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## No, the Feds Shouldn't Give War Machines to the Police

From the [New York Post](#):

Speaking to the Fraternal Order of Police in Tennessee on Monday morning, Attorney General Jeff Sessions formally announced that [the Trump administration will restart giving surplus military weapons and equipment to state and local law enforcement](#).

That's a mistake.

What kind of equipment are we talking about? Well, Haverhill, Mass., a town of fewer than 65,000, got a nearly 20-ton Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle. Keene, NH, a town of fewer than 30,000, got an 8-ton armored BearCat. Over 10,000 bayonets have been handed out. Yes, bayonets.

Police work is unquestionably difficult — and often thankless. I have nothing but the utmost respect and admiration for those who put it all on the line to protect our communities, and I saw their bravery firsthand this summer when Capitol Police officers made all the difference [during the attack on our congressional baseball game practice](#).

To support our local police, we must first realize they aren't soldiers. But today the line between the two is being eroded.

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