

# Military Equipment

## 709.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

State

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).

### 709.1.1 DEFINITIONS

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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.
- Area denial electroshock devices, microwave weapons, water cannons, long-range acoustic devices (LRADs), acoustic hailing devices, and sound cannons.
- 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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### 709.2 POLICY

State

It is the policy of the West Valley-Mission Community College District Police Department that members of this department comply with the provisions of Government Code § 7071 with respect to military equipment.

### 709.3 MILITARY EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR

Best Practice

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 West Valley-Mission Community College District 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 for submission to the Chief of Police and ensuring that the report is made available on the department website (Government Code § 7072).
- (g) Establishing the procedure for a person to register a complaint or concern, or how that person may submit a question about the use of a type of military equipment, and how the Department will respond in a timely manner.

### 709.4 MILITARY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

State MODIFIED

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

~~[Insert attachment here]~~ [See attachment: Policy 709 Equipment Inventory 26-27.pdf](#)

### 709.5 APPROVAL

State

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

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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.

### **709.6 COORDINATION WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS**

State **MODIFIED**

Military equipment should not be used by any member in this jurisdiction unless the military equipment is approved for use in accordance with this policy. Military equipment used by other law enforcement agencies that are providing mutual aid to this jurisdiction or otherwise engaged in law enforcement operations within this jurisdiction shall comply with their respective military equipment policies.

### **709.7 ANNUAL REPORT**

State

Upon approval of a military equipment policy, the Chief of Police or the authorized designee should 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 Chief of Police or the authorized designee should 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.

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### **709.8 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

State **MODIFIED**

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 Department should discuss the report and respond to public questions regarding the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment.

## Attachments

## Policy 709\_Equipment Inventory\_26-27.pdf

The West Valley-Mission Community College District Police 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)).

The following is an itemized list of designated equipment and supplies possessed or acquired by the department as the date noted on this report. Ammunition and munition supplies will vary throughout the fiscal year.

**Category 1** - 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)).

**Skydio X10 Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)**

Total Inventory: 3

- Inventory: 2 (FY-25/26) 3 (FY-26/27).

**DJI Avata 2 Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)**

Total Inventory: 2

- Inventory: 2 (FY- 26/27).

Note: 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.

**Category 10** - 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.

**Carbine Patrol Rifle**

Total Inventory: 9

- 4 - Bushmaster XM-15 patrol rifles
- 5 - Colt AR-15/M4 patrol rifles

## Ammunition

The quantity and type of ammunition possessed by the department varies based on training needs, usage and commercial availability. Different ammunition 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.

Current Inventory as of 05/04/26

- Inventory: 6000 rounds – Q3131, .223/5.56 caliber, .55 gr./ 6400 rounds - Winchester Ranger, RA223R cartridge, .223/5.56 caliber, .55gr Ranger Point.

**Category 14** - 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).

Total inventory: 6

- Inventory: 6 - Mossberg 590A1 12 Gauge pump-action shotgun with orange stocks and orange foregrip

## 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.

Current Inventory as of 5/04/26

- 400 rounds – CTS 2581 12GA Super Sock, Less Lethal munitions