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## **WV Surplus Prepares for Launch of New Website**

In a few short weeks, WV Surplus will publish its new website. Launching in mid-October, the website will feature a total redesign and be mobile responsive.

"We are very excited for our customers to see and use our new website," said WV Surplus Manager Elizabeth Cooper. "We used feedback from our users to design and develop this new site."

The new website, which can be seen on the left, will contain quick access points on its homepage for three of its most common audiences: members of the public, state agencies, and eligible organizations. Each section is designed to ensure visitors to the WV Surplus website see content that is relevant to them.

"One of the challenges of designing the website was categorizing the information specific to each of our different groups of customers," said Cooper. "We might have a member of the public looking at our vehicle lists while someone else may be logging on to find out about the veteran-owned small business

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## Eligible Organizations Now Authorized to Test Drive Vehicles

WV Surplus is pleased to share that registered eligible organizations are now authorized to test drive vehicles located at the WV Surplus warehouse.

"We understand that purchasing a vehicle can be a big decision for our registered eligible organizations," said WV Surplus Manager Elizabeth Cooper. "It is something that has been requested by organizations over the years, and we are happy to finally be able to allow it."

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As part of this process, WV Surplus had to ensure the license plates were able to stay on the vehicles and address the insurance/liability issues that come with a test drive. While vehicles can be test driven on the lot, any vehicle taken off the WV Surplus property must have a member of the staff along for the ride.

This is one of the many benefits offered only to registered eligible organizations. To learn more about registering your eligible organization, visit *WVSurplus.gov*.

### **Investing Time in Projects is Worth the Wait**

There are many old proverbs about being patient. They say things like "great things take time" and "good things come to those who wait." There is a promise in those sayings that what you are waiting for is going to be worth it. And I hope what WV Surplus has for you was worth the wait.

In October 2022, WV Surplus will be launching its newly designed website which you can see a preview of on Page 1. This is a project that has been in the works for several years and gone through many different concepts. As a state entity that talks to so many different people with very different needs, it was important we develop the best product we could. And that took a little time.

But during this development period, WV Surplus continued to make

changes to the current website. We created new pages such as the Frequently Asked Questions page and pages on the Federal Property and Veterans programs. Videos and brochures were made accessible. We made it a priority to keep working to improve what we had while we waited to finalize the larger end goal.

While the website project has been happening behind the scenes, the acquisition of police vehicles through the federal Fixed Price Program has been at the forefront of our efforts. In fact, several of these vehicles have been acquired and are now in places such as Wheeling and Dunbar. But even this vehicle project takes a little time. Transporting these vehicles from locations as far as Tennessee and Florida speak to a much different type of patience that is needed for a

## THE MANAGER'S PERSPECTIVE

Elizabeth Cooper



long drive.

We are always looking for ways we can improve our services and serve our state. If you have an idea or suggestion, please send it to WVSASP@wv.gov.

With everything we do at WV Surplus, we want to do it to the best of our ability. Sometimes that means a little wait. But we will always give it 100% to ensure it is always worth it.

## Check Out What WV Surplus Has to Offer You!



What can you find at WV Surplus? We always have something unique! Here are some of the recent items we have had at the warehouse.

1. Fertilizer

- 2. Wooden Chairs
- 3. Couch
- 4. Loveseats/Oversized Chairs
- 5. Projectors
- 6. Appliances
- 7. Lamps/Trash cans













### **Longtime Employee Retires**

After many years of service, Sherry Fewell has retired from WV Surplus. Fewell originally joined WV Surplus in 2009 as an office assistant before transitioning into several different positions. Eventually, Fewell became in charge of online auctions and inventory management.

"In my role at WV Surplus, I have had the opportunity to work closely with state agencies and members of the public," said Fewell. "I will retire with almost 25 years of public service to the state of West Virginia and I am grateful for all of the experiences I have had along the way."

With her new free time, Fewell is looking forward to investing time into projects at home and completing personal improvement goals.

WV Surplus would like to thank Fewell for her years of service and wishes her the best in her retirement.



WV Surplus said farewell to longtime employee Sherry Fewell at the end of October. Fewell retired from state government after almost 25 years of service.

### **National Award Presented to WV Surplus Manager**



WV Surplus Manager Elizabeth Cooper was recently honored with the President's Award from the National Association of State Agencies for Surplus Property (NASASP). The award was presented to Cooper during its annual conference, which celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NASASP.

"I am humbled and honored to receive the President's Award in honor of Shane Bailey," said Cooper. "Shane was such an advocate for the federal property program, and he was the one who encouraged me to accept the nomination for president in 2019. I am proud to be associated with NASASP, an organization that saves taxpayer dollars and extends federal financial assistance to many organizations throughout the country."

Cooper served as the NASASP president from Sept. 1, 2019, though Aug. 31, 2021. While she is no longer president, Cooper continues her service with NASASP as the chair of the overseas committee. NASASP is a 501c(6) nonprofit organization founded in 1947 to foster communication between the 56 State Agencies for Surplus Property (SASPs), the federal government, Congress, and other national organizations.

The NASASP President's Award is an annual award. This year the award was presented in honor of former Alabama State Agency for Surplus Property Director Shane Bailey.

Congratulations to Cooper on this well-deserved honor.



#### **Direct Vehicle Sales List**

All vehicles are sold "as is" and "where is." Any defect known to WVSASP will be made known. However, WVSASP makes no warranty, expressed or implied, as to the condition of description, or its fitness for any use or purpose. Any oral statement or representation by any representative of WVSASP, changing or supplementing the condition thereof, is unauthorized and shall confer no right upon the Bidder or Purchaser.

We accept Visa, MasterCard, Money Orders, and Bank-Certified Checks.

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> Direct Vehicle Sales List

Last Updated: 10/03/2022

Tag #: 2022188 Year: 2015

Make and Model: FORD TAURUS GRAY

VIN: 1FAHP2MK2FG107773

Mileage: 122,132 Price: 8,900.00

Tag #: 2022200 Year: 2012

Make and Model: FORD F-350 WHITE

VIN: 1FTRF3B67CEA08001

Mileage: 216,915 Price: 9,100.00

Tag #: 2022201

#### **WEBSITE**

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program. We have a lot of procedural information for the state agencies that retire property to our facility. Each of these individuals deserves access to a website that is easy to navigate."

By utilizing a drop down menu, many of the frequently accessed pages on the website will be available within one click from anywhere on the website. Below, samples of the "Inventory" and "Programs" menus show some of these options. Please note, these menus may change prior to the launch in October and are only meant to be used as a prototype reference.

One of the most important aspects of this project was ensuring the revamped *WVSurplus.gov* website would be mobile responsive, which ensures that anyone using a smartphone or tablet can easily view all the website content. This includes the WV Surplus vehicle lists, one of which can be seen to the left.

"Each year the number of individuals only accessing websites from mobile devices increases," explained Cooper. "We want our website to be easy to use no matter how it is accessed."

In addition to redesigning the pages already on the WV Surplus websites, several new pages were also added, including a page for the 8(a) program, a dedicated page for eligible organizations, and several pages focusing on the inventory received by WV Surplus.

"People who are just learning about WV Surplus often have questions regarding the types of inventory we receive and how it can be purchased," said Cooper. "It was important to include a place on the new website that would highlight unique items and give examples of the types of items we frequently receive."

When the revamped website is launched in mid-October, it will continue to utilize the link *WVSurplus.gov*. An announcement for the launch will be made on the WV Surplus Facebook page at *www.facebook.com/wvsurplus* and sent out via the WV Surplus email subscription list. To subscribe to the email list, please visit *www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/surplus/Subscribe.html*.





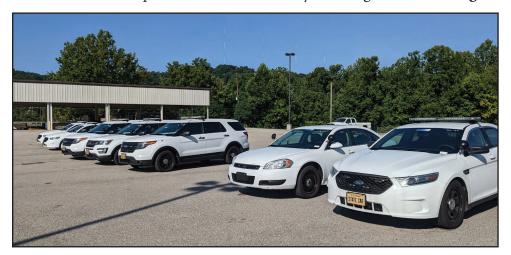
### We Want to Hear From You! Click to Contact WV Surplus!

## Fixed Price Program Continues to Bring More Police Vehicles to WV Surplus

In the 2022 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter issue of *The Property Connection*, WV Surplus shared news regarding its participation in the federal Fixed Price Program which allows WV Surplus to acquire federal vehicles, including law enforcement vehicles. Because of the interest in and success of this program, WV Surplus has continued to obtain vehicles for tax supported agencies in the state.

"I am pleased at the continued interest in obtaining vehicles for organizations around the state," said WV Surplus Manager Elizabeth Cooper. "Police vehicles specifically have been in high demand."

Priority access to these vehicles continues to be given to tax-supported eligible organizations such as police or sheriff's departments. Organizations that are interested in obtaining vehicles through the Fixed Price Program can contact WV Surplus at 304-766-2626 or by emailing *WVSASP@wv.gov*.



WV Surplus recently began participating in the federal Fixed Price Program. Several of the police vehicles shown above have already been acquired by the cities of Dunbar and Wheeling. Because of the high interest in this program, WV Surplus has continued to acquire these vehicles from as far away as Florida.

### **West Virginia State Agency for Surplus Property**

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For additional information on becoming an eligible organization, please call 304.766.2626 or complete an *Application for Eligibility* at:

WVSurplus.gov

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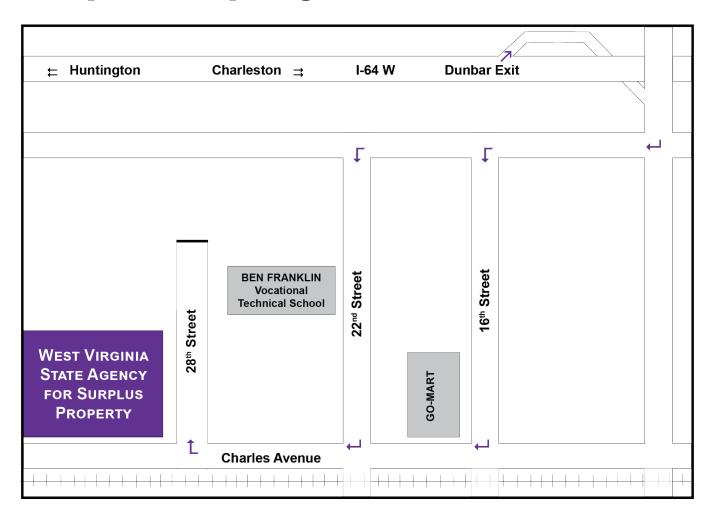
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## **Surplus Property Warehouse Location**



**DIRECTIONS:** Exit I-64 at Dunbar/Roxalana Road, turn right on Roxalana Road then turn onto WV-25 West. At 16th Street, turn left. Go to intersection with Charles Avenue -- if you miss 16th Street, go to 22nd Street which is also a throughway. Turn right onto Charles Avenue, continue to 28th Street and turn right. The West Virginia State Agency for Surplus Property is on that corner inside the cyclone fence.

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