

AB 481 Annual Military Equipment Report

Assembly Bill 481 (“AB 481”), codified at Sections 7070 through 7075 of the California Government Code, requires law enforcement agencies to obtain approval from their governing bodies of military equipment use policies before purchasing, raising funds for, or acquiring military equipment. This initial policy must be passed via ordinance and reviewed and renewed by the governing body each year. AB 481 provides an expansive definition of “military equipment” that includes many items which law enforcement agencies use, deploy, and obtain on a regular basis. The law enforcement agency is required to return annually to provide an annual military equipment report (“Annual Report”) to the governing body and the public at large. The agency is also required to host a community engagement meeting for members of the public to attend.

On May 10, 2022, the City Council of the City of Blythe adopted Ordinance No. 915-22 adopting a Military Equipment Use Policy (“Policy”) governing the use of items that are deemed “military equipment” under AB 481. The Policy was effective as of June 10, 2022. On August 8, 2023, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 922-23, amending the Policy to amend the military equipment inventory list. Since the initial adoption of the Policy, the Blythe Police Department (BPD) has successfully maintained the military equipment in accordance with the Policy. This Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with Government Code section 7072(a). The BPD will host a community engagement meeting on May 28, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, in the City Council Chambers, located at 235 N. Broadway, Blythe, CA.

The following constitutes the BPD’s Annual Report:

- (i) Armored Vehicles (2000 Dodge Peacekeeper Armored Rescue Truck)**
 - (a) Use of Equipment: Used for rescue and the safe service of search warrants.
 - (b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
 - (c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
 - (d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): \$1,045.66.
 - (i) Funding source for FY 24-25: General Fund.
 - (e) Quantity: 1
 - (f) Future Acquisition Plans: The BPD plans to exchange this vehicle for an MRAP vehicle that has become available. This exchange was approved by Blythe City Council on February 13, 2024.

- (ii) Command and Control Vehicles (2009 Eagle Command Post)**
 - (a) Use of Equipment: used as a command post in community events, crime scenes and special operations.
 - (b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
 - (c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
 - (d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): \$2,450.00.
 - (i) Funding source for FY 24-25: General Fund.
 - (e) Quantity: 1
 - (f) Future Acquisition Plans: None.

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(iii) Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)

DJI Mavic 2 Enterprise Advanced

- (a) Use of Equipment: Search and rescue, suspect search, search warrant observation, and river patrol.
- (b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
- (c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
- (d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): \$1,800.00 for reporting and streaming software.
 - (i) Funding source for FY 24-25: General Fund.
- (e) Quantity: 2
- (f) Future Acquisition Plans: None, however, these units will need new batteries this year.

DJI Matrice 30T

- (a) Use of Equipment: Search and rescue, suspect search, search warrant observation, and river patrol.
- (b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
- (c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
- (d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): \$2,200.00 for data services.
 - (i) Funding source for FY 24-25: General Fund.
- (e) Quantity: 1
- (f) Future Acquisition Plans: The Police Department intends to apply for grant funding to add 3 additional DJI Matrice 30T UAS in the next year.

(iv) Firearms

Colt enhanced select fire patrol rifles

- (a) Use of Equipment: Patrol and special operations.
- (b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
- (c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
- (d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately \$2,200.00.
 - (i) Funding source for FY 24-25: General Fund.
- (e) Quantity: 28
- (f) Future Acquisition Plans: None.

B&T 9mm select fire rifles

- (a) Use of Equipment: Special operations.
- (b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
- (c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
- (d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately \$1,000.00.
 - (i) Funding source for FY 24-25: General Fund.
- (e) Quantity: 4
- (f) Future Acquisition Plans: None.

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9mm Glock 18 pistols

- (a) Use of Equipment: Special operations.
- (b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
- (c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
- (d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately \$200.00.
 - (i) Funding source for FY 24-25: General Fund.
- (e) Quantity: 2
- (f) Future Acquisition Plans: None.

Remington 870 shotguns, converted to less lethal green stocks for identification purposes

- (a) Use of Equipment: Patrol and special operations.
- (b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
- (c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
- (d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately \$200.00.
 - (i) Funding source for FY 24-25: General Fund.
- (e) Quantity: 15
- (f) Future Acquisition Plans: None.

(v) Ammunition CTS Model 2581 Super Sock Bean Bag Rounds.

- (a) Use of Equipment: Less lethal use.
- (b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
- (c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
- (d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately \$700.00.
 - (i) Funding source for FY 24-25: General Fund.
- (e) Quantity: 50
- (f) Future Acquisition Plans: The Police Department intends to purchase 100 rounds for training and stock rotation.

(vi) Breaching Apparatuses

Remington 870 Shotgun with breaching type barrel

- (a) Use of Equipment: Door breaching.
- (b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
- (c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
- (d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): None.
 - (i) Funding source for FY 24-25: General Fund.
- (e) Quantity: 1
- (f) Future Acquisition Plans: None.

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Defense Technology Breaching Rounds

- (a) Use of Equipment: Door breaching.
- (b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
- (c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
- (d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately \$700.00.
 - (i) Funding source for FY 24-25: General Fund.
- (e) Quantity: 30
- (f) Future Acquisition Plans: The Police Department intends to purchase 100 rounds for training and stock rotation.

(vii) Flash Bang Grenades (Defense Technology Non-Reloadable Distraction Device)

- (a) Use of Equipment: Distraction.
- (b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
- (c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
- (d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately \$1,200.00.
 - (i) Funding source for FY 24-25: Asset Forfeiture Fund.
- (e) Quantity: 25
- (f) Future Acquisition Plans: The Police Department intends to purchase 100 for training and stock rotation.

(viii) Pepper Ball Carbines and Pepper Balls

Pepper Ball Carbines

- (a) Use of Equipment: Less lethal use.
- (b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
- (c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
- (d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): None.
 - (i) Funding source for FY 24-25: General Fund.
 - (e) Quantity: 2
- (f) Future Acquisition Plans: The Police Department intends to replace existing equipment with 4 updated models.

Pepper Balls

- (a) Use of Equipment: Less lethal use.
- (b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
- (c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
- (d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): None.
 - (i) Funding source for FY 24-25: General Fund.
- (e) Quantity: 2
- (f) Future Acquisition Plans: The Blythe Police Department intends to purchase 2,000 pepper balls for use with new carbines.