

LAW ENFORCEMENT INVENTORY AUDIT-READINESS

ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

Be prepared before the auditors show up. Use this checklist to identify gaps, improve compliance, and build confidence in your equipment management system.

ASSET CONTROL & ACCOUNTABILITY
☐ Can we account for every piece of assigned equipment—by officer, unit, or division?
□ Do we track serial numbers, barcodes, or RFID tags for high-value items?
☐ Is there a clear chain of custody for controlled or sensitive gear (e.g., firearms, body-worn cameras)?
MAINTENANCE & EXPIRATION TRACKING
☐ Are we alerted when gear is due for inspection, maintenance, or replacement?
☐ Do we have a process to track and replace expired items like body armor or medical supplies?
DOCUMENTATION & AUDIT TRAILS
☐ Are gear assignments and returns automatically logged and time-stamped?
Can we produce digital records quickly during an audit?
☐ Do we retain documentation for minimum state or federal retention periods?
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OFFICER SAFETY & READINESS
☐ Can officers easily verify and confirm their assigned equipment?
☐ Do supervisors have real-time visibility into inventory availability and condition?
POLICY & COMPLIANCE
☐ Are our inventory policies standardized and documented?
☐ Have we recently reviewed or updated our procedures for asset tracking?
□ Do we meet requirements for grant funding or accreditation bodies (e.g., CALEA)?
RISK & LIABILITY PREVENTION
☐ Have we had any missing, lost, or unaccounted-for equipment in the last year?
☐ Can we demonstrate how our system helps reduce human error and manual entry mistakes?
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HOW DID YOU DO?

If you checked fewer than 10 boxes, it may be time to evaluate a digital inventory solution.

