

ANNUAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE REPORT



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Military Equipment Use AB 481 Compliance Requirements:

- Approval of Military Equipment Policy
- Publishing the policy on our website
- Annual report

Annual Report Description

Assembly Bill 481 requires law enforcement agencies to report annually on the inventory, procurement, use and misuse of approved military equipment items. The annual report also includes a description of new military equipment the law enforcement agency seeks Board of Supervisors approval for acquisition and funding.

Per AB 481, the annual military equipment report shall, at 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.
- (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.

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The following is the data for Military Equipment Use by category:

Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS)

Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems were utilized a total of seven (7) times from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

Authorized usages:

- Collection of evidence in the form of aerial photography / video in support of an investigation (e.g., officer involved shooting scenes). The sUAS was utilized twelve (12) times for this purpose.
- Training as required per Bureau of Investigation policy 415.16. There was a total of eight (8) training days for this purpose, with multiple flights of all drones.

Unauthorized usages:

- There have been zero (0) reported violations of the military equipment use policy from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

Summary of Complaints:

- There have been zero (0) complaints concerning military equipment from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

Violations of Policy:

- There have been zero (0) violations of policy.

Total Annual Cost for Military Equipment:

- The estimated cost for the maintenance and upgrades of the sUAS in the current inventory was \$2,196.00. This includes the cost of software upgrades for the sUAS, camera filters, registration, and AirData UAV cloud account.
- The cost of the three (3) new drones (Two (2) DJI Mini Pro 4 drones and one (1) DJI Avata 2) was \$5,062.00.
- The total for the above total annual cost = \$7,258.00

Quantity Possessed for Military Equipment:

- One (1) Skydio X10
- One (1) DJI Mavic 2 Pro sUAS
- One (1) Avata 2
- Two (2) DJI Mini Pro 4

Future Purchases for FY 26-27:

- One (1) DJI Mavic 4 Pro Done Fly More Combo
- One (1) DJI Avata 2 Fly More Combo
- Estimated cost of all the above future purchase requests = \$4,500.00

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Assault weapons as defined under Penal Code 30510 and Penal Code 30515

Assault weapons were utilized a total of zero (0) times from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, except in training situations and annual qualifications.

Authorized usages:

- In accordance with California Penal Code 835a and Bureau of Investigation policy 300 (Use of Force).

Unauthorized usages:

- There have been zero (0) reported violations of the military equipment use policy from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

Summary of Complaints:

- There have been zero (0) complaints concerning military equipment from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

Violations of Policy:

- There have been zero (0) violations of policy.

Total Annual Cost for Military Equipment:

- The estimated cost for the listed assault rifles is \$10,135.00. This includes the purchase of two new rifles, personnel, upgrades, maintenance, range fees and ammunition.

Quantity Possessed for Military Equipment:

- Nineteen (19) Colt AR-15 semi-automatic rifles
- One (1) Bushmaster AR-15 semi-automatic rifle
- 4,000 rounds of Winchester .223 pointed soft point AR-15 rounds (on-duty use)
- 5,000 rounds of Winchester .223 frangible AR-15 rounds (training use only)
- 3,000 rounds of Winchester .223 full metal jacket AR-15 rounds (training use only)

Future Purchases for FY 26-27:

- 2,000 rounds of Winchester .223 pointed soft point AR-15 rounds (on-duty use)
- 9,000 rounds of Winchester .223 frangible AR-15 rounds (training use only)
- Estimated cost of future requested items = \$8,785.00

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Less Lethal Munitions

40 mm Projectile Launchers and PepperBall were utilized a total of zero (0) times from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

Authorized usages:

- To control a violent subject who has demonstrated, by words or actions, an intention to be violent or physically resist, and reasonably appears or presents the potential to harm officers, him/herself or others.
- To disarm a subject or control a subject who is reasonably believed to be armed.
- To control a subject who is violent or actively resisting.
- To stop a fleeing subject who is wanted for a serious crime (mere flight from a pursuing officer, without other known circumstances or factors, is not good cause for the use of a SIM to apprehend an individual).
- Gain compliance during tactical situations that include but are not limited to a riot or civil unrest.

Unauthorized usages:

- There have been zero (0) reported violations of the military equipment use policy from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

Summary of Complaints:

- There have been zero (0) complaints concerning military equipment from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

Violations of Policy:

- There have been zero (0) violations of policy.

Total Annual Cost for Military Equipment:

- The estimated cost for the listed less lethal weapons is \$2468.00. This includes personnel, upgrades, maintenance, range fees and munitions.
- The total annual cost for the above items = \$2468.00

Quantity Possessed for Military Equipment:

- One (1) PepperBall VKS Pro Plus Launcher
- Three (3) Deftech 40 MM Single Launchers
- Two (2) Pepperball TAC-SA Pro Plus Launchers
- One hundred (100) eXact Impact 40mm sponge rounds
- Five hundred (500) Pepperball Inert rounds (training use)
- Three hundred and seventy-five (375) Pepperball Inert Live X rounds (duty use)

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Future Purchases for FY 26-27:

- Seven hundred (700) Pepperball Inert rounds (training use)
- Three hundred and seventy-five (375) Pepperball Live X rounds (duty use)
- Three hundred and seventy-five (375) Glass Breaker rounds
 - New request
- Estimated cost of all the above future purchase requests = \$1,700.00

New Proposed Items for the Military Equipment Inventory List

The Bureau of Investigation is requesting to purchase a mobile command vehicle as defined in the Government Code 7070(c)(5) and explained in detail below.

No other items from the Military Equipment list per Government Code 7070(c); just additional items such as ammunition, less lethal munitions, and additional drones, which fall under categories already approved.

COMMAND AND CONTROL VEHICLES THAT ARE EITHER BUILT OF MODIFIED TO FACILITATE THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL AND DIRECTION OF PUBLIC SAFETY UNITS

A mobile command post vehicle, if awarded a Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) grant, will be purchased during FY 26-27. This vehicle will be maintained by the mobile command post team, which is composed of a group of investigators trained and certified to operate a commercial vehicle. This vehicle will be used for officer-involved critical incidents, search warrant operations, any other specific operation that require investigators to be at a location for a long period of time, Gang Reduction Intervention Partnership (GRIP) events, and public events such as National Night Out.

2027 North Star 297-5 Command Vehicle: This is a medium-duty, custom built truck that offers the amenities needed for investigators to conduct investigations in the field, such as at the scene of an officer-involved critical incident. There is plenty of room to conduct interviews in privacy, process evidence, and conduct report writing. Despite the size, the vehicle is highly maneuverable, making it practical for busy streets, industrial areas, and tight locations.

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| Item: | 2027 Freightliner M2-106 Plus Conventional, 297-5 Command Vehicle, built by North Star (new item) |
| Description: | Cummins L9 360EV, Allison transmission, air brake package, 36,000 lb. GVWR capacity |
| Quantity: | One (1) |
| Initial Cost: | \$646,315.95 (BSCC grant would cover \$600,000.00) |

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| Ongoing Cost: | Varies and is dependent upon type of repairs and/or maintenance required |
| Capabilities: | GVWR 36,000 pounds, highly maneuverable, has plenty of room to conduct interviews and process evidence |
| Expected Lifespan: | 500,000 to 700,000 miles or up to 14-16 years with responsible maintenance |

PURPOSE AND AUTHORIZED USE

The mobile command vehicle will be deployed to incidents including but not limited to, officer-involved critical incidents, search warrant operations, any other specific operation that require investigators to be at a location for a long period of time, GRIP events, and public events such as National Night Out.

FISCAL IMPACT

Annual maintenance as required based on mileage and/or need. If awarded the BSCC grant, our Office will have to pay the additional balance of about \$46,315.95.

LEGAL AND PROCEDURAL RULES

Operators are required to obtain and maintain the appropriate California driver's license from the California Department of Motor Vehicles. While utilizing the vehicle, the operator must obey all rules of the road.

TRAINING

There is no training required, other than obtaining and maintaining the appropriate required California driver's license from the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

COMPLIANCE

The command vehicle can only be utilized for officer-involved critical incidents, search warrants, special operations, public events or any other incident with prior approval of the Professional Standards Division Commander.