkpoint at that time
- Make other arrangements for the item such as taking it to your car
- Voluntarily abandon the item. Items that are voluntarily abandoned cannot be recovered and will not be returned to you.

Please refer to the printable versions of the prohibited and permitted items list above where you will find a list of items that are permitted or prohibited in your carry-on or checked baggage. You should note that some items are allowed in your checked baggage but not your carry-on. Also pay careful attention to the 'Notes' included at the bottom of each section - they contain important information about restrictions.

The prohibited and permitted items list is not intended to be all-inclusive and is updated as necessary. To ensure everyone's security the screener may determine that an item not on this chart is prohibited.

The list of items applies to flights originating within the United States. Please check

with your airline or travel agent for restrictions at destinations outside of the United States.

### **Disposition of Prohibited Items**

Lost or unclaimed personal property, not returned to its rightful owners, is required to be retained by TSA for 30 days. If unclaimed after 30 days, items may be donated to a public body (for example, a State Agency for Surplus Property) for their disposition.

### **NOTICE TO PASSENGERS Traveling from the United States**

The U.S. Transportation Security Administration made some changes to its prohibited items list late last year. Beginning December 22, 2005, scissors with a cutting edge of four inches or less and tools such as screwdrivers, wrenches, and pliers smaller than seven inches were permitted on board aircraft departing American airports.

These items are still prohibited on board aircraft departing Canadian airports including flights to the United States. For further information on this topic see the website [www.catsa-acsta.gc.ca](http://www.catsa-acsta.gc.ca) and select the topic 'Traveller.'

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