



Law Enforcement Equipment Policy Pursuant to Ca. Government Code 7072

As required by California Assembly Bill 481, Government Code Section 7070 -7075, the San Francisco Police Department (“SFPD” or “Department”) issued a Law Enforcement Use of Equipment Policy which was approved through an ordinance of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 220641. The SFPD Law Enforcement Use of Equipment Policy only included equipment defined by Government Code Section 7070 (c) and was acquired by the Department prior to January 1, 2022. Subsequently, the Board of Supervisors approved a Use of Equipment Policy for unassisted aerial vehicles (drones) by ordinance in File No. 240636.

ANNUAL REPORTING

Pursuant to Ca. Gov Code Section 7072, the San Francisco Police Department shall submit an annual Law Enforcement Use of Equipment report to the Board of Supervisors. The annual submission shall report on each type of equipment approved by the Board of Supervisors within one year of approval, and annually thereafter for as long as the equipment is available for use. The annual Law Enforcement Use of Equipment report shall, at a minimum, include the following information for the immediately preceding calendar year for each type of equipment subject to the provisions of AB 481.

1. A summary of how the covered equipment was used and the purpose of its use.
2. A summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning the equipment.
3. The results of any internal audits, any information about violations of the equipment use policy, and any actions taken in response.
4. The total annual cost for each type of equipment, including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs, and from what source funds will be provided for the equipment in the calendar year following submission of the annual equipment report.
5. The quantity possessed for each type of equipment subject to the provisions of AB 481.
6. If SFPD intends to acquire additional equipment subject to the provisions of AB 481 in the next year, the quantity sought for each type of equipment.

Within 30 days of submitting and publicly releasing an annual Law Enforcement Use of Equipment report, SFPD shall hold at least one well-publicized and conveniently located community meeting through the Police Commission at which the general public may discuss and ask questions regarding the annual Law Enforcement Use of Equipment report and SFPD’s funding, acquisition, or use of equipment listed in the report.

The Board of Supervisors shall determine, based on review of the annual report, whether each type of equipment identified in this use policy complied with the standards set forth in Government Code 7071(d). If the Board of Supervisors determines that SFPD has not complied with Government Code 7071(d) standards, they may vote to disapprove a renewal or require modifications to this use policy in a manner that will resolve the lack of SFPD’s compliance with Government Code 7071(d).

The annual Law Enforcement Use of Equipment report shall be made publicly available on SFPD’s website for as long as the equipment subject to the provisions of AB 481 is available for use.

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EQUIPMENT COVERED UNDER AB 481

The phrase “military equipment” is a specially defined term of art under AB 481. Under Section 7070(c), the term “military equipment” includes all of the following categories of equipment:

1. unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles (Gov. Code, § 7070, subd. (c)(1));
2. mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers (not including police versions of standard consumer vehicles) (Gov. Code, § 7070, subd. (c)(2));
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 (not including unarmored all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and motorized dirt bikes) (Gov. Code, § 7070, subd. (c)(3));
3. tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection to their occupants and utilize a tracked system instead of wheels for forward motion (Gov. Code, § 7070, subd. (c)(4));
4. command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units (Gov. Code, § 7070, subd. (c)(5));
5. weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind (Gov. Code, § 7070, subd. (c)(6));
6. battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature (not including items designed to remove a lock, such as bolt cutters, or a handheld ram designed to be operated by one person) (Gov. Code, § 7070, subd. (c)(7));
7. firearms of .50 caliber or greater (not including standard issue shotguns) (Gov. Code, § 7070, subd. (c)(8));
8. ammunition of .50 caliber or greater (not including standard issue shotgun ammunition) (Gov. Code, § 7070, subd. (c)(9));
9. specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including assault weapons as defined in Sections 30510 and 30515 of the Penal Code (not including standard issue service weapons and ammunition of less than .50 caliber that are issued to officers, agents, or employees of an LEA or a state agency) (Gov. Code, § 7070, subd. (c)(10));
10. any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles (Gov. Code, § 7070, subd. (c)(11));
11. “flashbang” grenades and explosive breaching tools, “tear gas,” and “pepper balls,” excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray (Gov. Code, § 7070, subd. (c)(12));
12. taser shockwave, microwave weapons, water cannons, and the Long Range Acoustic Device (LRAD) (Gov. Code, § 7070, subd. (c)(13));
13. the following projectile launch platforms and their associated munitions: 40mm projectile launchers, “bean bag,” rubber bullet, and specialty impact munition (SIM) weapons (Gov. Code, § 7070, subd. (c)(14)); and
14. any other equipment as determined by a governing body or a state agency to require additional oversight. (Gov. Code, § 7070, subd. (c)(15).)



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A. Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered ground vehicle (ground)

<p>1. A summary of how the covered equipment was used and the purpose of its use.</p>	<p>ThrowBots were used 40 times in 2024, during high-risk tactical operations and search warrant service to locate suspects and further de-escalate incidents.</p> <p>No injuries were sustained by bystanders, suspects, or officers.</p> <p>The other listed robots were used during trainings.</p>
<p>2. A summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning the equipment.</p>	<p>No complaints or concerns were received by the Department regarding this equipment.</p>
<p>3. The results of any internal audits, any information about violations of the equipment use policy, and any actions taken in response.</p>	<p>There were no violations found by internal audits.</p>
<p>4. The total annual cost for each type of equipment, including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs, and from what source funds will be provided for the equipment in the calendar year following submission of the annual equipment report.</p>	<p>\$1,445 (estimated annual cost to maintain the equipment)</p> <p>Source of Funds: Department operational budget.</p>
<p>5. The quantity possessed for each type of equipment subject to the provisions of AB 481.</p>	<p>17 total, as noted in the approved Equipment Policy.</p>
<p>6. If SFPD intends to acquire additional equipment subject to the provisions of AB 481 in the next year, the quantity sought for each type of equipment.</p>	<p>The Department does not intend to purchase new robots in the next year unless the current robots are damaged and inoperable.</p>



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B. Mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers

1. A summary of how the covered equipment was used and the purpose of its use.	Lenco BearCat with a Patriot 3 Liberator ramp system (BearCat) was used approximately 42 times during high-risk tactical operations and high-risk search warrant service. The use of the BearCat resulted in the safe resolution of the incidents. No injuries were sustained by bystanders, suspects, or officers.
2. A summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning the equipment.	No complaints or concerns were received by the Department regarding this equipment.
3. The results of any internal audits, any information about violations of the equipment use policy, and any actions taken in response.	There were no violations found by internal audits.
4. The total annual cost for each type of equipment, including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs, and from what source funds will be provided for the equipment in the calendar year following submission of the annual equipment report.	\$260.09 Source of funds: Department operational budget.
5. The quantity possessed for each type of equipment subject to the provisions of AB 481.	One (1) BearCat, as reported in the approved Equipment Policy .
6. If SFPD intends to acquire additional equipment subject to the provisions of AB 481 in the next year, the quantity sought for each type of equipment.	The Department is seeking to purchase a new BearCat in the next year, should it be determined fiscally feasible.

C. 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

See SEC B.



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

<p>1. A summary of how the covered equipment was used and the purpose of its use.</p>	<p>Command and control vehicles were deployed for Union Square Safe Shopper operations, Civic Center/UN Plaza during crime prevention and public safety operations, during eight (8) pre-planned city events and safety operations as well as during four (4) DUI checkpoint operations.</p> <p>No injuries were sustained by bystanders, suspects, or officers.</p>
<p>2. A summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning the equipment.</p>	<p>No complaints or concerns were received by the Department regarding this equipment.</p>
<p>3. The results of any internal audits, any information about violations of the equipment use policy, and any actions taken in response.</p>	<p>There were no violations found by internal audits.</p>
<p>4. The total annual cost for each type of equipment, including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs, and from what source funds will be provided for the equipment in the calendar year following submission of the annual equipment report.</p>	<p>Ford Eagle Motor Home (2002 MH 161K614) Maintenance/Repairs, Fuel, Cable Provider, Shore Power supply: \$823.88</p> <p>Ford Eagle Motor Home (2002 MH 161K615) Maintenance/Repairs, Fuel, Cable Provider: \$380.78</p> <p>Ford E-350 Van (1995 161K612) Maintenance/Repairs, Fuel, Cable Provider: \$19,380.45</p> <p>Freightliner MT55 Cargo Van (2012 161K611) Maintenance/Repairs, Fuel, Cable Provider: \$7,546.55</p> <p>Freightliner Sprinter Van (2011 Sprinter 3500 161K701) Maintenance, Fuel: \$2,055.24</p> <p>Source of funds: Department operational budget.</p>
<p>5. The quantity possessed for each type of equipment subject to the provisions of AB 481.</p>	<p>Five (5) total, as reported in the approved Equipment Policy.</p>
<p>6. If SFPD intends to acquire additional equipment subject to the provisions of AB 481 in the next year, the quantity sought for each type of equipment.</p>	<p>The Department intends to acquire one (1) additional command vehicle.</p>



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E. Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature	
1. A summary of how the covered equipment was used and the purpose of its use.	<p>All tools were used on numerous occasions during training. The Kinetic Breaching tool was used eight (8) times, Energetic Breaching was used one (1) time, and Ballistic Breaching was used three (3) times during high-risk tactical operations and high-risk search warrants to breach doors.</p> <p>The use of these tools during incidents resulted in the safe resolution of these incidents.</p> <p>No injuries were sustained by bystanders, suspects, or officers.</p>
2. A summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning the equipment.	No complaints or concerns were received by the Department regarding this equipment.
3. The results of any internal audits, any information about violations of the equipment use policy, and any actions taken in response.	There were no violations found by internal audits.
4. The total annual cost for each type of equipment, including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs, and from what source funds will be provided for the equipment in the calendar year following submission of the annual equipment report.	<p>\$154.39</p> <p>Source of funds: Department operational budget.</p>
5. The quantity possessed for each type of equipment subject to the provisions of AB 481.	<p>Detonating Cord: 18 grain per foot - 1.8 lbs., 25 grain per foot - 10.4 lbs., 50 grain per foot - 11 lbs., 100 grain per foot - 0.7 lbs., and 200 grain per foot - 1.1 lbs.; Materials: UTK Standard 48, UTK Mini 20, UTK books 120, UTK Pucks - 11 pieces, FETT Rubber Rolls - 2 rolls, Fett Water Bladders - 37 pieces, Hydro Gel Rolls - 7 rolls, and Breacher, Tape - 20 rolls, Blasting caps - 70. Kinetic Breaching Tool: 2 Ballistic Breacher Rounds: 200 rounds Pan Disrupter (attached to a robot): 2 Units</p>
6. If SFPD intends to acquire additional equipment subject to the provisions of AB 481 in the next year, the quantity sought for each type of equipment.	The Department intends to maintain the stock levels of this category based on need and usage.



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

<p>1. A summary of how the covered equipment was used and the purpose of its use.</p>	<p>Flash Bangs were used 38 times during incidents during high-risk tactical operations and during the service of high-risk search warrants in 2024. They were used to de-escalate and resolve incidents by gaining compliance from subjects.</p> <p>There were no injuries sustained from the use of flash bangs.</p> <p>Pepperball systems were used six (6) times during high-risk tactical operations to de-escalate and prevent the use of a lethal alternative.</p> <p>Non-life-threatening injuries were sustained by suspects; Pepperballs were used to prevent further escalation.</p>
<p>2. A summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning the equipment.</p>	<p>No complaints or concerns were received by the Department regarding the equipment in this category.</p>
<p>3. The results of any internal audits, any information about violations of the equipment use policy, and any actions taken in response.</p>	<p>There were no violations found by internal audits.</p>
<p>4. The total annual cost for each type of equipment, including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs, and from what source funds will be provided for the equipment in the calendar year following submission of the annual equipment report.</p>	<p>\$35,256.24</p> <p>Source of funds: Department operational budget.</p>
<p>5. The quantity possessed for each type of equipment subject to the provisions of AB 481.</p>	<p>Combined Tactical Systems Flash-Bang: 150 units PepperBall TacSF: 4 PepperBall VKS: 13 PepperBall Rounds: 2,500</p>
<p>6. If SFPD intends to acquire additional equipment subject to the provisions of AB 481 in the next year, the quantity sought for each type of equipment.</p>	<p>The Department intends to maintain the stock levels of this category based on need and usage.</p>



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G. Taser Shockwave, microwave weapons, water cannons, and the Long-Range Acoustic Device (LRAD)	
1. A summary of how the covered equipment was used and the purpose of its use.	<p>The Long-Range Acoustic Device (LRAD) was used only as a public address system, approximately 37 times during high-risk tactical operations, high-risk search warrants and crowd control in 2024. The LRAD was used to de-escalate and resolve incidents in a safe and effective way.</p> <p>No injuries were sustained by bystanders, suspects or officers.</p>
2. A summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning the equipment.	No complaints or concerns were received by the Department regarding this equipment.
3. The results of any internal audits, any information about violations of the equipment use policy, and any actions taken in response.	There were no violations found by internal audits.
4. The total annual cost for each type of equipment, including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs, and from what source funds will be provided for the equipment in the calendar year following submission of the annual equipment report.	<p>\$18,097.65</p> <p>Source of funds: Department operational budget.</p>
5. The quantity possessed for each type of equipment subject to the provisions of AB 481.	Two (2), one (1) as reported in the approved Equipment Policy and one (1) purchased in 2024, as indicated in the 2023 annual report .
6. If SFPD intends to acquire additional equipment subject to the provisions of AB 481 in the next year, the quantity sought for each type of equipment.	The Department intends to acquire one (1) additional LRADs in 2025 at approximately \$18,097.65.



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H. 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

<p>1. A summary of how the covered equipment was used and the purpose of its use.</p>	<p>Sub machine guns were not used in 2024.</p> <p>Semi-automatic rifles were used (drawn, exhibited, pointed) during incidents to protect the public and officers from the threat of great bodily injury or death.</p> <p>There was one (1) incident where a semi-automatic rifle was used in an officer involved shooting (OIS) that resulted in the death of the suspect. As an OIS is considered a “covered incident.” This triggered a multi-department investigation.</p> <p>All uses were in accordance with the Department’s use of force policy.</p>
<p>2. A summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning the equipment.</p>	<p>No complaints or concerns were received by the Department regarding this equipment.</p>
<p>3. The results of any internal audits, any information about violations of the equipment use policy, and any actions taken in response.</p>	<p>There were no violations found by internal audits.</p>
<p>4. The total annual cost for each type of equipment, including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs, and from what source funds will be provided for the equipment in the calendar year following submission of the annual equipment report.</p>	<p>\$0</p> <p>(Initial cost as reported in the 2023 annual report was \$550,951.50.)</p> <p>Source of funds: Department operational budget.</p>
<p>5. The quantity possessed for each type of equipment subject to the provisions of AB 481.</p>	<p>Quantity is as reported in the approved Equipment Policy.</p> <p>SUB MACHINE GUNS: 16 SEMI AUTO RIFLES: 233 FULL AUTO TAC SBR: 64</p>
<p>6. If SFPD intends to acquire additional equipment subject to the provisions of AB 481 in the next year, the quantity sought for each type of equipment.</p>	<p>The Department intends to purchase additional semi auto rifles and full auto short barrel rifles for newly assigned officers to the Tactical-SWAT and Specialist Teams.</p>



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I. Projectile launch platforms and their associated munitions: 40mm projectile launchers, “bean bag,” rubber bullet, and specialty impact munition (SIM) weapons

<p>1. A summary of how the covered equipment was used and the purpose of its use.</p>	<p>CTS 4557 Foam Baton was used 38 times during the service of search warrants, high-risk tactical operations, and incidents involving armed or dangerous subjects to gain compliance and or against the threat of death or serious bodily injury.</p> <p>The below listed chemical agents were used during critical incidents to resolve them. Non-life-threatening injuries were sustained by the suspects during these incidents.</p> <p>CTS 4556 OC Impact used five (5) times during critical incidents.</p> <p>CTS 4530 CS Impact used four (4) times during critical incidents.</p> <p>CTS 4431 CS Powder Barricade used one (1) time during a critical incident.</p> <p>CTS 6330 CS Vapor used one (1) time during critical incidents.</p> <p>CTS 6340 OC Vapor used two (2) times during critical incidents.</p> <p>CTS 5230 CS was used one (1) time during a critical incident.</p> <p>CTS 5230B CS was used six (6) times during critical incidents.</p>
<p>2. A summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning the equipment.</p>	<p>No complaints were received by the Department regarding the equipment in this category.</p>
<p>3. The results of any internal audits, any information about violations of the equipment use policy, and any actions taken in response.</p>	<p>There were no violations found by internal audits.</p>



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<p>4. The total annual cost for each type of equipment, including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs, and from what source funds will be provided for the equipment in the calendar year following submission of the annual equipment report</p>	<p>\$74,097.90</p> <p>Source of funds: Department operational budget.</p>
<p>5. The quantity possessed for each type of equipment subject to the provisions of AB 481.</p>	<p>40mm Launcher: 90 Units 12GA Super-Sock Bean Bag Model 2581 round: over 2000 rounds CTS 4556 OC Impact: 114 Units CTS 4340 OC Liquid Barricade: 111 Units CTS 4441 OC Powder Barricade: 84 Units CTS 4530 CS Impact: 89 Units CTS 4330 Liquid Barricade: 112 Units CTS 4431 Powder Barricade: 85 Units CTS 4557 Foam Baton: 500 Units CTS 5230 Baffled Canister: 89 Units CTS 5210 White Smoke Canister: 60 Units CTS 6330 CS: 27 Units CTS 6340 OC 16 Units</p>
<p>6. If SFPD intends to acquire additional equipment subject to the provisions of AB 481 in the next year, the quantity sought for each type of equipment.</p>	<p>The Department intends to purchase additional 40MM Launchers.</p> <p>The Department also intends to maintain the stock levels of this category based on need and usage.</p>



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J. Unmanned, remotely piloted aerial vehicles (drones)

1) A summary of how the covered equipment was used and the purpose of its use.	Between May 2024 and December 2024, drones were deployed approximately 350 times for criminal investigations, critical incidents, planned operations and training and simulations. Flight logs can be found on the SFPD website here: https://www.sanfranciscopolice.org/your-sfpd/explore-department/drones .
2) A summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning the equipment.	No complaints were received by the Department regarding the equipment in this category.
3) The results of any internal audits, any information about violations of the equipment use policy, and any actions taken in response	There were no violations found by internal audits.
4) The total annual cost for each type of equipment, including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs, and from what source funds will be provided for the equipment in the calendar year following submission of the annual equipment report	\$428,997.08 Source of funds: Department operational budget.
5) The quantity possessed for each type of equipment subject to the provisions of AB 481.	24 Mavic-3's 22 Avata-2's 12 Mini-4 Pros 4 Matrice 30-T's 1 Matrice 350 (plus an additional 3 expected) The Department has also leased 7 Skydio x10's
6) If SFPD intends to acquire additional equipment subject to the provisions of AB 481 in the next year, the quantity sought for each type of equipment.	The Department intends to explore acquiring approximately 20 DJI Neo series drones and up to four (4) Matrice 4 series drones in the next year.



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EQUIPMENT NOT INCLUDED IN ANNUAL REPORT

The following items were not included in the use policy or the annual report as the Department did not acquire or maintain these items prior to January 1, 2022, and has not since acquired them.

- Tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection to their occupants and utilize a tracked system instead of wheels for forward motion.
- Weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind.
- 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.
- Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles.