

AB 481 – 2024 Annual Military Equipment Use Report

**District Police Department
Vice Chancellor/ Chief of Police, Chris Rolen**

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BACKGROUND

Government Code Sections 7070 requires all law enforcement agencies in the state to obtain approval of the applicable governing body, by adoption of a “Military Equipment Use Policy,” as specified, by ordinance at a regular meeting held pursuant to open meeting laws, prior to taking certain actions relating to the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment as defined.

On June 21, 2022, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution NO. 2206211, approving the District Police Department’s Military Equipment Policy (709) and authorized the funding, acquisition, collaboration, and use of the specific equipment identified in the policy’s incorporated equipment list. The Board of Trustees readopted Resolution NO. 2206211 on June 18, 2024.

Government Code Section 7071 requires the Board of Trustees to annually review Resolution NO. 2206211 and either approve or disapprove a renewal of the authorization for a type, as defined, of military equipment or amend the military equipment policy if it determines, based on an annual report prepared by the department, that the military equipment does not comply with the standards for approval.

Government Code Section 7072 requires the District Police Department to submit to the Board of Trustees an annual use report for each type of equipment approved by the Board within one year of initial approval, and annually thereafter for as long as the equipment is available for use.

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 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, and the quantity sought for each type of military equipment.

ANNUAL UPDATE

1. Summary of Equipment Usage and Purpose:

During 2024, the equipment identified in the Policy 709 Military Equipment Use List, and in this report, was used by sworn members of the department during authorized training, and for the purpose of tactical or other public safety and life preservation missions.

2. Summary of Complaints:

The Department did not receive any complaints or concerns related to the use of military equipment during 2024.

3. Violations of Policy 709:

An internal review revealed there were no violations of Military Equipment Use Policy 709 during 2024.

4. Total associated annual cost during fiscal year 24/25:

The approximate total cost for each type of military equipment, including acquisition, personnel, training, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs was \$12,630. The associated funding source is the General Fund.

Acquisition/ Expenditures:	Categories:	Costs:
Unmanned Aerial Vehicles	Category 1	0
Firearms and ammunition	Category 10	3542.00
Kinetic energy munitions	Category 14	0
Personnel and Training	Training – Active Shooter, firearms, less lethal	7588.00
	Facilities/ range rentals	1500.00
Transportation	n/a	0
Maintenance	n/a	0
Storage	n/a	0
Upgrades	None	0
Other	None	0

5. The quantity possessed for each type of military equipment:

Unmanned Aerial Systems (Category 1)

- One - Skydio X2E UAS (Existing equipment, collaboration with WVC Park Management)
- Four - Skydio 2 UAS (Existing equipment, collaboration with WVC Park Management)

Specialized Firearms and Ammunition (Equipment Category 10)

- Five - Colt AR-15/M4 Carbine Rifles (Existing equipment)
- Four - Bushmaster XM-15 Carbine Rifles (Existing equipment)
- 9000 rounds - Winchester USA223R1K and W223K cartridges, .223/5.56 caliber, .55 gr. This is the primary training ammunition used by the department for the above-listed firearms.
- 3800 rounds - Winchester RA223RYK cartridge, .223/5.56 caliber, .55gr Ranger Point. This is the primary duty ammunition used by the department for the above-listed firearms.

Kinetic Energy Weapons (KEW) and Munitions (Equipment Category 14)

- Six - Mossberg 590A1 12 Gauge pump-action shotgun with orange stocks and orange fore-ends (Existing equipment)
- 400 – CTS 2581 12GA Less Lethal rounds

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 Department intends to acquire four new Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV). A UAV is an unmanned, remotely powered aerial system of any type that can sustain direct flight, whether remotely piloted or via pre-programming, and all the attached systems are designed for gathering information via photography, recording, or any other means.

- One - Skydio X10 Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV/ “Drone”). This drone includes low light cameras, forward looking infrared (FLIR) thermal imaging, obstacle avoidance, controller, and extra batteries. This drone will be primarily used outdoors and as part of the department’s Drone First Responder (DFR) program. The cost as configured is approximately \$33,000.00 per unit.
- Three - DJI Avata “2” Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs/ “Drones”). These drones include lights, a camera, extra controller and extra batteries. These drones are primarily used for close quarters and interior operations. The cost as configured is approximately \$2,000.00 per unit.

The Department also intends to purchase general supplies as needed to support the use of Categories 1, 10, and 14 equipment. This expenditure will be included in the following year’s annual report.