



OFFICE OF THE
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION



2024 ANNUAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT REPORT

DATE: April 9, 2024
TO: San Diego County Board of Supervisors
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RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file the San Diego District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation Annual Military Equipment Report per CA Assembly Bill No. 481, determine each type of equipment in the Report has complied with the standards for approval set forth in Government Code section 7071(d), and make all determinations required by Assembly Bill 481, subject to the provisions of section 955 of the San Diego County Code of Administrative Ordinances. Review and renew Ordinance 10789.

BACKGROUND

On September 30, 2021, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481). Codified in Government Code sections 7070-7075, AB 481 required the governing body of a law enforcement agency approve a military equipment use policy for such equipment to be requested, acquired, or deployed by the agency.

On May 10, 2022, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors approved and adopted the San Diego County District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation Military Equipment Use Policy under Article LXIV Section 955 of the San Diego County Code of Administrative Ordinances (Ordinance 10789).

Additionally, Government Code 7072 requires law enforcement agencies present an Annual Military Equipment Report to their governing body detailing the use, complaints or concerns, results of any internal audits, annual costs, quantity possessed by the agency, and intent to purchase additional equipment in the following year.

DETAILS

Use of Military Equipment

- Colt AR-15 rifles were deployed 17 times in the field while executing search warrants and arrest warrants, but never fired. Colt AR-15 rifles were also used during the training of law enforcement personnel.
- Miscellaneous assault weapons ranging from semi-automatic firearms to an assortment of fully automatic weapons of various calibers, makes, and models were displayed during one firearms education course for District Attorney employees.



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- Pepper ball launcher and pepper balls were only used during the training of law enforcement personnel.
- 12 Gauge Less Lethal Impact Munitions Launchers (bean bag shotguns) were only used during the training of law enforcement personnel.
- Simunition 9mm FX Marking Cartridges were only used during the training of law enforcement personnel.
- Simunition 9mm SecuriBlank® Quiet Cartridges were only used during the training of law enforcement personnel.
- Force on Force 9mm Blank Cartridges were only used during the training of law enforcement personnel.
- Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) drones have been acquired, but not yet deployed operationally.

Complaints or Concerns

A review of department records revealed no complaints or concerns raised regarding the use of the Bureau’s military equipment within the past year.

Internal Audit

An internal audit determined there were no violations of Bureau policy 5.9 – Military Equipment Use, or any other Bureau policy related to the acquisition or deployment of the Bureau’s military equipment.

Quantity Possessed and Annual Costs

Item	Quantity	Annual Costs	Notes
Colt AR-15 Rifle (.223/5.56)	56	Re-Occurring Costs: \$0 Maintenance Costs: \$0-\$500 per firearm every 2 years	
Miscellaneous assault weapons ranging from semi-automatic firearms to an assortment of fully automatic weapons of various calibers, makes, and models.	43	Recurring Costs: \$0 Maintenance Costs: \$0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10 are pending destruction in 2024.• 13 are dedicated for Simunition training and not capable of firing live ammunition but qualify as “assault weapons” under CA law.
Tippman FT-12 Pepper Ball Launcher	4	Recurring Costs: \$0 Maintenance Costs: \$0	
Pepper Ball LIVE-X or equivalent	3 cases	Recurring Costs: \$0 Maintenance Costs: As needed	



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Item	Quantity	Annual Costs	Notes
12 Gauge Less Lethal Impact Munitions Launcher-Remington	3	Recurring Costs: \$0 Maintenance Costs: As needed	
Simunition 9mm FX Marking Cartridges	2000 rounds	Recurring Costs: \$0 Maintenance Costs: \$0	
Simunition 9mm SecuriBlank® Quiet Cartridges	300 rounds	Recurring Costs: \$0 Maintenance Costs: \$0	
Force on Force 9mm Blank Cartridges	1000 rounds	Recurring Costs: \$0 Maintenance Costs: \$0	
DJI Mavic 3 Enterprise Thermal	1	Recurring Costs: \$0 Maintenance Costs: As needed	
DJI Avata	1	Recurring Costs: \$0 Maintenance Costs: As needed	

Intent to purchase additional equipment

The San Diego County District Attorney’s Bureau of Investigation does not intend to purchase any additional equipment this year which falls within the prevue of San Diego County District Attorney’s Office Bureau of Investigation Military Equipment Use Policy.

Public Notice

In compliance with AB 481, this report has been published, in draft form, on the San Diego County District Attorney’s website at least 30 days prior to presenting this report to the Board of Supervisors. Within 30 days of submitting and publicly releasing this report, the San Diego County District Attorney’s Bureau of Investigation will hold at least one well-publicized and conveniently located community engagement meeting, at which the general 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. This report will also be publicly available on the San Diego County District Attorney's internet website for as long as the military equipment is available for use.