

ORDINANCE NO. 970

(AS AMENDED THROUGH 970.1)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY, OTHERWISE REFERRED TO HEREIN AS A SPECIALIZED POLICE EQUIPMENT USE POLICY, PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 481 AND GOVERNMENT CODE §7070 FOR THE OFFICES OF THE RIVERSIDE SHERIFF-CORONER-PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR AND RIVERSIDE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside ordains as follows:

Section 1. FINDINGS. The acquisition of military equipment, otherwise referred to herein as specialized police equipment or equipment, and its deployment in our communities impacts the public's safety and welfare, may increase risk of civilian deaths, may pose risks to civil rights, civil liberties, and physical and psychological well-being, and incurment of significant financial costs. The public has a right to know about any funding, acquisition, or use of equipment by local government officials, as well as a right to participate in any government agency's decision to fund, acquire, or use such equipment. Decisions regarding whether and how this 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. 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 this equipment is funded, acquired, or used. The lack of a public forum to discuss the acquisition of this 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.

The Board of Supervisors finds that the Use Policy will apply to specialized police equipment (military equipment) acquired prior to January 1, 2022, and will provide the public with the highest, industry leading standards of public safety, mitigating damages and injuries to both the public and law enforcement personnel. The Board of Supervisors also finds that the Use Policy will safeguard the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties.

Section 2. PURPOSE. To establish a funding, use and acquisition policy that is developed with consideration of the public's concerns about safety, civil rights and the public's welfare. On September 30, 2021, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 481, which became effective January 1, 2022. AB 481 identifies certain specialized law enforcement equipment as 'military equipment' and requires oversight from the Board of Supervisors for purchase and use of what the bill has deemed 'military equipment.' The law requires the Sheriff's Department and District Attorney's Office to create a Use Policy that has been adopted by the Board of Supervisors after holding public meetings to seek the public's input.

Section 3. AUTHORITY. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to AB 481, codified at Chapter 12.8 to Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code commencing with §7070. These statutes provide for funding, acquisition, and use of 'military equipment,' otherwise referred to as specialized police equipment, for law enforcement agencies throughout the state of California.

Section 4. DEFINITIONS. As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- A. “Governing Body” means the elected body that oversees a law enforcement agency of a county including a sheriff’s department or a district attorney’s office. In this case, the governing body means the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County.
- B. “Law Enforcement Agency” means a Sheriff’s Department or District Attorney’s Office.
- C. “Public Meetings/Public Hearings” means regular meeting held pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2) or the Ralph M. Brown Act (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 54950) of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5), as applicable.
- D. “Military Equipment” means the following:
- (1) Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles.
 - (2) Mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers. However, police versions of standard consumer vehicles are specifically excluded from this subdivision.
 - (3) 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.

(4) Tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection to their occupants and utilize a tracked system instead of wheels for forward motion.

(5) Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units.

(6) Weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind.

(7) 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.

(8) Firearms of .50 caliber or greater. However, standard issue shotguns are specifically excluded from this subdivision.

(9) Ammunition of .50 caliber or greater. However, standard issue shotgun ammunition is specifically excluded from this subdivision.

(10) Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including assault weapons as defined in Sections §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.

(11) Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles.

(12) “Flashbang” grenades and explosive breaching tools, “tear gas,” and “pepper balls,” excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray.

(13) Taser Shockwave, microwave weapons, water cannons, and the Long-Range Acoustic Device (LRAD).

(14) The following projectile launch platforms and their associated munitions: 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.

(16) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) through (15), “military equipment” does not include general equipment not designated as prohibited or controlled by the federal Defense Logistics Agency.

D. “Military Equipment Use Policy” means a publicly released, written document governing the use of military equipment by a law enforcement agency or a state agency that addresses, at a minimum, all 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 law enforcement agency or the state agency 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, that must be completed before any officer, agent, or employee of the law enforcement agency or the state agency 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) For a law enforcement agency, 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 law enforcement agency will ensure that each complaint, concern, or question receives a response in a timely manner.

(e) "State agency" means the law enforcement division of every state office, officer, department, division, bureau, board, and commission or other state body or agency, except those agencies provided for in Article IV (except Section 20 thereof) or Article VI of the California Constitution.

(f) "Type" means each item that shares the same manufacturer model number.

Section 5. USE POLICY.

A. The Use Policy submitted for approval shall include:

1. A description of each type of 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 law enforcement agency or the state agency proposes to use each type of equipment.

3. The fiscal impact of each type of 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, that must be completed before any officer, agent, or employee of the law enforcement agency or the state agency is allowed to use each

specific type of equipment to ensure the full protection of the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties and full adherence to the Use Policy.

6. The mechanisms to ensure compliance with the 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. For a law enforcement agency, the procedures by which members of the public may register complaints or concerns or submit questions about the use of each specific type of equipment, and how the law enforcement agency will ensure that each complaint, concern, or question receives a response in a timely manner.

B. This Ordinance approves:

1. The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Policy 712 Military Equipment attached hereto as Attachment A and may be amendment in accordance with this ordinance.
2. The Riverside County District Attorney Policy 604 Military Equipment, attached hereto as Attachment B, and may be amendment in accordance with this ordinance.

Section 6. COMPLIANCE. The Board of Supervisors shall determine, based on the annual equipment report submitted pursuant to Government Code §7072, whether each type of equipment identified in that report has complied with the standards for approval set forth as follows:

- A. The equipment is necessary because there is no reasonable alternative that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety.

- B. The proposed equipment Use Policy will safeguard the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties.
- C. If purchasing the equipment, the equipment is reasonably cost effective compared to available alternatives that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety.
- D. Prior equipment use complied with the equipment Use Policy that was in effect at the time, or if prior uses did not comply with the accompanying military Use Policy, corrective action has been taken to remedy nonconforming uses and ensure future compliance.

If the Board of Supervisors determines that a type of equipment identified in that annual equipment report has not complied with the standards for approval set forth above, the Board of Supervisors shall either disapprove a renewal of the authorization for that type of equipment or require modifications to the Use Policy in a manner that will resolve the lack of compliance.

Section 7. ANNUAL RENEWAL. The Board of Supervisors shall annually review this ordinance during a public hearing and either disapprove a renewal of the authorization for a type, as defined, of equipment or amend the equipment Use Policy if it determines, based on an annual equipment report prepared by the law enforcement agency, as provided, that the equipment does not comply with the above-described standards for approval.

Section 8. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and every section, subsection, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that

any one or more sections, subsections sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 9. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

Adopted: 970 Item 19.1 of 03/08/2022 (Eff: 04/06/2022)
Amended: 970.1 Item 19.2 of 05/09/2023 (Eff: 06/07/2023)

Exhibit A: Quantity possessed for each type of specialized police equipment

Type of Equipment	Quantity
Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles	1
Mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers	0
Tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection to their occupants and utilize a tracked system instead of wheels for forward motion	0
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	0
Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature (items designed to remove a lock, such as bolt cutters, or a handheld ram designed to be operated by one person, are specifically excluded)	
Firearms of .50 caliber or greater (standard issue shotguns are specifically excluded)	0
Ammunition of .50 caliber or greater (standard issue shotgun ammunition is specifically excluded)	0
Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including assault weapons as defined in Sections 30510 and 30515 of the Penal Code (except for standard issue service weapons and ammunition of less than .50 caliber)	67
Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles	0
“Flashbang” grenades and explosive breaching tools, “tear gas,” and “pepper balls” (excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray)	18
Taser Shockwave, microwave weapons, water cannons, and the Long-Range Acoustic Device (LRAD)	0
The following projectile launch platforms and their associated munitions: 40mm projectile launchers, “bean bag,” rubber bullet, and specialty impact munition (SIM) weapons	14
Any other equipment as determined by a governing body or a state agency to require additional oversight	0

Exhibit B: The quantity sought for each type of specialized police equipment in the next year

Type of Equipment	Quantity
Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles	0
Mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers	0
Tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection to their occupants and utilize a tracked system instead of wheels for forward motion	0
Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units	0
Weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind	0
Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature (items designed to remove a lock, such as bolt cutters, or a handheld ram designed to be operated by one person, are specifically excluded)	0
Firearms of .50 caliber or greater (standard issue shotguns are specifically excluded)	0
Ammunition of .50 caliber or greater (standard issue shotgun ammunition is specifically excluded)	0
Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including assault weapons as defined in Sections 30510 and 30515 of the Penal Code (except for standard issue service weapons and ammunition of less than .50 caliber)	0
Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles	0
“Flashbang” grenades and explosive breaching tools, “tear gas,” and “pepper balls” (excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray)	0
Taser Shockwave, microwave weapons, water cannons, and the Long-Range Acoustic Device (LRAD)	0
The following projectile launch platforms and their associated munitions: 40mm projectile launchers, “bean bag,” rubber bullet, and specialty impact munition (SIM) weapons	0
Any other equipment as determined by a governing body or a state agency to require additional oversight	0

Military Equipment

712.1 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).

712.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

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

Military equipment – means equipment that is "militaristic in nature" as identified in Government Code Section 7071 (c) (1 - 15)

712.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department that members of this department comply with the provisions of Government Code § 7071 with respect to military equipment.

712.3 MILITARY EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR

The Emergency Operations Division (EOD) Commander is designated 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 annually.
- (d) Collaborating with any allied agency that may use military equipment within the jurisdiction of Riverside County Sheriff's 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 Sheriff 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.

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712.4 MILITARY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

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

[See attachment: AB481 Military Equipment Llst 01-12-22.pdf](#)

712.5 APPROVAL

The Sheriff 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 Sheriff 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 prohibitions outlined in Government Code § 7071.

712.6 COORDINATION WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS

The Riverside Sheriff's Department provides law enforcement services to the unincorporated portions of Riverside County as well as 16 contract cities and Sovereign Tribal Nation(s). The department also operates in various capacities in the remaining incorporated cities as well as providing mutual aid county wide.

As established through past practice and mutual aid agreements, any jurisdiction through contract, mutual aid agreement or request must accept the department's policies and procedures governing the deployment of equipment utilized by Riverside County Sheriff employees. This is reciprocal to other law enforcement agencies.

Through the Association of Riverside County Chiefs of Police and Sheriff's (ARCCOPS) mutual aid agreement, all cities within Riverside County have agreed to accept the use of each law enforcement agency's Military Equipment policy related to any enforcement action throughout Riverside County.

Military equipment used by any member of this jurisdiction 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 jurisdiction shall comply with their respective military equipment use policies in rendering mutual aid.

712.7 ANNUAL REPORT

Upon approval of a military equipment policy, the Sheriff 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 Sheriff 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

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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.

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

712.9 RECORDS RETENTION

Relevant reports and records shall be maintained according to the appropriate retention schedule.

Attachments

AB481 Military Equipment List 01-12-22.pdf

Riverside Sheriff's Department Specialized Equipment Inventory

- **Unmanned, remotely piloted powered aerial or ground vehicles**
 - Search and locate reported missing children or at-risk adults
 - Search and Rescue Operations to locate lost or Injured hikers
 - A law enforcement specific application involving Aerial DRONES are used for open terrain or large field searches as a force-multiplier to assist in high-risk apprehensions of armed or violent suspects. Aerial drones can be used as an interior search tool to locate suspects barricaded inside a residence or commercial structure. Larger DRONE platforms are deployed by the Sheriff's Department Unmanned Aerial Surveillance Team
 - A tracked armored vehicle remotely piloted for use in explosive ordinance disposal
 - Unmanned robotics have numerous applications. Robotics are used instead of personnel in high-risk environments to increase safety for law enforcement

- **Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle**
 - The MRAP is a large ballistic armored rescue vehicle which can be used for a number of critical situations. It can be deployed for aid during search warrant services as well as rescue missions to include civilians, officers, and hostage situations with seating for 10 adults
 - The MRAP, though the County is fortunate to have good southern California weather, is primarily used in open desert areas, however, it can be used in any dangerous weather condition with the ability of extreme off-road capabilities. The MRAP is also used for large parcel outdoor illegal marijuana grow enforcement. The MRAP has 4X4 capability and able to transport or evacuate victims in a flood, fire or other natural disaster. Operation requires a Class "B" driver's license

- **Armored Vehicles**
 - Inventory includes four (4) Lenco Ballistic Engineered Armored Response Counter-Attack Trucks (BEAR-CATS). The BEAR-CATS, or Rescue Vehicles, are primarily used during high-risk tactical enforcement operations, officer rescues, and vehicle borne interventions. Additional deployments are used during criminal unrest and riots. Rescue vehicles provide ballistic safety during containment and apprehension of armed violent suspects
 - Rescue vehicle for on-campus active shooter incidents to rescue injured victims
 - 4X4 capability to transport or evacuate victims in a flood, fire or other natural disaster
 - BOMB-CAT bullet resistant rescue vehicle provisioned with a front mounted Water Cannon. BOMB-CAT use is for tactical operations and explosive ordinance mitigation and fire suppression
 - Rescue vehicles provide numerous safety capabilities for law enforcement, victim rescues, and overall community safety

- **Vehicles with Breaching or Entry apparatus attachable**
 - BEAR-CAT vehicles have attachable metal booms that can be used for breaching structures, fences, or ramming objects during high-risk incidents, to include active shooter incidents on school ground or buildings
 - TAC-CAT vehicle - A tracked bullet resistant caterpillar tractor driven and deployed during high-risk and tactical operations with various hydraulic boom attachments including claw, chemical agent dispersal box and ram extension

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- **Non-handheld battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature**
 - Explosive breaching tools
 - Avon frangible shotgun ammunition is used to breach doors and points of entry on fortified doors or structures. The rounds are used to impact door hinges, doorknobs and locks
- **Assault Weapons defined under PC 30510 & PC 30515**
 - Inventory includes AR style rifles that function at full and semi-automatic capability (fully automatic rifles are only assigned to SWAT personnel)
 - Semi-automatic Benelli shotguns
 - Increased accuracy and precision at long range distances
 - Currently used by most law enforcement agencies across the nation
- **Flashbang grenades and explosive breaching tools**
 - Light Sound Diversionary Device (LSDD-“Flashbangs”) are diversionary devices used to minimize risk to all parties through the temporary distraction or disorientation of armed and violent suspects that pose significant danger to the deputies and community. The effects of the LSDD reduce a suspect’s reactionary capabilities and allow for momentary disorientation which creates a tactical advantage. LSDD is a hand delivered device and generally deployed on the exterior of structures
 - Provides a humane fright of aggressive dogs that pose a threat to deputies
 - Explosive breaching tools are used to breach fortified structures to establish a point of entry. Explosive charges are fashioned to produce little to no fragmentation at the time of detonation. Explosive breaching effectively reduces the time spent overcoming a fortified door or structure. The reduction in time mitigating a hardened structure increasing officer safety and the element of surprise. Blast injuries are reduced by using low yield explosives that mechanically overcome door frames and locking mechanisms. Explosive breaching mandates extensive schooling and certification processes
- **Tear Gas**
 - Chemical agents are deployed through various means to include hand delivery and weapon launchable, such as pepper ball. Munitions are either 37mm or 40mm caliber, shotgun ferret rounds or cannister shotgun launched ordinance. Hand delivered chemical agents are placed in metal burn boxes to reduce fire hazards
- **Water Cannon**
 - The BOMB-CAT bullet resistant Rescue vehicle provisioned with a front mounted Water Cannon. BOMB-CAT use is for tactical operations and explosive ordinance mitigation and fire suppression
- **Long Range Acoustic Device (LRAD)**
 - LRAD is an acoustic hailing device used for emitting amplified public announcements during search warrant services, barricaded suspects, or tactical operations. The loud audible technology ensures broadcasted announcements are loud and clear while offering advantages over less amplified patrol car PA systems. The LRAD can also be used for public announcements or safety advisements during natural disasters or evacuations
 - The larger LRAD 1000 system is portable and can be used for criminal unrest and rioting to provide clear dispersal orders for unlawful assembly

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- **Command and Control Vehicles built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units**
 - Command vehicles are built in various platforms to include ½ ton pickup chassis, vans, trailers, and RV style configurations. Vehicles are built to better assist in command and control during law enforcement operations, natural disasters, and public safety issues. Vehicles are designed with additional communication abilities, computers, white boards, lightening, generators, and mission essential supplies

- **40mm projectile launchers**
 - Less lethal 40mm launchers and rubber projectile munitions- Munitions are configured for high and low energy impact. Munitions have the additional benefit as a barrier round for breaking vehicle and residential glass so that chemical munitions can be deployed. 40mm less lethal has been effective in disarming violent suspects, armed suspects, and subjects who are suicidal with minimal injury and risk to the person, law enforcement or the public

- **Bean Bag Launchers**
 - Less lethal bean bag is utilized through a marked/orange colored easily identifiable less lethal shotgun. The bean bag round is a small led pellet filled munition made of high-density cloth. Bean bag is the predecessor to 40mm less lethal having similar benefits as other less lethal platforms

- **Rubber Projectile launchers**
 - Sting ball grenade launches .38 caliber rubber projectiles and are hand delivered. Generalized use in a tactical operation is infrequent in use and deployment. Search warrants, violent combative subjects, or hostage rescue scenarios are criteria for consideration and use against suspects. Sting balls have a greater application in a Jail Corrections Environment
 - 40mm and 37mm launchers capable of deploying rubber projectile munitions. An effective less lethal tool used routinely with success

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604.1 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).

604.1.1 DEFINITIONS

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

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

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 handguns.
- 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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604.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Riverside County District Attorney - Bureau of Investigation that members of this bureau comply with the provisions of Government Code § 7071 with respect to military equipment.

604.3 MILITARY EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR

The Chief of Investigators should designate a member of this bureau 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 bureau equipment that qualifies as military equipment in the current possession of the Bureau, or the equipment the Bureau 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 Riverside County District Attorney - Bureau of Investigation (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 bureau's funding, acquisition, and use of equipment.
- (f) Preparing the annual military equipment report for submission to the Chief of Investigators and ensuring that the report is made available on the bureau 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 Bureau will respond in a timely manner.

604.4 MILITARY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

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

[See attachment: AB481 Military Equipment List 01-13-2022.pdf](#)

604.5 APPROVAL

The Chief of Investigators 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 Investigators or the authorized designee shall ensure the proposed military equipment policy is submitted to the governing body and is available on the bureau website at least 30 days prior to any public hearing concerning the military equipment at issue (Government

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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 bureau.
- (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.

604.6 COORDINATION WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Military equipment should not be used by any other law enforcement agency or member in this jurisdiction unless the military equipment is approved for use in accordance with this policy.

604.7 ANNUAL REPORT

Upon approval of a military equipment policy, the Chief of Investigators 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 Investigators or the authorized designee should also make each annual military equipment report publicly available on the bureau 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 bureau inventory.

604.8 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

Item	Description	Total Price	Quantity in Stock	Purpose	Manufacturer and Model
LSDD's	Emits a bright light and loud noise to distract potentially dangerous individuals.	\$7,850.00	157	LSDD's are used by tactical units during hostage rescue and high-risk warrants to divert a suspects attention and gain compliance, thus mitigating force.	Defense Technology, CTS, ALS
40mm Projectile Launchers	The LMT single shot launcher is a lightweight, shoulder fired system utilizing standard 40mm less than leathal munitions.	\$28,559.66	34	Used to safely disarm and control an aggressive suspect by using less than lethal means.	Defense Technology
40mm Foam Baton	Less-lethal foam projectile that is launched from a 40mm launcher.	\$5,000.00	250	Used to safely disarm and control an aggressive suspect by using less-lethal means.	Defense Technology Exact Impact
40mm Ferret CS	Non burning liquid and powder projectiles suitable for indoor use that emits non lethal CS gas.	\$21,000.00	700	The purpose of the CS gas is to minimize the risks to all parties through pain compliance, and temporary discomfort of potentially violent or dangerous subjects.	Defense Technology
40mm Less-leathal munitions	Less than lethal projectile that is launched from a 40mm launcher.	\$159,139.80	7,960	Used to safely disarm and control an aggressive suspect by using less than lethal means.	Defense Technology
PepperBalls	PepperBall projectile, a hard plastic frangible sphere that is designed to burst upon impact, releasing a powdery irritant.	\$31,115.00	49 boxes	The purpose of the powdery irritant is to minimize the risks to all parties through temporary discomfort of potentially violent or dangerous subjects.	
CS Gas Canisters	CS cannisters allow the contents to burn within an internal can and disperse the agent safely with reduced risk of fire to help encourage hostile suspects to surrender with minimal force used.	\$18,670.00	1,116	All involved parties through pain compliance, and temporary discomfort of potentially violent or dangerous subjects.	Defense Technology, CTS, ALS
Drones	A small remote control drone that is capable of flying for 30 minutes and recording video footage.	\$9,000.00	20	Robotics used to conduct ariel reconnaissance in a tactical situation and to safely scout an area. Also can be used to search for lost or missing individuals.	Mavic Mini 2
Drones	A small remote control drone that is capable of flying for 30 minutes and recording video footage. Designed specifically for searching indoors.	\$31,770.00	3	Robotics used to conduct ariel reconnaissance in a tactical situation and to safely scout an area. Used to search inside of a residence during the service of search warrants or other high risk searches.	LOKI 2
Drones	A small remote control drone that is capable of flying for 30 minutes and recording video footage. Designed specifically for searching outdoors. Is equipped with a thermal camera.	\$12,000.00	4	Robotics used to conduct ariel reconnaissance in a tactical situation and to safely scout an area. Also can be used to search for lost or missing individuals.	DJI Enterprise
Drones	A medium remote control drone that is capable of flying for 30 minutes and recording video footage. Designed specifically for searching outdoors. Is equipped with a thermal camera.	\$37,677.54	2	Robotics used to conduct aerial reconnaissance in a tactical situation and to safely scout an area. Also can be used to search for lost or missing individuals.	DJI Matrice 30T
Tracked Robotics	Remote controlled vehicle that is on tracks, and is equipped with an extendable and rotating claw arm. Robotics are used to search the interior and exterior of locations to safely locate potential threats, reducing danger to law enforcement and citizens.	\$925,000.00	10	Designed for rapid tactical missions, the robot is used for searching rooms, hallways, stairwells and confined spaces. It also includes an extendible rotating claw arm that simplifies opening door handles. Robotics are also used to inspect and disarm destructive devices.	ICOR Mini's
Long Range Acoustic Device	Mobile public address system that can be mounted on the top of Sheriff vehicles.	\$33,374.00	2	Used to extend our acoustic ability to communicate with individuals during a critical incident. Also used to communicate with large crowds during protests.	Genasys LRAD 100X
Long Range Acoustic Device 1000x	Large public address system that can be mounted to the tow hitch of a vehicle.	\$44,172.00	1	To extend our acoustic ability to communicate with individuals during a critical incident. Also used to communicate with large crowds during protests.	Genasys LRAD 1000X

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Simunition Pistols	Modified Handguns, that shoot non-lethal paint marking projectiles.	\$5,400.00	12	Used to safely train law enforcement in realistic scenarios and force on force encounters.	Simunitions
Simunition Ammunition	Non-lethal ammunition for the Simunition pistols.	\$13,750.00	11,000	To safely train law enforcement in realistic situations and force on force encounters.	Simunition marking cartridges
UTM Bolts	Internal parts used to convert a standard firearm into a safe training tool.	\$17,000.00	49	To safely train law enforcement in realistic situations and force on force encounters.	Ultimate Training Munition
UTM Pistols	Modified Handguns, that shoot non-lethal paint marking projectiles.	\$2,000.00	4	Used to safely train law enforcement in realistic scenarios and force on force encounters.	Ultimate Training Munition
UTM Ammunition	Non-lethal ammunition for the UTM pistols.	\$14,250.00	11,400	To safely train law enforcement in realistic situations and force on force encounters.	Ultimate Training Munition marking rounds
Ballistic Engineered Armored Response Counter Attack Truck	The Lenco BearCat is a Commercial Armored Vehicle built and distributed by Lenco Armored Vehicles Incorporated. It is classified as an Armored vehicle and has a maximum seating capacity of 10. It comes with armor to exceed NIJ Level IV including .50 caliber multi-hits.	\$1,019,909.00	4	The BearCat can be used in a variety of special response missions, including responding to local violence, HAZMAT, threats or acts of terrorism, and school-building or public-area high-powered weapon threats. The BearCat is also used as a rescue vehicle to extract people out of harms way.	LENCO G1, G2 and Bomb-Cat
Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicle	The Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle is used as a personnel carrier to transport officers to high risk situations. It is also used as an emergency rescue vehicle to extract victims out of harms way during a high risk situation.	\$0 / was donated	1	The MRAP can be used in a variety of special response missions, including responding to local violence, HAZMAT, threats or acts of terrorism, and any high-powered weapon threats. The MRAP is also 4-wheel drive and is used to gain access to rural parts of the county where an armored vehicle is needed. It is also used to evacuate citizens during natural disasters.	Oshkosh Defense
Specialized firearms less than .50 caliber,	The Colt /G.M. Corporation /Harrington & Richardson rifle is a lightweight, magazine-fed, gas-operated, air cooled, shoulder fired rifle, utilizing a 5.56mmX45mm NATO cartridge (.223 Rem.).	\$0 - Leased from the California Federal Surplus Personal Property Program (CFSPPP), and the Law Enforcement Services Office / 1033 Program	626	The Colt /G.M. Corporation /Harrington & Richardson rifle allows deputies to fire accurately at close and distant ranges in the event a deadly force encounter occurs.	
Bravo Company Manufacturing Rifles	The BCM is a lightweight, magazine-fed, gas-operated, air cooled, shoulder fired rifle, utilizing a 5.56mmX45mm NATO cartridge (.223 Rem.).	\$73,500.00	49	The BCM rifle allows deputies to fire accurately at close and distant ranges, in the event a deadly force encounter occurs.	Bravo Company Manufacturing M4
Colt Rifles	The Colt rifle is a lightweight, magazine-fed, gas-operated, air cooled, shoulder fired rifle, utilizing a 5.56mmX45mm NATO cartridge (.223 Rem.).	\$49,106.00	43	The Colt rifle allows deputies to fire accurately at close and distant ranges in the event a deadly force encounter occurs.	Colt Arms M4
JP Enterprise Rifles	The JP Enterprise Rifle is a magazine fed, gas operated, air cooled, shoulder fired rifle utilizing a 7.62mm NATO (.308) cartridge.	\$39,369.00	11	The JP Enterprise rifle is a precision rifle that is used by trained long rifle teams on the SWAT team. It allows deputies to take precision shots at long ranges. These rifles are used for hostage situations, dignitary protection, and for providing security at large scale events.	JP Enterprise
.50 CAL Rifle	The EDM Arms Model 96 .50 BMG Windrunner rifle is manufactured by EDM Arms. It is a .50 BMG, bolt action rifle with a detachable magazine. It accepts .50 caliber ammunition and has a magazine capacity of five rounds. The EDM Arms .50 BMG weighs 34 pounds (unloaded) and has a 30 inch, fluted, detachable Barrel.	\$0 / Asset Forfeiture	1	The .50 caliber rifle is a special purpose rifle that is kept in SWAT's inventory that can be used to stop a dangerous threat from an armored vehicle.	Windrunner BMG .50cal
.50 Cal Ammunition	NATO 647 grain .50 BMG (12.7 mm x 99).	\$1,200.00	380	The .50 caliber rifle is a special purpose rifle that is kept in SWAT's inventory that can be used to stop a dangerous threat from an armored vehicle.	N/A

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Armored Tractor	TAC-CAT is a custom built multi-purpose response vehicle, built over a multi-terrain tracked skid loader. The TAC-CAT is outfitted with a rugged PTZ camera, three claw cameras, and a rear view camera all capable of infrared operation. The TAC-CAT is has ballistic armor meeting Level IV standards.	\$143,884.00	2	It is designed to assist SWAT teams or Bomb Squads in hazardous environments. The TAC-CAT is able penetrate and remove fences, tear down walls or doors, and deliver tear gas to the interior of a structure. The TAC-CAT is commonly used when armed suspects are barricaded inside structures.	Tactical Fabrication Tac-Cat
Water Cannon	Bumoe water nozzle that is attached to the Bomb-CAT. The vehicle can hook-up directly to a main water line, pumper truck or large Water Cannon truck for continuous water flow for fire suppression.	\$33,658.00	1	Can be used for small structure or car fires before they turn into large scale property damage.	LENCO
Dual Beam Aiming Laser	Weapon mounted aiming laser, with a visible and infrared laser.	\$155,563.00	73	Used to assist deputies with aiming their rifles in low light settings while using night vision. The visible aiming laser is used to assist deputies with aiming their rifles while wearing a gas mask.	BE Myeres MAWL C1+IR
Night Vision Goggles	Helmet mounted binocular night vision goggles, with a built in infrared illuminator.	\$665,473.00	47	Used by deputies during high risk searches at night to enhance viewing in dark or low-light environments.	Harris L3 PVS-15
Universal Night Sight	The UNS-SR is a high-resolution Night Vision Clip-On device that mounts on any MIL-STD-1913 rail interface and in front of existing day optics. The UNS-SR is installed, operated, and removed without tools and requires no adjustment to the zero of the day optics.	\$71,490.00	6	The universal night sight is used by trained snipers on the SWAT team and helps them see through their optics during night operations.	FLIR UNS-SR
Wall Scanner	The wall scanner allows quick location of people hidden by walls and barriers, enabling tactical teams to step into the known and obtain mission-critical information. Utilizes a state-of-the-art system architecture, encompassing multiple cutting edge technologies. A unique, multi channel, and micro-power Ultra-Wideband (UWB) sensor that operates at very high bandwidth enables reliable detection and industry leading object resolution. Algebraic image reconstruction algorithms are used to cope with cluttered environments resulting in a high quality and intuitive image.	\$36,715.00	2	The wall scanner is used to help determine if someone is hiding inside of a structure before deputies are sent inside a building to clear it.	Camero-Tech Xaver 400
Pole Camera	This telescoping pole camera combines extreme low light sensitivity with thermal fusion technology to provide unsurpassed detail and definition. The camera is attached to a telescoping POLE Grip. Video is streamed wirelessly to the CORE monitor over an AES encrypted channel.	\$12,130.00	1	The pole camera is used to help deputies clear hard to access areas such as attics or crawl spaces during high risk searches before physically climbing inside to search.	Tacticia Electronics Pole Camera
Command Post Vehicles	Vehicles equipped with computers, monitors, radios, and bathrooms.	\$100,892.00	1	Used to provide a single point where the incident commanders can gather information and monitor the progress of large scale operations or natural disasters.	Universal Trailers Inc. Semi-10
Command Post Vehicles	Vehicles equipped with computers, monitors, radios, and bathrooms.	\$1,960,997.48	2	Used to provide a single point where the incident commanders can gather information and monitor the progress of large scale operations or natural disasters.	LDV