



TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ASSEMBLY BILL 481

Military Equipment Use by Law Enforcement

2023 – 2024 Annual Report

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PREFACE

The mission of the Torrance Police Department is to preserve public safety and quality of life within the City of Torrance, to respond effectively to the changing needs of the community, and to promote mutual respect between the Police Department and the people we serve.

The Torrance Police Department responds to a broad variety of critical incidents and our police officers operate in unpredictable and dynamic environments. To maximize the capacity and potential to de-escalate volatile and often life-threatening situations, a variety of equipment options and continuing training are required. The Torrance Police Department's catalog of equipment covered under Assembly Bill 481 is maintained for the purpose of safeguarding the community while bringing critical incidents to a safe resolution.

HISTORY

In September of 2021, the State of California enacted Assembly Bill 481, in which the Legislature found and declared the following:

- (a) The acquisition of military equipment and its deployment in our communities adversely impacts the public's safety and welfare, including increased risk of civilian deaths, significant risks to civil rights, civil liberties, and physical and psychological well-being, and incurrent of significant financial costs. Military equipment is more frequently deployed in low-income Black and Brown communities, meaning the risks and impacts of police militarization are experienced most acutely in marginalized communities.
- (b) The public has a right to know about any funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment by state or local government officials, as well as a right to participate in any government agency's decision to fund, acquire, or use such equipment.
- (c) Decisions regarding whether and how military equipment is funded, acquired, or used should give strong consideration to the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties, and should be based on meaningful public input.
- (d) Legally enforceable safeguards, including transparency, oversight, and accountability measures, must be in place to protect the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties before military equipment is funded, acquired, or used.
- (e) The lack of a public forum to discuss the acquisition of military equipment jeopardizes the relationship police have with the community, which can be undermined when law enforcement is seen as an occupying force rather than a public safety service.

To address these concerns, AB 481 requires every law enforcement agency to do the following (this is not an exhaustive list of requirements; see section 7070-7075 of the government code):

- Create a military use policy.
- Obtain approval of that policy by each agency's applicable governing body, and at least annually ask the governing body review and vote whether to renew the ordinance adopting the policy.

- Submit an annual military equipment report for each type of military equipment approved by the governing body within one year of approval and annually thereafter.
- Hold a community engagement meeting within 30 days of submitting/publicly releasing the above Annual Report.

The Torrance Police Department has fulfilled the above requirements by creating Policy 706 - *Military Equipment*, obtaining approval from the governing body through the adoption of Ordinance Number 3902 in 2022, providing an online resource for community complaints/engagement, and assigning the responsibility of the required Annual Report to the Military Equipment Coordinator and Financial Planning and Strategy Division. See the department's AB481 resource guide online: <https://www.torranceca.gov/government/police/resources/assembly-bill-481-policy>

OVERVIEW

Per Government Code 7072(a), the Annual Report shall, at a minimum, include the following information for the immediately preceding calendar year for each type of military equipment:

- (1) A summary of how the military equipment was used and the purpose of its use.
- (2) A summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning the military equipment.
- (3) The results of any internal audits, any information about violations of the military equipment use policy, and any actions taken in response.
- (4) The total annual cost for each type of military equipment, including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs, and from what source funds will be provided for the military equipment in the calendar year following submission of the Annual Military Equipment Report.
- (5) The quantity possessed for each type of military equipment.
- (6) If the law enforcement agency intends to acquire additional military equipment in the next year, the quantity sought for each type of military equipment.

DEFINITIONS

AB 481 created Government Code Section 7070, which defines "military equipment" as the following:

1. Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles.
2. Mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers.
3. High mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles (HMMWV), two-and-one-half-ton trucks, five-ton trucks, or wheeled vehicles that have a breaching or entry apparatus attached.
4. Tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection to their occupants.
5. Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units.
6. Weaponized aircrafts, vessels, or vehicles of any kind.
7. Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature. This does not include items to remove a lock, such as bolt cutters or a handheld ram designed to be operated by one person.
8. Firearms and ammunition of .50 caliber or greater, excluding standard-issue shotguns and standard-issue shotgun ammunition.
9. Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including assault weapons as defined in Penal Codes § 30510 and § 30515, with the exception of standard-issue service weapons and ammunition of less than .50 caliber.
10. Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles.
11. "Flashbang" grenades and explosive breaching tools.

12. Munitions containing tear gas or OC, and pepper balls, excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray.
13. TASER® Shockwave, microwave weapons, water cannons, and long-range acoustic devices (LRAD).
14. 40mm projectile launchers, "bean bag," rubber bullet and specialty impact munition (SIM) weapons.
15. Any other equipment as determined by a governing body or a state agency to require additional oversight.

AB 481 created Government Code Section 7070, which defined a "military equipment use policy" as a publicly released, written document governing the use of military equipment by law enforcement agencies that addresses, at a minimum, all of the following:

1. A description of each type of military equipment, the quantity sought, its capabilities, expected lifespan, and product descriptions from the manufacturer of the military equipment.
2. The purposes and authorized uses for which the Department proposes to use each type of military equipment.
3. The fiscal impact of each type of military equipment, including the initial costs of obtaining the equipment and estimated annual costs of maintaining the equipment.
4. The legal and procedural rules that govern each authorized use.
5. The training, including any course required by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), that must be completed before any sworn member is allowed to use each specific type of military equipment to ensure the full protection of the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties and full adherence to the military equipment use policy.
6. The mechanisms to ensure compliance with the military equipment use policy, including which independent persons or entities have oversight authority, and, if applicable, what legally enforceable sanctions are put in place for violations of the policy.
7. The procedures by which members of the public may register complaints or concerns or submit questions about the use of each specific type of military equipment, and how the Department will ensure that each complaint, concern, or question receives a response in a timely manner.

CATEGORIZED SUMMARY OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT

The inventory of military equipment, particularly consumable material fluctuates regularly. This fluctuation is due to operational usage, deterioration, training, maintenance, and expiration/replenishment guidelines. The Torrance Police Department is committed to transparency in disclosing its military equipment inventory and related information to our community and elected officials in compliance with the law. The Department strives to provide the most accurate military equipment inventory and information at the time of this report's publication.

The military equipment is listed in a manner that is consistent with how AB 481 and Government Code Section 7070 categorized “military equipment.” Each section includes the following:

- Description of Equipment
- Purpose of the Equipment
- Authorized Use
- Training Requirements
- Complaints / Concerns
- Internal Audits
- Cost
- Quantity Possessed
- Lifespan / Additional Purchases

Note - The manufacturer descriptions and source photos in this report are referenced via publicly accessible website source citations. The website source citations utilized in this report are for military equipment descriptive purposes only. They are not an endorsement by the City of Torrance or the Torrance Police Department of a particular product or vendor.

CATEGORY 1: UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM (UAS) or “DRONES”

1. **Description:** Unmanned aircraft of any type that are capable of sustaining directed flight, whether pre-programmed or remotely controlled, including the attached systems that are designed for gathering information through imaging, recording, or by any other means.
2. **Purpose and Use:** The Torrance Police Department utilizes small UAS devices to enhance the Department’s mission of protecting lives and property in a variety of situations. They are deployed when the view provided by a UAS would assist personnel in incidents including but not limited to, search and rescue, situational awareness, missing persons, fleeing suspect searches, and any other situation where the UAS would improve officer safety, the safety of the public, and suspect safety.

UAS have been deployed in a variety of operations in 2023 including support of Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) operations, patrol suspect searches, missing persons, barricaded suspects, high-risk traffic stops, city inspections and mapping, training videos, traffic collision investigations, crime scene photos and fire/rescue scenes. In 2023 there were approximately 186 hours of flight time in support of the operations noted above.

3. **Authorized Use:** Use is established under the FAA Regulation 14 CFR Part 107 and TPD Policy 608. It is the policy of the department to utilize UAS only for official law enforcement or city government purposes, and in a manner that respects the privacy of our community, pursuant to State and Federal law. Only assigned operators who have completed the required training shall be permitted to operate UAS equipment during approved missions. Typical law enforcement deployment of UAS includes, but is not limited to: searches for missing persons or fleeing suspects presenting a danger to public safety, providing aerial views for large scale critical incidents such

as civil unrest or barricaded suspects, and capturing aerial footage or images for crime scene investigations. City government deployment purposes includes, but is not limited to: providing aerial footage or images of city projects, surveying or inspecting city property or equipment.

4. **Training Requirements:** All Department UAS operators are licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration (107 Remote Pilot Certification) for UAS operation. In addition, each operator must pass in-house Department qualification and training courses and attend ongoing monthly trainings.
5. **Complaints / Concerns:** None.
6. **Internal Audits:** Routine inventory of equipment by UAS supervisor and regular review of operation active action reports.
7. **Annual Cost:**
 - i. Approximately \$18,362.25
 - ii. Funding Source: Police Department Operating Budget
 - iii. Acquisition: DJI Mavic 3T (Thermal), quantity: 2, DJI Mavic Air 2S, quantity: 1, All items: \$12,409.38
 - iv. Other Costs: UAS related accessories and ancillary items: \$5,952.87
8. **Quantity:**
 - i. The following UAS list is the current quantity for in-service use:
 1. DJI M30T: 2
 2. DJI Mavic 3T (Thermal): 4
 3. DJI Mavic Air 2S: 2
 4. DJI Mavic Mini 3 Pro: 2
 5. DJI Avata: 1
9. **Lifespan / Additional Equipment:** Average lifespan of four years. The below listed drones will be sought for purchase in the next year:
 - i. DJI Dock 2: qty. 8
 - ii. DJI Mavic Air3: qty. 2
 - iii. DJI Mavic Mini 4 Pro: qty. 2
 - iv. DJI Avata 2: qty. 1

CATEGORY 1: UNMANNED GROUND VEHICLES or “ROBOTS”

1. **Description:** An unmanned ground vehicle is capable of being controlled remotely and includes supporting or attached systems designed for gathering information through imaging, recording or other means.
2. **Purpose and Use:** The Torrance Police Department utilizes small, unmanned ground vehicles (robots) to enhance the Department’s mission of protecting lives and property in a variety of

situations. Unmanned ground vehicles (robots) are deployed when the view provided by the robot would allow personnel to clear dangerous areas from a safe distance while preserving human life, to gain audio/visual data in order to resolve a tactical incident, or to deliver a tactical negotiation device in order to facilitate de-escalation of a situation. The robot was not deployed this year other than for training purposes.

3. **Authorized Use:** It is the policy of the department to utilize a robot only for official law enforcement purposes, and in a manner that respects the privacy of our community, pursuant to State and Federal law. The primary users are Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team operators who have received training in proper deployment and use.
4. **Training Requirements:** Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team members and/or other sworn personnel who have received training in proper deployment and use.
5. **Complaints / Concerns:** None.
6. **Internal Audits:** Monthly inventory/maintenance by SWAT Technology officers with oversight from SWAT supervision.
7. **Annual Cost:**
 - i. None – no ongoing costs
 - ii. Funding Source: Police Department Operating Budget
 - iii. Maintenance: as needed
8. **Quantity:**
 - i. Robotex Avatar Tactical Robot: 1
9. **Lifespan / Additional Equipment:** Up to 20 years depending on operational usage and technology upgrades. There are no plans to purchase any additional items for the upcoming year.

CATEGORY 2: ARMORED PERSONNEL VEHICLES or “ARV”

1. **Description:** The Lenco BearCat is an armored personnel carrier built on a customized heavy-duty commercial truck chassis. Lenco vehicles are currently used by more than 1,000 federal, state, and local agencies. The BearCat provides protection for both law enforcement and civilians in dangerous situations including but not limited to, active shooter events, barricaded suspect incidents, response and rescue operations, and high-risk warrant operations.
2. **Purpose and Use:** The Lenco BearCat Armored Rescue Vehicle is used to enhance officer and community safety during high-risk critical incidents.

This vehicle has been used for several patrol incidents and during Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) operations to provide protection for involved officers against potentially armed and/or

armed threats. The TPD ARV was deployed 10 times on Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) operations and during 3 patrol incidents in which there was a risk of an armed confrontation.

3. **Authorized Use:** It is the policy of the Department to utilize an armored vehicle only for official law enforcement purposes, and in a manner that respects the privacy of our community, pursuant to State and Federal law. The use of the Lenco BearCat Armored Rescue Vehicle shall only be authorized by a Watch Commander or the SWAT Commander and must be based on the specific circumstances of a given critical incident. The BearCat shall be used by officers who have been trained in its deployment and in a manner consistent with department policy.
4. **Training Requirements:** In accordance with department policy, the primary users are Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team operators who have received training in proper deployment and use as well as other sworn personnel during exigent circumstances.
5. **Complaints / Concerns:** None.
6. **Internal Audits:** SWAT personnel conduct monthly inspection of the Lenco BearCat to ensure operational readiness as well as inventorying all equipment stored inside. Services Division maintain the ARV as needed in accordance with routine vehicle maintenance schedules.
7. **Annual Cost:**
 - i. Approximately \$1,000 for routine service
 - ii. Funding Source: Police Department Operating Budget
 - iii. Maintenance: as needed
8. **Quantity:**
 - i. Lenco BearCat Armored Rescue Vehicle: 1 – Torrance Police Department
 - ii. Lenco BearCat Armored Rescue Vehicle: 1 – Mutual Aid Area G
9. **Lifespan / Additional Equipment:** Expected law enforcement life cycle is up to 20 years. The Department has partnered with the Torrance Police Foundation in an effort to secure private funding for the future purchase of a Lenco MedCat. The Lenco MedCat is an armored ALS ambulance which allows police accompanied paramedics and EMS personnel to enter dangerous environments in order to provide immediate life-saving care to trauma victims. The Lenco MedCat can also be optioned with firefighting equipment to provide a means to resolve incidents in which fire is used as a weapon or when regular firefighting vehicles cannot safely approach a fire. A specific date for this purchase has not been set.

CATEGORY 5: COMMAND AND CONTROL VEHICLES or “MEOC”

1. **Description:** Mobile Emergency Operations Center - MBF Industries 40' Mobile Command Vehicle manufactured on 2017 Freightliner Chassis. Vehicle meets Title 49, US Code Chapter 301, FMVSS 209, Part 571, SAE J2422, REV 3: Crash Avoidance, Worthiness and Post-Crash Standards.

- Purpose and Use:** The Torrance Police Department Mobile Emergency Operations Center (MEOC) operates as a self-contained command vehicle for use in the field during planned and unplanned events. It is utilized during emergencies, tactical operations, special events, and can serve as an alternate emergency operations center if needed.

The MEOC has been deployed during various operations this past year including Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) operations, critical incidents, DUI checkpoints, and community/ public relation events.

- Authorized Use:** The use of a police mobile command vehicle shall only be authorized by a Watch Commander, based on the specific circumstances of the incident and in a manner consistent with department policy and training. Police mobile command vehicles shall only be used by department personnel who have a valid Commercial Driver's License and who have been trained in its proper deployment.
- Training Requirements:** Drivers shall obtain and maintain a valid Commercial Driver's License, and undergo training provided by the department regarding proper and safe use of the MEOC.
- Complaints / Concerns:** None.
- Internal Audits:** Routine inventory and maintenance of both mechanical and electronic components.
- Annual Cost:** approximately \$3,540
 - Funding Source: Police Department Operating Budget
 - Cellular data lines for network connectivity, \$1,920 per year
 - Satellite internet for emergency backup, \$1,620 per year
- Quantity:**
 - MBF Industries Mobile Command Vehicle: 1
- Lifespan / Additional Equipment:** Dependent on operational usage and technological compatibility. There are no plans to acquire additional command vehicles.

CATEGORY 7: BATTERING RAMS, SLUGS AND BREACHING APPARATUS THAT ARE EXPLOSIVE IN NATURE

Ballistic Breaching Tools

- Description:** Breaching shotguns are shotguns that have been modified to be used to breach potentially locked and/or barricaded doors. Breaching shotguns allow officers to safely utilize

breaching specific rounds that are intended to defeat deadbolts, locks, and hinges. The Kinetic Breaching Tool is a kinetic energy forced entry tool that utilizes a proprietary .45 Caliber handgun blank and a proprietary 8-cartridge reloadable cylinder to deliver up to 1000 ft/lb of force through a hardened steel ram which can be directed at door hardware. The semi-automatic cycling of the device allows repeated strikes on hardened targets or on multiple targets.

2. **Purpose and Use:** The Torrance Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) maintains breaching shotguns, specific breaching rounds (“slugs”) and a Kinetic Breaching Tool. These tools are utilized to conduct rapid entries into secured or fortified locations (doors, windows, or other entry points) during emergencies or high-risk operations. This equipment was not used operationally during the past year.
3. **Authorized Use:** Use is established under TPD Policy 412. It is the policy of the department to utilize breaching tools only for official law enforcement purposes, and in a manner that respects the privacy of our community, pursuant to State and Federal law. Breaching shotguns and the Kinetic Breaching Tool shall only be used in a manner consistent with department policy by Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team operators who have received training in proper deployment and use.
4. **Training Requirements:** The primary users are Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team operators who have received training in proper deployment and use and who undergo ongoing annual training.
5. **Complaints / Concerns:** None.
6. **Internal Audits:** SWAT supervision and TPD Range Staff conduct an annual inventory.
7. **Annual Cost:** Varied based on maintaining inventory of expendable rounds.
 - i. Funding Source: Police Department Operating Budget
 - ii. Acquisition: As needed for replenishment.
8. **Quantity:**
 - i. Ballistic Breaching Shotguns: 30
 - ii. Kinetic Breaching Tool: 1
 - iii. Breaching Rounds: Up to 200
 - iv. Flashbang Rounds: Up to 50
 - v. Airbag Rounds: Up to 25
9. **Lifespan / Additional Equipment:** Indefinite depending on usage.

Detonating Cord / Nonelectric Detonating Delays

1. **Description:** Detonating cord consists of a high-explosive core wrapped in a reinforced, waterproof, plastic coating that transmits a detonating wave. Nonelectric delay detonator cord is designed to provide in-hole delays for underground or special construction blasting applications that require long period delay times to improve relief and fragmentation.
2. **Purpose and Use:** The Torrance Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) maintains explosive breaching material to conduct immediate entries into secured or fortified locations or structures during high-risk crisis operations.

This equipment was not used in any operations during the past year.

3. **Authorized Use:** Use is established under TPD Policy 412. It is the policy of the Department to utilize breaching tools only for official law enforcement purposes, and in a manner that respects the privacy of our community, pursuant to State and Federal law. Detonating cords shall only be used by specially trained SWAT officers.
4. **Training Requirements:** SWAT operators must attend and pass a breaching course to be certified and must attend ongoing quarterly training.
5. **Complaints / Concerns:** None.
6. **Internal Audits:** SWAT supervision conduct regular inventory.
7. **Annual Cost:** Varied based on quantity needed to maintain inventory.
 - i. Funding Source: Police Department Operating Budget
 - ii. Acquisition: As needed
8. **Quantity:**
 - i. 50GR/FT Detonating Cord, quantity: 1
 - ii. Non-electric Detonators 40ft #1 Delay, quantity: 50
9. **Lifespan / Additional Equipment:** Up to 10 years for detonating cord and five years for nonelectric delay cord. There are no plans to purchase any additional items for the upcoming year.

Sheet Explosives

1. **Description:** Explosive substance that can be detonated by fuse or electrical impulse.
2. **Purpose and Use:** The Torrance Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) maintains explosive breaching material to conduct immediate entries into secured or fortified locations or structures during high-risk crisis operations. This equipment was not used in any operations during the past year.

3. **Authorized Use:** Use is established under TPD Policy 412. It is the policy of the Department to utilize breaching tools only for official law enforcement purposes, and in a manner that respects the privacy of our community, pursuant to State and Federal law. Sheet explosives shall only be used by specially trained SWAT officers in a manner consistent with department policy.
4. **Training Requirements:** SWAT operators must attend and pass a breaching course to be certified and must attend ongoing quarterly training.
5. **Complaints / Concerns:** None.
6. **Internal Audits:** SWAT supervision conduct regular inventory.
7. **Total Annual Cost:** None
 - i. Funding Source: Police Department Operating Budget
 - ii. Acquisition: as needed
8. **Quantity:**
 - i. C-3 Explosives: Up to 20 pounds
9. **Lifespan / Additional Equipment:** Up to five years. There are no plans to purchase any additional items for the upcoming year.

CATEGORY 12: "FLASHBANG" GRENADES AND EXPLOSIVE BREACHING TOOLS, "TEAR GAS," AND "PEPPER BALLS"

Noise Flash Diversionary Devices ("Flashbangs")

1. **Description:** Noise Flash Diversionary Devices (NFDDs) are non-bursting, non-fragmenting light sound diversionary devices that produce a thunderous bang and an intense bright light.
2. **Purpose and Use:** NFDDs are used to facilitate an effective resolution to assaultive or high-risk situations. They provide for the disorientation or distraction of dangerous suspects during assaults, hostage rescue scenarios, room entries or other high-risk encounters. The Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) utilized 2 Noise Flash Diversionary Devices (NFDDs) during operations. Additionally, approximately 10 NFDDs were deployed during regular training scenarios.
3. **Authorized Use:** NFDDs shall only be used in a manner consistent with department policy and by Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team operators who have received training in proper deployment and use.
4. **Training Requirements:** SWAT personnel who have received formalized training in proper use.

5. **Complaints / Concerns:** None.
6. **Internal Audits:** SWAT supervision conduct regular inventory.
7. **Annual Cost:** Varied based on quantity needed to maintain inventory.
 - i. Funding Source: Police Department Operating Budget
 - ii. Acquisition: Restock current inventory as needed @ approximately \$58-61 per unit.
8. **Quantity:**
 - i. CTS NFDD model 7920: Up to 75
 - ii. CTS Multi-9 Flash Bang: Up to 6
9. **Lifespan / Additional Equipment:** Five-year shelf-life per manufacturer. Replenish inventory as needed.

Chemical Agents and Smoke Canisters

1. **Description:** Canisters that disperse chemical agents and/or smoke when deployed.
2. **Purpose and Use:** The Torrance Police Department maintains chemical agents and smoke canisters for the purposes of dislodging barricaded subjects, denying areas of refuge, disrupting suspects during high-risk incidents, crowd control situations, and to conceal tactical movement. This equipment is normally used during Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) operations when dealing with potentially armed and/or armed suspects and barricaded suspects. The Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) utilized the 40mm Liquid CS Ferret Rounds on 3 occurrences, as well as 3 canisters of Spede-Heat CS Gas. Approximately 16 canisters are used annually for training purposes.
3. **Authorized Use:** 40mm munitions and smoke grenades shall only be used in a manner consistent with department policy and by sworn personnel who have received training in proper deployment and use.
4. **Training Requirements:** Prior to deploying 40mm Launchers and Munitions, members must complete a POST certified course in the operation of 40mm Launchers and Munitions. Additionally, all members that operate any Less Lethal Device are required to pass a qualification course of instruction according to department policy. Smoke grenade use is limited to SWAT team operators who have received training in proper deployment and use.
5. **Complaints / Concerns:** None.
6. **Internal Audits:** SWAT and South Bay Platoon supervision conduct regular inventory of munitions.
7. **Total Annual Cost:** Approximately \$2,420

- i. Funding Source: Police Department Operating Budget
- ii. Acquisition: restock current inventory: \$2,420

8. Quantity:

- i. 40mm Liquid CS Ferret Rounds, quantity: Up to 100
- ii. Def Riot Control CS, quantity: Up to 25
- iii. Spede Heat CS, quantity: Up to 25
- iv. Spede Heat CN, quantity: Up to 25
- v. Def Tech Triple Chaser CS, quantity: Up to 25
- vi. Def Tech Smoke Tri-Chamber CS, quantity: Up to 25
- vii. Def Tech Pocket Tactical OC, quantity: Up to 25
- viii. Def Tech Pocket Tactical CS: Up to 25
- ix. Def Tech Smoke Canisters: Up to 50

9. Lifespan / Additional Equipment: Five-year shelf-life per manufacturer. Maintain inventory.

CATEGORY 14: LAUNCH PLATFORM AND THEIR ASSOCIATED MUNITIONS

40mm Tactical Launcher

1. **Description**: Tactical single and multi-shot launchers that fire standard 40mm less-lethal ammunition.
2. **Purpose and Use**: The Torrance Police Department maintains 40mm projectile launch platforms which can fire a variety of 40mm munitions including sponge baton rounds (less lethal) and chemical agents. Less lethal munitions may be used as an option to de-escalate a potentially dangerous/deadly situation, with a reduced potential for death or serious injury to all persons involved.
3. **Authorized Use**: 40mm Tactical Launchers shall only be used in a manner consistent with department policy and by sworn personnel who have received training in proper deployment and use.
4. **Training Requirements**: Prior to deploying 40mm Launchers and Munitions, members must complete a POST certified course in the operation of 40mm Launchers and Munitions. Additionally, all members that operate any Less Lethal Devices are required to pass a qualification course of instruction according to department policy.
5. **Complaints / Concerns**: None.
6. **Internal Audits**: The TPD Range Masters conduct annual inventory.
7. **Annual Cost**: None

- i. Funding Source: Police Department Operating Budget
- ii. Acquisition: as needed

8. Quantity:

- i. 40mm Tactical Single-Shot Launchers, quantity: 60
- ii. 40mm Tactical 4-Shot Launchers, quantity: 10

9. Lifespan / Additional Equipment: Indefinite. There are no plans to purchase any additional items for the upcoming year.

40mm Munitions

- 1. Description:** The 40mm munitions utilized by the Torrance Police Department are manufactured by Defense Technology (Def Tech) and are lightweight, high-speed projectiles consisting of a plastic body and a sponge nose that is spin stabilized via the incorporated rifling collar and the 40mm launcher's rifled barrel. The round utilizes smokeless powder as the propellant, and, therefore, have velocities that are extremely consistent.
- 2. Purpose and Use:** The Torrance Police Department maintains 40mm munitions including sponge rounds (less-lethal) and chemical agents. Less lethal munitions may be used as an option to de-escalate a potentially dangerous/deadly situation, with a reduced potential for death or serious injury to all persons involved. The Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team deployed one 40mm round this year during a high-risk operation. Personnel utilized 40mm munitions four times this year in accordance with TPD Policy 304.9.
- 3. Authorized Use:** Use is established under TPD Policy 303 It is the policy of the Department to utilize 40mm Tactical Launcher Rounds only for official law enforcement purposes, and in a manner that respects the privacy of our community, pursuant to State and Federal law. 40mm munitions shall only be used by trained officers in a manner consistent with Department policy and training.
- 4. Training Requirements:** Use is established under TPD Policy 303. It is the policy of the Department to utilize 40mm tactical launcher rounds only for official law enforcement purposes, and in a manner that respects the privacy of our community, pursuant to State and Federal law. Prior to deploying 40mm launchers and munitions, members must complete a POST certified course in the operation of 40mm launchers and munitions. Additionally, all members that operate any less lethal devices are required to pass a qualification course of instruction and attend ongoing training according to Department policy.
- 5. Complaints / Concerns:** None
- 6. Internal Audits:** Regular inventory conducted by Range personnel, SWAT supervision, and South Bay Platoon supervision.

7. **Annual Cost:** Varied based on quantity needed to maintain inventory.
 - i. Funding Source: Police Department Operating Budget
 - ii. Acquisition: as needed to maintain inventory based on use and training @ \$35-40 per round.

8. **Quantity:**
 - i. Def Tech Exact Impact 40mm Sponge Rounds: Up to 1,000
 - ii. Def Tech Exact Impact 40mm Extended-Range Sponge Rounds: Up to 500
 - iii. Def Tech Direct impact 40mm OC Sponge Rounds: Up to 500
 - iv. Def Tech Skat Shell 40mm CS Multiple Projectiles: Up to 250

9. **Lifespan / Additional Equipment:** Average five-year shelf-life per manufacturer. Munitions inventory fluctuates with training and use. Munitions stock is replenished annually.

Tear Gas Canister Launching Cup

1. **Description:** The Tear Gas Launching Cups are designed for the launching of tear gas canisters. The cups are attached to virtually any 12ga shotgun and the canister is launched from the cup with a specially designed launching cartridge fired by the shotgun. These can be fired from most 12ga smooth bore shotguns.

2. **Purpose and Use:** The Torrance Police Department will purchase and maintain 5 Tear Gas Canister Launching Cups for use during high-risk SWAT incidents and civil unrest, to launch Tear Gas Canisters from safe positions to an intended target (see “Chemical Agent and Smoke Canisters” for details regarding the canisters deployed by the launcher). Any use of the Tear Gas Launching Cups will be in accordance with Department Policy governing such use, and limited to use only by properly trained officers.

3. **Authorized Use:** Use of the Tear Gas Launching Cup to deploy tear gas canisters is established under TPD Policy 304.6. It is the policy of the Department to utilize the Tear Gas Launcher only for official law enforcement purposes, and in a manner that respects the safety and privacy of our community, pursuant to State and Federal law. Tear Gas Launching Cups shall only be used by trained officers in a manner consistent with Department policy and training.

4. **Training Requirements:** All members that operate any less lethal devices, including the Tear Gas Launching Cup, are required to pass a qualification course of instruction and attend ongoing training according to Department policy. Members who deploy tear gas canisters are also required to attend regular training regarding tear gas deployment.

5. **Complaints / Concerns:** None

6. **Internal Audits:** Regular inventory conducted by Range personnel, SWAT supervision, and South Bay Platoon supervision.

- 7. **Annual Cost:** Varied based on quantity needed to maintain inventory.
 - i. Funding Source: Police Department Operating Budget
 - ii. Acquisition: as needed to maintain inventory based on use and training

- 8. **Quantity:**
 - i. CTS LC6 Launching Cup: Up to 5
 - ii. CTS 2600 Launching Cup Cartridge: Up to 15

- 9. **Lifespan / Additional Equipment:** Average five-year shelf life per manufacturer. Munitions inventory fluctuates with training and use. Munitions stock is replenished annually.

APPENDIX

CATEGORY 1: UNMANNED, REMOTELY PILOTED AERIAL VEHICLES

DJI M30T

Manufacturer: DJI

Description: The DJI M30T is a small, unmanned aerial system (UAS) that is piloted remotely. The DJI M30T is a versatile commercial thermal drone featuring an integrated payload with a 48MP wide camera, a 12MP tele zoom camera with significant zoom capabilities, and a thermal camera for diverse operational needs. It offers advanced flight performance, easily handling challenging weather with an IP55 rating, and ensures safety with comprehensive sensors and collision avoidance systems. Its intuitive DJI RC Plus remote control and compatibility with FlightHub 2 enhance its mission efficiency. Ideal for public safety and thermal inspection use cases.

Quantity: 2



DJI Mavic 3 Thermal

Manufacturer: DJI

Description: The DJI Mavic 3 Thermal is a small unmanned aerial system (UAS) that is piloted remotely. The DJI Mavic 3 Thermal (M3T) drone is a new generation commercial and enterprise drone designed for public safety and inspection. The M3T features a 1/2" CMOS 48MP wide camera, tele zoom camera and 640x512 thermal sensor. Flight times on the Mavic 3T come in at about 36-42 minutes with a max flight time of 45 minutes.

Quantity: 4



DJI Mavic Air 2S

Manufacturer: DJI

Description: The DJI Air 2S is an unmanned aerial system (UAS) that is piloted remotely. It's powerful and compact drone that offers advanced features for aerial photography and videography. It stands out for its superior image quality, intelligent flight modes, and obstacle detection capabilities. The Air 2S is equipped with a 1-inch CMOS sensor, capable of capturing 20MP photos and 5.4K video at 30fps, ensuring high-quality imagery in various lighting conditions.

Quantity: 2



DJI Mavic Mini 3 Pro

Manufacturer: DJI

Description: The DJI Mavic Mini 3 Pro is an unmanned aerial system (UAS) that is piloted remotely. DJI Mini 3 is a compact, ultra-lightweight camera drone built for adventure. It features extended battery life, detail-rich 4K HDR video.

Quantity: 2



DJI Avata

Manufacturer: DJI

Description: The DJI Avata is an unmanned aerial system (UAS) that is piloted remotely. The Avata Drone has built-in propeller guards, is compact and portable. Thanks to its size, it can fly in both indoor and outdoor scenarios, hover like a hummingbird, and return to the home point automatically. The Avata supports 4K ultra-wide angle recording with an f/2.8 aperture.

Quantity: 1



CATEGORY 1: UNMANNED GROUND VEHICLES or “ROBOTS”

Robotex Avatar

Manufacturer: Robotex

Description: The Avatar is a small, remotely piloted robot, designed for rapid tactical missions, the robot deploys quickly for searching rooms, hallways, stairwells, and confined spaces. With rubber tracks and articulating front and rear flippers, the Avatar effortlessly climbs stairs.

Quantity: 1



CATEGORY 2: ARMORED PERSONNEL VEHICLES or “ARV”

Lenco BearCat Armored Rescue Vehicle

Manufacturer: Lenco

Description: The Lenco BearCat is an armored vehicle built from the ground up to help law enforcement officers resolve the most challenging scenarios safely and efficiently. A large floor plan gives 10-12 fully equipped personnel space to perform their duties.

Quantity: 1 – Torrance Police Department / 1 – Area G Mutual Aid



CATEGORY 5: COMMAND AND CONTROL VEHICLES

Mobile Emergency Operations Center (MEOC)

Manufacturer: MBF Industries – Model M2-106

Description: The MCP is a mobile office that provides shelter, access to Police Department computer systems, and dispatching capabilities during extended events.

Quantity: 1



CATEGORY 7: BATTERING RAMS, SLUGS AND BREACHING APPARATUS THAT ARE EXPLOSIVE IN NATURE

Remington 870 Breaching Shotgun

Manufacturer: Remington

Description: The Remington 870 Breaching Shotgun is a shotgun modified to be used to breach potentially locked and/or barricaded doors. This tool allows officers to safely utilize the specialized breaching rounds to destroy deadbolts, locks, and hinges. The stand-off attached to the end of the barrel allows for the positive placement of the gun into the correct position and vents gases to prevent overpressure.

Quantity: 30



Royal Arms International Breaching Rounds

Manufacturer: Royal Arms

Description: Orange Cap 2-3/4" 275 Grain Compressed Copper Frangible 12 Ga Shotgun Slug. Velocity: 1,750 Ft p/sec -18" Barrel. Defeats: Solid Wood Doors, Locks & Hinges

Quantity: Up to 200 rounds



Royal Arms Flashbang Rounds

Manufacturer: Royal Arms

Description: Red Cap 12 Ga Shotgun rounds. Producing 175dB and 4psi of over pressure.

Quantity: Up to 50 rounds



Royal Arms Air-Bang Rounds

Manufacturer: Royal Arms

Description: Designed as a less lethal / diversionary round can breach solid wood doors, light steel, sliders, car windows and use in crawl spaces. 185 dB.

Quantity: Up to 25 rounds



Kinetic Breaching Tool (KBT)

Manufacturer: Kinetic Breaching Tool

Description: The KBT is a ballistic breaching tool. A blank .45 caliber cartridge drives a captive steel impact plate which is directed at door hardware. The impact plate extends forward out of the clamshell shroud and impacts the target with a high level of kinetic energy and defeats the hardware. The impact plate automatically retracts and is reset in less than one second. Semi-automatic cycling allows repeated strikes on hardened or multiple targets.

Quantity: 1



Austin Powder Company Detonating Cord

Manufacturer: Austin Powder Company

Description: 50GR/FT. Detonating cord is used to initiate detonator sensitive seismic explosives. Detonating cord is also used to provide a path of initiation for non-electric initiation. Detonating cord has a core of PETN (pentaerythritol tetranitrate) encased in multiple polypropylene yarns, over-extruded with a polyethylene jacket and high strength textile yarns.

Quantity: 1 roll @ 800 feet



Orica Exel MS Non-Electric Detonators

Manufacturer: Orica Exel MS

Description: 40 Ft #1 delay (25ms) Non-electric detonators. Compatible with both Exel and Cordtex detonating cords. Exel MS detonators are a series of full-strength nonelectric detonators with millisecond (MS) delay intervals between successive firing times.

Quantity: Up to 50



Donovan Durasheet Explosive Sheet

Manufacturer: Donovan Durasheet

Description: Sheet Explosive has been developed to meet your breaching and demolition needs. Explosive sheets are equally as powerful as a C-4 explosive but, because of its consistent performance and properties, blast damage can be minimized by exact cutting of the sheet.

Quantity: 1 Roll (20 lbs)



CATEGORY 12: "FLASHBANG" GRENADES AND EXPLOSIVE BREACHING TOOLS, "TEAR GAS" AND "PEPPER BALLS"

CTS Model 7920 Flashbang

Manufacturer: CTS

Description: This device is a noise flash diversionary device (NFDD). This NFDD is a non- bursting, non- fragmenting device that produces a thunderous bang with an intense bright light. Ideal for distracting dangerous suspects during assaults, hostage rescue, room entry, or other high-risk arrest situations.

Quantity: Up to 100



CTS Model 7920-9 Multi 9 Flashbang

Manufacturer: CTS

Description: This device is a noise flash diversionary device (NFDD). This NFDD is a non- bursting, non- fragmenting multi-bang device that produces a thunderous bang with an intense bright light. Ideal for distracting dangerous suspects during assaults, hostage rescue, room entry, or other high-risk arrest situations.

Quantity: Up to 6



Defense Technology Flameless Tri-Chamber CS Grenade

Manufacturer: Defense Technology

Description: Design allows the contents to burn within an internal can and disperse the agent safely with reduced risk of fire. The grenade is designed primarily for indoor tactical situations to detect and/or dislodge a barricaded subject. The grenade will deliver approximately .70oz of agent during its 20-25 second burn time. It can be used in crowd control as all tactical deployments.

Quantity: Up to 25



Defense Technology Riot Control CS Grenade

Manufacturer: Defense Technology

Description: Designed specifically for outdoor use in crowd control situations with high volume continuous burn that expels its payload in approximately 20-40 seconds through four gas ports located on the top of the canister. This grenade can be used to conceal tactical movement or to route a crowd. Holds approximately 2.7oz of active agent.

Quantity: Up to 25



Defense Technology Spede-Heat CN Grenade

Manufacturer: Defense Technology

Description: Designed specifically for outdoor use in crowd control situations with high volume continuous burn that expels its payload from a single source in approximately 20-40 seconds. Smoke and agent are discharged through four gas ports located on the top of the canister. Holds approximately 2.9oz of active agent.

Quantity: Up to 25



Defense Technology Spede-Heat CS Grenade

Manufacturer: Defense Technology

Description: The Spede-Heat CS Grenade is a high volume, continuous burn and expels its payload in approximately 20-40 seconds. The payload is discharged through four gas ports on top of the canister, three on the side and one on the bottom. It holds approximately 2.9oz of active agent.

Quantity: Up to 25



Defense Technology Skat Shell 40mm Multiple Projectile Round, CS

Manufacturer: Defense Technology

Description: The Skat Shell 40mm CS multiple chemical projectile is designed to deliver multiple CS canisters from a 40mm launcher. It is designed for outdoor use and has fire-producing capability and has a maximum effective range of 80-100 yards. It is widely used as a crowd management tool for the rapid and broad deployment of a chemical agent by a single grenadier. The Skat Shell contains four separate sub-munitions and provides a wide area of coverage.

Quantity: Up to 250



Defense Technology 40mm CS Liquid Barricade, Spin-Stabilized Long Projectile

Manufacturer: Defense Technology

Description: The Ferret 40mm Round is non-burning and suitable for indoor use. It is used to penetrate barrier, such as windows, hollow core doors, wallboard and thin plywood. Upon impacting the barrier, the nose cone ruptures and instantaneously delivers a small chemical payload inside of a structure or vehicle. In a tactical deployment, the 40mm Ferret is primarily used to dislodge a barricaded subject from confined areas. Used to minimize risks to all parties through pain compliance, temporary discomfort and/or incapacitation of potentially violent or dangerous subjects.

Quantity: Up to 65



CTS Baffled Canister CS Irritant Grenade Model 5230b

Manufacturer: CTS

Description: This pyrotechnic grenade is designed for indoor use delivering a maximum amount of irritant smoke throughout multiple rooms with minimal risk of fire.

Quantity: Up to 25



CATEGORY 14: LAUNCH PLATFORMS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED AMMUNITIONS: 40MM, "BEAN BAG," RUBBER BULLET, AND SPECIALTY IMPACT MUNITIONS (SIM)

40mm Launch Platforms and Associated Ammunition

Defense Technology LMTS Single 40mm Launcher

Manufacturer: Defense Technology

Description: The Defense Technology 40LMTS is a tactical single-shot launcher that fires standard 40mm less-lethal ammunition, up to 4.8 inches in cartridge length.

Quantity: 60



Defense Technology 1440 4-Round 40mm Launcher

Manufacturer: Defense Technology

Description: The Defense Technology 1440 is a tactical 40mm 4-Shot launcher that will fire standard 40mm Less Lethal ammunition up to 4.8 inches in cartridge length.

Quantity: 10



Defense Technology (Def-Tec) Exact Impact 40mm Sponge Round

Manufacturer: Defense Technology

Description: The Exact Impact 40mm Sponge Round is a point-of-aim, point-of-impact direct-fire round. This lightweight, high-speed projectile consists of a plastic body and sponge nose that is spin-stabilized via the incorporated rifling collar and the 40mm launcher's rifled barrel. The round utilizes smokeless powder as the propellant and, therefore, has velocities that are extremely consistent.

Quantity: Up to 1000 rounds



Defense Technology LE Extended Range eXact Impact Sponge Round

Manufacturer: Defense Technology

Description: The Exact Impact 40mm Sponge Round is a point-of-aim, point-of-impact direct-fire round. This lightweight, high-speed projectile consists of a plastic body and sponge nose that is spin-stabilized via the incorporated rifling collar and the 40mm launcher's rifled barrel. The round utilizes smokeless powder as the propellant and, therefore, has velocities that are extremely consistent.

Quantity: Up to 500 rounds



Defense Technology Direct Impact OC Crushable Foam Round

Manufacturer: Defense Technology

Description: The Direct Impact OC Crushable Foam Round is a point-of-aim, point-of-impact direct-fire round. This lightweight, high-speed projectile consists of a plastic body and sponge nose that is spin-stabilized via the incorporated rifling collar and the 40mm launcher's rifled barrel. The round utilizes smokeless powder as the propellant and, therefore, has velocities that are extremely consistent.

Quantity: Up to 500 rounds



CTS Tear Gas Launching Cup

Manufacturer: CTS Combined Systems

Description: The LC6 Launching Cups are designed for the 6200 series grenades. The cups can be attached to virtually any 12ga shotgun and the munition launched with our model 2600 launching cartridge. These can be fired from most 12ga smooth bore shotguns.

Quantity: Up to 5



CTS Tear Gas Launching Cartridge

Manufacturer: CTS Combined Systems

Description: The 12ga Launching cartridge is to be used with the 52 series launching cup (above).

Quantity: Up to 15



Military Equipment

706.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the approval, acquisition, and reporting requirements of military equipment (Government Code § 7070; Government Code § 7071; Government Code § 7072).

706.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include (Government Code § 7070):

Governing body – The elected or appointed body that oversees the Department.

Military equipment – Includes but is not limited to the following:

- Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles.
- Mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers.
- High mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles (HMMWV), two-and-one-half-ton trucks, five-ton trucks, or wheeled vehicles that have a breaching or entry apparatus attached.
- Tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection to their occupants.
- Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units.
- Weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind.
- Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature. This does not include a handheld, one-person ram.
- Firearms and ammunition of .50 caliber or greater, excluding standard-issue shotguns and standard-issue shotgun ammunition.
- Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including firearms and accessories identified as assault weapons in Penal Code § 30510 and Penal Code § 30515, with the exception of standard-issue firearms.
- Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles.
- Noise-flash diversionary devices and explosive breaching tools.
- Munitions containing tear gas or OC, excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray.
- TASER® Shockwave, microwave weapons, water cannons, and long-range acoustic devices (LRADs).
- Kinetic energy weapons and munitions.
- Any other equipment as determined by a governing body or a state agency to require additional oversight.

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706.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Torrance Police Department that members of this department comply with the provisions of Government Code § 7071 with respect to military equipment.

706.3 MILITARY EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR

The Chief of Police should designate a member of this department to act as the military equipment coordinator. The responsibilities of the military equipment coordinator include but are not limited to:

- (a) Acting as liaison to the governing body for matters related to the requirements of this policy.
- (b) Identifying department equipment that qualifies as military equipment in the current possession of the Department, or the equipment the Department intends to acquire that requires approval by the governing body.
- (c) Conducting an inventory of all military equipment at least annually.
- (d) Collaborating with any allied agency that may use military equipment within the jurisdiction of Torrance Police Department (Government Code § 7071).
- (e) Preparing for, scheduling, and coordinating the annual community engagement meeting to include:
 1. Publicizing the details of the meeting.
 2. Preparing for public questions regarding the department's funding, acquisition, and use of equipment.
- (f) Preparing the annual military equipment report pursuant to Government Code 7002 for submission to the Chief of Police and ensuring that the report is made available on the department website (Government Code § 7072).
- (g) Ensuring that any revisions to the policy follow the same procedures when obtaining approval from the governing body by way of amending an ordinance and that the most current version of the policy is available on the department website at least 30 days prior to any public hearing.

706.4 COMPLIANCE

Any member of the public can register a question or concern regarding military use equipment by contacting the Torrance Police Department via email at TPDequipmentpolicy@TorranceCA.gov. A response to the question or concern shall be completed by the department in a timely manner.

Any member of the public can submit a complaint to any member of the Department by submitting a Personnel Complaint Form to the Torrance Police Department via mail or in person at the station lobby located at 3300 Civic Center Drive Torrance, CA 90503. Once the complaint is received, it shall be routed to the Personnel Division in accordance with TPD Policy 1006.3 (Personnel Complaints).

The Department will ensure that all members comply with this policy. The Chief of Police, or designees will be notified of any policy violations and, if needed, the violation(s) will be referred

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to the Personnel Division and handled in accordance with TPD Policy 1006.20 (Internal Affairs Investigation) and TPD Policy 300.7 (Supervisor Responsibility).

706.5 MILITARY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

The following constitutes a list of qualifying equipment for the Department:

[See attachment: Military Equipment.pdf](#)

706.6 APPROVAL

The Chief of Police or the authorized designee shall obtain approval from the governing body by way of an ordinance adopting the military equipment policy. As part of the approval process, the Chief of Police or the authorized designee shall ensure the proposed military equipment policy is submitted to the governing body and is available on the department website at least 30 days prior to any public hearing concerning the military equipment at issue (Government Code § 7071). The military equipment policy must be approved by the governing body prior to engaging in any of the following (Government Code § 7071):

- (a) Requesting military equipment made available pursuant to 10 USC § 2576a.
- (b) Seeking funds for military equipment, including but not limited to applying for a grant, soliciting or accepting private, local, state, or federal funds, in-kind donations, or other donations or transfers.
- (c) Acquiring military equipment either permanently or temporarily, including by borrowing or leasing.
- (d) Collaborating with another law enforcement agency in the deployment or other use of military equipment within the jurisdiction of this department.
- (e) Using any new or existing military equipment for a purpose, in a manner, or by a person not previously approved by the governing body.
- (f) Soliciting or responding to a proposal for, or entering into an agreement with, any other person or entity to seek funds for, apply to receive, acquire, use, or collaborate in the use of military equipment.
- (g) Acquiring military equipment through any means not provided above.

706.7 COORDINATION WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Military equipment used by any member of this Department shall be approved for use and in accordance with this Department policy. Military equipment used by other jurisdictions that are providing mutual aid to this Department or operating in conjunction in a law enforcement capacity with this Department, shall comply with their respective military equipment use policies in rendering mutual aid.

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706.8 ANNUAL REPORT

Upon approval of a military equipment policy, the Chief of Police or the authorized designee shall submit a military equipment report to the governing body for each type of military equipment approved within one year of approval, and annually thereafter for as long as the military equipment is available for use (Government Code § 7072).

The annual report shall include the following information:

1. A summary of how the military equipment was used and the purpose of its use.
2. A summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning the military equipment.
3. The results of any internal audits, any information about violations of the military equipment use policy, and any actions taken in response.
4. The total annual cost for each type of military equipment, including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs, and from what source funds will be provided for the military equipment in the calendar year following submissions of the annual military equipment report.
5. The quantity possessed for each type of military equipment.
6. If the law enforcement agency intends to acquire additional military equipment in the next year, the quantity sought for each type of military equipment.

The Chief of Police or the authorized designee shall also make each annual military equipment report publicly available on the Department website for as long as the military equipment is available for use. The report shall include all information required by Government Code § 7072 for the preceding calendar year for each type of military equipment in department inventory.

706.9 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Within 30 days of submitting and publicly releasing the annual report, the Department shall hold at least one well-publicized and conveniently located community engagement meeting, at which the military equipment coordinator shall discuss the report and respond to public questions regarding the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment.

706.10 EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES

Under exigent circumstances, the Department may need to weaponize equipment listed in this policy to save human lives.

Government Code 7072

(a) A law enforcement agency that receives approval for a military equipment use policy pursuant to Section 7071 shall submit to the governing body an annual military equipment report for each type of military equipment approved by the governing body within one year of approval, and annually thereafter for as long as the military equipment is available for use. The law enforcement agency shall also make each annual military equipment report required by this section publicly available on its internet website for as long as the military equipment is available for use. The annual military equipment report shall, at a minimum, include the following information for the immediately preceding calendar year for each type of military equipment:

(1) A summary of how the military equipment was used and the purpose of its use.

(2) A summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning the military equipment.

(3) The results of any internal audits, any information about violations of the military equipment use policy, and any actions taken in response.

(4) The total annual cost for each type of military equipment, including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs, and from what source funds will be provided for the military equipment in the calendar year following submission of the annual military equipment report.

(5) The quantity possessed for each type of military equipment.

(6) If the law enforcement agency intends to acquire additional military equipment in the next year, the quantity sought for each type of military equipment.

(b) Within 30 days of submitting and publicly releasing an annual military equipment report pursuant to this section, the law enforcement agency shall hold at least one well-publicized and conveniently located community engagement meeting, at which the general public may discuss and ask questions regarding the annual military equipment report and the law enforcement agency's funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment.

Ca. Gov. Code § 7072

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Gov. Code § 7072