

Report Says Militarization of the U.S. Goes Beyond Police Departments



New York, July 5 (RHC)-- A new report by a U.S. taxpayer watchdog group reveals that the growing militarization in the United States goes beyond police departments by showing how nonmilitary federal agencies are arming themselves like military units.

The report "The Militarization of America" examines government expenditures by 67 federal agencies between 2006 and 2014 and found that they spent \$1.48 billion stockpiling guns, ammunition and other military-style equipment.

The reports states that "administrative agencies including the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Small Business Administration (SBA), Smithsonian Institution, Social Security Administration, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, United States Mint, Department of Education, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, National Institute of Standards and Technology, and many other agencies purchased guns, ammo, and military-style equipment."

For example, the Internal Revenue Service spent nearly \$11 million arming itself, while the e Environmental Protection Agency \$3.1 million.

The report also states: "The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service spent \$4.77 million purchasing shotguns, .308 caliber rifles, night vision goggles, propane cannons, liquid explosives, pyro supplies, buckshot, LP gas cannons, drones, remote controlled helicopters, thermal cameras, military waterproof thermal infrared scopes, and more."

"As the Obama administration and its allies are pushing hard for an assault weapons ban on private citizens, taxpayers are asking why IRS agents need AR-15s," wrote report author Andrzejewski. "After grabbing legal power, federal bureaucrats are amassing firepower. It's time to scale back the federal arsenal."

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