



AB 481 MILITARY EQUIPMENT ANNUAL REPORT - 2026

West Valley-Mission Community College District Police Department

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ASSEMBLY BILL 481

SUMMARY

Effective January 1, 2022, Assembly Bill 481 requires that California law enforcement agencies that have received their governing body approval of a military equipment use policy, publish an annual report within a year of approval for each type of military equipment in their inventory, and annually thereafter while in use. The West Valley-Mission Community College District Board of Trustees approved the first Military Equipment Policy 709 via Resolution No. 2206211 on June 21, 2022. The department last received Board approval via Resolution No. 25061701 on June 17, 2025.

REQUIREMENTS

Law enforcement agencies must make each annual report publicly available on their website if equipment is available for use. The report must include:

- A summary of how the equipment was used and the purpose of its use.
- A summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning the military equipment.
- The results of any internal audits, any information about violations of the military equipment use policy, and any actions taken in response.
- 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.
- The quantity possessed for each type of military equipment.
- If the law enforcement agency intends to acquire additional military equipment in the next year, the quantity being sought for each type of military equipment.


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 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.

OUR MISSION

“Provide outstanding service and safety through education, community partnerships, and strategic readiness.”

DEFINITIONS - MILITARY EQUIPMENT

- Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles.
- Mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers. However, police versions of standard consumer vehicles are specifically excluded from this subdivision.
- High mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles (HMMWV), commonly referred to as Humvees, two and one-half-ton trucks, five-ton trucks, or wheeled vehicles that have a breaching or entry apparatus attached. However, unarmored all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and motorized dirt bikes are specifically excluded from this subdivision.
- Tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection to their occupants and utilize a tracked system instead of wheels for forward motion.
- 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. However, items designed to remove a lock, such as bolt cutters, or a handheld ram designed to be operated by one person, are specifically excluded from this subdivision.
- Firearms of .50 caliber or greater. However, standard issue shotguns are specifically excluded from this subdivision.
- Ammunition of .50 caliber or greater. However, standard issue shotgun ammunition is specifically excluded from this subdivision.
- Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including assault weapons as defined in Section 30510 and 30515 of the Penal Code, with the exception of standard issue service weapons and ammunition of less than .50 caliber that are issued to officers, agents, or employees of a law enforcement agency or a state agency.
- Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles.
- “Flashbang” grenades and explosive breaching tools, “tear gas,” and “pepper balls,” excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray.
- Area denial electroshock devices, microwave weapons, water cannons, long-range acoustic devices, acoustic hailing devices, and sound cannons.
- The following projectile launch platforms and their associated munitions: 40mm projectile launchers, “bean bag,” rubber bullet, and specialty impact munition (SIM) weapons.
- Any other equipment as determined by a governing-body or a state agency to require additional oversight.

 *Does not include general equipment not designated as prohibited or controlled by the federal Defense Logistics Agency.*

EQUIPMENT USE SUMMARY AND PURPOSE

In the 2025 calendar year, all the equipment identified in Policy 709 Military Equipment List, was used during authorized training, and for the purpose of tactical or other public safety and life preservation missions. Category 1 equipment was used by both sworn and non-sworn members of the department. Category 10 and 14 equipment was only used by sworn personnel.

Category 1 Equipment (Unmanned Aircraft Systems) is used in response to public safety incidents, emergency calls, or when it would assist officers or incident commanders with overall situational awareness in varying situations which include but are not limited to:

- De-escalating a situation.
- Collision investigation.
- Search for missing people.
- Emergency preparedness and evacuations.
- Natural disaster response and management.
- Crime scene photography and reconstruction.
- Tactical or other public safety and life preservation missions.
- In response to specific requests for assistance from fire or other allied law enforcement agencies.
- Mutual aid assistance.

Category 10 Equipment (Specialized Firearms and Ammunition) is used to address significant lethal threats. This includes but is not limited to:

- Situations where an officer reasonably anticipates an armed encounter.
- Situations where an officer reasonably believes that the suspect is wearing body armor.
- The need for accurate and effective fire over greater distances, with more precision.
- When authorized or requested by a supervisor.

Category 14 Equipment (Kinetic Energy Weapons and Munitions) is a control device that is intended to be used to restrain or arrest a subject who is violent or demonstrates the intent to be violent. This includes but is not limited to:

- The suspect is armed with a weapon, and the tactical circumstances allow for the safe application of approved munitions.
- The suspect has made credible threats to harm him/herself or others.
- The suspect is engaged in riotous behavior or is throwing rocks, bottles or other dangerous projectiles at people and/or officers.
- There is probable cause to believe that the suspect has already committed a crime of violence and is refusing to comply with lawful orders.

COMPLAINTS OR CONCERNS

The department did **not** receive any complaints, concerns, or questions related to the use of military equipment in the calendar year 2025.

The department maintains information on our district website detailing the procedure for filing complaints.

<https://www.wvm.edu/services/police/community-transparency/compliments-and-complaints.html>

VIOLATIONS OF POLICY

An internal review revealed there were **no** known violations of the Military Equipment Policy 709.

INVENTORY

The West Valley-Mission Community College District Police Department does not participate in the US Department of Defense 1033 program. The department has never possessed or attempted to acquire any actual military equipment.

The department currently possesses and uses equipment that meets the criteria for three of the fifteen military equipment categories identified in Government Code Section 7070(c)).

Category 1 Equipment - Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles.

An Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) is a complete system that includes ground control equipment, communication links, and any associated payload necessary for safe and efficient flight. An Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) is a component of a UAS. It is defined by statute as an aircraft that is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft (Public Law 112-95, Section 331(8)).

UASs are commonly used by construction and utility companies for safety inspection of buildings, powerlines, windmills, and other infrastructure. UASs are also used by public safety agencies in firefighting, search and rescue, response to law enforcement related emergency calls, special event security, pre-operational surveillance, and other tactical situations where aerial views enhance the safety and efficiency of law enforcement, fire personnel, and the public.

The department operates a UAS in compliance with 14 CFR Part 107 and maintains a current certificate of waiver and authorization from the FAA under 14 CFR Part 91 to operate UAVs beyond visual line of sight (BVLOS) as part of our Drone as First Responder (DFR) program. All operators are certified UAS Remote Pilots in accordance with 14 CFR Part 107.

The department possesses UAS ground control equipment, communication systems, and UAVs that are operated from either fixed positions on each campus or are remotely deployed in the field.

Skydio X10 Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)

The Skydio X10 is the primary UAV used by the department for exterior operations and as part of our FAA Part 91 certified Drone as a First Responder (DFR) program.

- Capabilities: The X10 is a teleoperated compact UAV with a maximum takeoff weight of approximately 5.5 lbs. It has high resolution, low light cameras, forward looking infrared (FLIR) thermal imaging, obstacle avoidance, and attachment points for a spotlight, speaker and parachute. Maximum flight time is 35-40 minutes.
- Cost: Approximately \$33,000 per unit as currently configured
- Anticipated yearly maintenance cost: 0
- Inventory: 2 (FY-25/26)
- Quantity Sought: 1 (FY-26/27).
- Expected life span: 1000-1500 flight hours/ 3-5 years.
- Legal and procedural rules for use: FAA Part 91, FAA Part 107, Lexipol Policy 611.
- Training: FAA Part 107 training and certification is mandatory for remote pilots.

DJI Avata 2 Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)

The DJI Avata 2 is a small UAV primarily used for close quarters and interior operations.

- Capabilities: The Avata 2 is a teleoperated compact UAV with a maximum takeoff weight of approximately 377g. It has downward and backward visual positioning, a camera, lights, controller and batteries. Maximum flight time is 23 minutes.
- Cost: Approximately 2000.00 per unit as configured.
- Anticipated yearly maintenance: Approximately 120.00 per unit.
- Inventory: 2 (FY-25/26).
- Quantity sought: 0
- Expected lifespan: 3-5 years.
- Legal and procedural rules for use: FAA Part 107, Lexipol Policy 611.
- Training: FAA Part 107 training and certification is mandatory for remote pilots.

West Valley College - Unmanned Aircraft Systems Technology Program UAVs

There are a variety of UAVs made available to the department for use on a limited basis through the West Valley College UAS Technology Program. They are used in a back-up public safety function and training when the department UAVs are unavailable. While these are not department equipment, the UAVs are included in this report as required by Government Code Section 7070.

Inventory: Department 0, WVC UAS Program types: Skydio X10, Skydio X2E, Skydio 2

Category 10 Equipment - Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including assault weapons as defined in Section 30510 and 30515 of the Penal Code, with the exception of standard issue service weapons and ammunition of less than .50 caliber that are issued to officers, agents, or employees of a law enforcement agency or a state agency.

Note: Because these firearms are standard-issue service weapons, they are technically exempt from the reporting requirements of AB 481. However, in an effort to maintain transparency, we have included them in this report.

Carbine Patrol Rifle

A carbine rifle is a lightweight, air-cooled, gas operated, magazine fed, shoulder fired weapon, designed for semi-automatic fire. The department possesses carbine patrol rifles that fall within Category 10 defined equipment. These firearms were first purchased in 2004 and are authorized as standard-issue service firearms for all sworn members of the department.

- Capabilities: This firearm can stop an armed subject at various distances and with far greater accuracy than the standard issue sidearm. The .223/ 5.56 cartridge is used in the Carbine Rifle and designed to stop a deadly threat /violent encounter.
- Cost: Existing inventory
- Inventory: 9 carbine rifles; 4 - Bushmaster XM-15s, 5 - Colt AR-15/M4s
- Expected life span: Varies based on use, service, and replacement parts
- Quantity Sought: 0
- Legal and procedural rules for use: Only sworn members of the department who are certified by Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) in the use of a carbine rifle and have met department qualification standards are authorized to use the equipment. Lexipol Policies 300 – Use of Force, 304 – Shooting Policy, 312 – Firearms.

Ammunition

The quantity and type of ammunition possessed by the department for use in the carbine rifle varies based on training needs, usage and commercial availability. Different manufacturers and types of ammunition, including those with different ballistic characteristics, may be selected and used by the department based upon availability, evaluation and recommendation.

- Cost: Variable. See Associated Costs.
- Inventory: 6000 rounds - Q3131, .223/5.56 caliber, .55 gr. This is the primary training ammunition used by the department. 6400 rounds - Winchester Ranger, RA223R cartridge, .223/5.56 caliber, .55gr Ranger Point. This is the primary duty-ammunition used by the department.

Category 14 Equipment - The following projectile launch platforms and their associated munitions: 40mm projectile launchers, "bean bag," rubber bullet, and specialty impact munition (SIM) weapons.

Kinetic Energy Weapons (KEW) and Munitions

Kinetic Energy Weapons (KEW) is a device designed to deliver a less lethal projectile through kinetic energy and blunt force. The department uses a converted 12-gauge shotgun to deliver small fabric pillows that are filled with No. 9 lead shots weighing approximately 1.4 ounces (Munition).

- **Capabilities:** The shotgun is a pump-action smoothbore long gun. It is capable of delivering a variety of munitions. In this application, it expels a less lethal munition at about 250-300 feet per second. It spreads out in flight and distributes its impact over approximately one square inch of the target. The munition is designed to deliver a blow that will cause minimal long-term trauma and no penetration to the body.
- **Cost:** Existing Inventory
- **Inventory:** 6 - Mossberg 590A1 12 Gauge pump-action shotgun with orange stocks and orange fore-ends.
- **Anticipated yearly maintenance:** 250.00
- **Expected life span:** Varies based on use, maintenance and availability of parts

Munitions

The quantity of less lethal munitions possessed by the department varies based on training needs, usage, and commercial availability. Different manufacturers and types of munitions, including those with different characteristics, may be selected and used by the department based upon availability, evaluation and recommendation.

- **Cost:** Varied. See Associated Costs
- **Inventory:** 400 rounds – CTS 2581 12GA Super Sock, Less Lethal munitions

ASSOCIATED COSTS

Equipment Category	Factors	25/26 Costs	Ongoing Annual Cost (Approx.)	26/27 Funding Source
Category 1 Unmanned Remotely Piloted Aerial Systems (UAS)	Acquisition Personnel & Training Transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, other	111,488 2219 0	0 4000 78,165	General Fund/ Entrepreneurial Fund
Category 10 Specialized Firearms and Ammunition	Acquisition Personnel & Training Transportation, maintenance, storage, and upgrade, other	0 6904 875	4000 8000 1000	General Fund/ Parking Fund
Category 14 Kinetic Energy Weapons and Munitions	Acquisition Personnel/ Training Transportation, maintenance, storage, and upgrade, other	3164 875	1000 1000	General Fund/ Parking Fund

CHANGES TO THE 2025 AB 481 REPORT

As approved by the Board on June 17, 2025, the department acquired 4 of 4 UAS during fiscal year 25/26.

As approved by the Board on July 15, 2025, the department engaged Axon Enterprise, Inc. as the sole source provider for goods and services to include but is not limited to maintenance repairs and upgrades associated with the UAS program.

INTENTION TO ACQUIRE OR REMOVE MILITARY EQUIPMENT

The department intends to acquire one additional Skydio X10/ UAS during fiscal year 26/27. This will provide extended and back-up UAS operations and ensure that both campuses have similar resources available for public safety operations.

The department intends to acquire necessary supplies and materials, maintenance and upgrades to support the use of the equipment identified within this report.

The department intends to stop using several of the West Valley College Technology Program UAVs once the latest Skydio X10/ UAS is received in fiscal year 26/27. This change will be reflected in next year's report.