

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**ITEM: 3.60
(ID # 27371)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, June 10, 2025

FROM : SHERIFF-CORONER-PA AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: SHERIFF-CORONER-PA AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Adoption of Ordinance No. 970.2, an Ordinance of the County of Riverside Amending Ordinance No. 970, A Military Equipment Use Policy, Otherwise Referred to Herein as a Specialized Police Equipment Use Policy, Pursuant to Assembly Bill No. 481 and Government Code Section 7070 for the Offices of the Riverside County Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator and Riverside County District Attorney. All Districts. [\$0 No ongoing cost]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

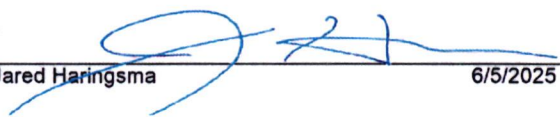
1. Adopt Ordinance No. 970.2, an Ordinance of the County of Riverside Amending Ordinance No. 970, A Military Equipment Use Policy, Otherwise Referred to Herein as a Specialized Police Equipment Use Policy, Pursuant to Assembly Bill No. 481 and Government Code §7070 for the Offices of the Riverside County Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator ("Sheriff") and Riverside County District Attorney ("DA"); and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to publish the ordinance summary within 15 days after adoption of Ordinance 970.2 pursuant to California Government Code Section 25124.

ACTION:Policy


Donald Sharp, Undersheriff

6/2/2025


Jared Haringsma


6/5/2025

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Gutierrez, seconded by Supervisor Washington and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended and Ordinance 970.2 is adopted with waiver of the reading.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: June 10, 2025
xc: Sheriff, DA, COBMC/DL/AB/NS

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	N/A

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BR: 25-064

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 05/06/25, 21.2

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Annual Review and revisions of Riverside County Ordinance No. 970

On September 30, 2021, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 481 (AB481), which became effective January 1, 2022. The bill required the Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office to create a Military Equipment Use Policy first adopted by the County by March 8, 2022.

AB481 identifies certain law enforcement equipment as 'military equipment' whether or not any branch of the military uses any of the law enforcement equipment listed. The legislation requires oversight from a governing body for purchase and usage of what the bill has deemed military equipment. For the Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office, the governing body is the County Board of Supervisors (BOS). In the case of city police departments, the governing body means the elected city council members or appointed body. In every Sheriff's Office contract city, the respective city council will also be required to separately adopt the Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Use Policies of specialized law enforcement equipment.

Ordinance No. 970 was first approved by the Board of Supervisors on March 8, 2022, Minute Order 19.1, in accordance with the Assembly Bill 481, and was amended on May 9, 2023, Minute Order 19.2 as Ordinance No. 970.1. The Board conducted a public hearing to introduce, read title, and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 970.2 on May 6, 2025 as Minute Order 21.2. The Use Policies were initially uploaded to the Sheriff and District Attorney's internet websites on January 20, 2022, and are updated as policies change. These are available for public review and can also be found here:

SHERIFF-CORONER-PA:

[Riverside County Sheriff's Department Standards Manual](#)

DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

[Riverside County District Attorney Department Standards Manual](#)

The purpose of this ordinance was approval and support from the County Board of Supervisors for the acquisition and deployment of law enforcement equipment and inventory and Use

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Policies from the Sheriff and the District Attorney. The Use Policies included in the ordinance establish an on-going standard and policy for safe de-escalation techniques and military equipment use/application consistent with Government Code Section 7070 et seq. The Ordinance and an annual military equipment report will be submitted to the BOS for annual review.

The list of identified 'military equipment' is currently deployed by law enforcement and agencies in this County as well as neighboring San Bernardino, San Diego, and Orange counties, and throughout the State of California, as well as law enforcement organizations across the nation. AB481 lists equipment that is recognized and more appropriately identified by local, state, and federal law enforcement entities as **specialized police equipment**. Locally, the Association of Riverside County Chiefs of Police and Sheriff (ARCCOPS) have endorsed the list of specialized equipment which is already in use across the county.

For additional context, the Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office, over a span of many years, have acquired these tools with previous BOS approval either during the annual budget process, or as individual board agenda item purchases. Specialized police equipment is used only by highly trained and experienced law enforcement professionals. The list of itemized equipment is listed below as required by AB481. These inventory lists range from modernized tools, aerial drones, to off-road vehicles whose primary purpose is the preservation of human life when utilized in responding to critical incidents, which often involve high-risk apprehension, search and rescue, fast responses to catastrophic events, reduce liability of physical injury to public and department personnel, and allow for de-escalation tactics during high-risk encounters with armed violent suspects. The tools, equipment, and resources can function as a force-multiplier in some cases to reduce manpower hours and is ultimately a cost savings to the County.

Riverside County law enforcement agencies are responsible for ensuring the highest standard of public safety, protecting, and serving members of the community, and apprehending criminal offenders. To help achieve and maintain the highest standard of public safety, law enforcement receives support from our local elected officials who are committed to funding operational needs, which includes the approval to purchase and finance necessary tools, protective gear, and specialized equipment for the purpose of helping protect and save lives and property. With the Board of Supervisor's partnership and approval, law enforcement can operate with the most advanced technology, equipment, and resources available with the goal to protect and serve the community with increased effectiveness, be prepared for the unexpected, and ultimately save lives with a uniform response standard by all law enforcement agencies across all jurisdictions within the County.

Although most tools, equipment, and resources listed as military equipment in AB481 are found in a military environment and may be similar in nature, the application in which the equipment is used is significantly different for public safety and law enforcement. Below you will find lists of the specialized equipment inventory and a variety of their uses.

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The Sheriff's Office, Riverside County Probation Department, Riverside County District Attorney's Office, Riverside California Highway Patrol, the county's twelve (12) municipal police departments, three (3) university and school police departments, and members of the Association of Riverside County Chiefs of Police and Sheriff (ARCCOPS), have committed to working cooperatively across jurisdictional boundaries to ensure that all catastrophic events, response to critical incidents, search and rescue operations and many other multi-jurisdictional events that arise from neighboring counties are supported safely and justifiably. Any which require the use of any of the above-listed specialized equipment are conducted in a fair, transparent and professional manner. Prior to BOS public hearing, and as required by AB481 these Use Policies have been made available on both the District Attorney and Riverside County Sheriff's Office's webpage since January 20, 2022. Following the adoption of Ordinance No.970.2 both the Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Use Policy will be submitted to County BOS annually. Upon the completion of the hearing and BOS approval, a copy of the policies will be sent to the Governor's Office. The full text to AB481 can be found here: https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB481

The Sheriff 's Office requests that the Board of Supervisors adopt Ordinance No. 970.2.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

This specialized law enforcement equipment, which is already in use by law enforcement agencies throughout the county, helps limit high-risk encounters with armed violent suspects. This specialized equipment is needed to stop escalating violent situations from becoming a threat to the safety of responding law enforcement personnel, the public, and the involved suspect(s). Contract city and municipal police department services routinely rely on assistance from outside agencies through cooperative mutual-aid agreements between multi-jurisdictional boundaries.

Attachments

- Riverside County Ordinance No.970.2
- Riverside County District Attorney's Office – Ord. 970 Military Equipment Use Policy
- Riverside County Sheriff's Department – Ord. 970 Military Equipment Use Policy
- Inventory of Law Enforcement Specialized Police Equipment – Sheriff-Coroner-PA
- Inventory of Law Enforcement Specialized Police Equipment – District Attorney
- Summary of Ordinance 970.2


Rebecca S Cortez, Principal Management Analyst 6/5/2025


Amrit Dhillon 5/29/2025


Aaron Gettis, Chief of Deputy County Counsel 6/2/2025

1 liberties before this equipment is funded, acquired, or used. The lack of a public forum to discuss the
2 acquisition of this equipment jeopardizes the relationship police have with the community, which can be
3 undermined when law enforcement is seen as an occupying force rather than a public safety service. The
4 Board of Supervisors finds that the Use Policy (defined herein) will apply to specialized police equipment
5 (Military Equipment) acquired prior to January 1, 2022, and will provide the public with the highest,
6 industry leading standards of public safety, mitigating damages and injuries to both the public and law
7 enforcement personnel. The Board of Supervisors also finds that the Use Policy will safeguard the public's
8 welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties.

9 Section 2. PURPOSE. To establish a funding, use, and acquisition policy that is developed with
10 consideration of the public's concerns about safety, civil rights, and the public's welfare. On September 30,
11 2021, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 481, which became effective January 1, 2022. AB
12 481 identifies certain specialized law enforcement equipment as 'Military Equipment' and requires
13 oversight from the Board of Supervisors for purchase and use of what the bill has deemed 'Military
14 Equipment.' The law requires the Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office to create a Use Policy that
15 has been adopted by the Board of Supervisors after holding Public Meetings (defined herein) to seek the
16 public's input.

17 Section 3. AUTHORITY. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to AB 481, codified at Chapter
18 12.8 to Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code commencing with §7070. These statutes provide for
19 funding, acquisition, and use of 'Military Equipment,' otherwise referred to as specialized police
20 equipment, for law enforcement agencies throughout the State of California.

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

- 23 A. "Governing Body" means the elected body that oversees a law enforcement agency
24 of a county including a sheriff's department or a district attorney's office. In this
25 case, the governing body means the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County.
- 26 B. "Law Enforcement Agency" means the Sheriff's Office or District Attorney's Office.
- 27 C. "Public Meetings/Public Hearings" means regular meeting held pursuant to the
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1 Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of
2 Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2) or the Ralph M. Brown Act (Chapter 9
3 (commencing with Section 54950) of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5), as applicable.

4 D. "Military Equipment" or "Equipment" means the following:

- 5 1. Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles.
- 6 2. Mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel
7 carriers. However, police versions of standard consumer vehicles are
8 specifically excluded from this subdivision.
- 9 3. High mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles (HMMWV), commonly
10 referred to as Humvees, two and one-half-ton trucks, five-ton trucks, or
11 wheeled vehicles that have a breaching or entry apparatus attached. However,
12 unarmored all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and motorized dirt bikes are
13 specifically excluded from this subdivision.
- 14 4. Tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection to their occupants
15 and utilize a tracked system instead of wheels for forward motion.
- 16 5. Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate
17 the operational control and direction of public safety units.
- 18 6. Weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind.
- 19 7. Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature.
20 However, items designed to remove a lock, such as bolt cutters, or a handheld
21 ram designed to be operated by one person, are specifically excluded from
22 this subdivision.
- 23 8. Firearms of .50 caliber or greater. However, standard issue shotguns are
24 specifically excluded from this subdivision.
- 25 9. Ammunition of .50 caliber or greater. However, standard issue shotgun
26 ammunition is specifically excluded from this subdivision.
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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 (defined herein).
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.

E. “Military Equipment Use Policy” or “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 (defined herein) 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.

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- 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. The Governing Body 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 Governing Body also finds that the Use Policy will safeguard the public’s welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties.
- 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 Military Equipment Use 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.
- 8. “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.

9. "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 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 Use 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

1 will ensure that each complaint, concern, or question receives a response in a
2 timely manner.

3 B. This Ordinance approves:

4 1. The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Policy 712 Military Equipment
5 attached hereto as Attachment A and may be amended in accordance with
6 this Ordinance.

7 2. The Riverside County District Attorney Policy 604 Military Equipment,
8 attached hereto as Attachment B, and may be amended in accordance with
9 this Ordinance.

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

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

15 B. The proposed Use Policy will safeguard the public's welfare, safety, civil
16 rights, and civil liberties.

17 C. If purchasing the Equipment, the equipment is reasonably cost effective
18 compared to available alternatives that can achieve the same objective of
19 officer and civilian safety.

20 D. Prior Equipment use complied with the Use Policy that was in effect at the
21 time, or if prior uses did not comply with the accompanying Use Policy,
22 corrective action has been taken to remedy nonconforming uses and ensure
23 future compliance.

24 If the Board of Supervisors determines that a Type of Equipment identified in that annual equipment report
25 has not complied with the standards for approval set forth above, the Board of Supervisors shall either
26 disapprove a renewal of the authorization for that Type of Equipment or require modifications to the Use
27 Policy in a manner that will resolve the lack of compliance.
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss

I HEREBY CERTIFY that at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of said county held on June 10, 2025, the foregoing ordinance consisting of 8 Sections was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

DATE: June 10, 2025

KIMBERLY A. RECTOR
Clerk of the Board

BY:  _____
Deputy

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 970.2
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 970,
A MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY, OTHERWISE REFERRED TO HEREIN AS A
SPECIALIZED POLICE EQUIPMENT USE POLICY, PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL
481 AND GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7070 FOR THE OFFICES OF THE RIVERSIDE
SHERIFF-CORONER-PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR AND RIVERSIDE COUNTY DISTRICT
ATTORNEY

This summary is presented pursuant to California Government Code Section 25124(b). A certified copy of the full text of Ordinance No. 970.2 may be examined at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, located at 4080 Lemon Street 1st Floor, Riverside, California 92501.

Pursuant to the Government Code Section 7070 et seq. and California Assembly Bill 481, on May 6, 2025, the Board of Supervisors (the “Board of Supervisors”) of the County of Riverside held a public hearing, introducing and amending a comprehensive Military Equipment Use Policy for the Riverside County Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator and District Attorney offices. The policy governs the funding, acquisition, deployment, and oversight of specialized police equipment, referred to as “Military Equipment,” to ensure transparency, accountability, and protection of public welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties. The Board of Supervisors is anticipated to adopt the amended Ordinance 970.2 at its regular meeting at 9:30 am on June 10, 2025, located at located at 4080 Lemon Street 1st Floor, Riverside, California 92501.

Key provisions include: 1) Definitions of Military Equipment categories subject to oversight; 2) Requirements for public input through hearings before adoption of the Use Policy; 3) Description of types of equipment, authorized uses, fiscal impacts, training requirements, and enforcement mechanisms related to Military Equipment; 4) Annual review and renewal process by the Board of Supervisors based on Annual Equipment reports; and 5) Procedures for public complaints and questions regarding Military Equipment use.

This ordinance amendment aims to balance law enforcement needs with the community’s rights and safety, mandating ongoing transparency and independent oversight.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting will be held before the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County, California, on the 1st Floor Board Chambers, County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 9:30 A.M. or as soon as possible thereafter, to consider adoption of the following Ordinance: SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 970.2 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 970, A MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY, OTHERWISE REFERRED TO HEREIN AS A SPECIALIZED POLICE EQUIPMENT USE POLICY, PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 481 AND GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7070 FOR THE OFFICES OF THE RIVERSIDE SHERIFF-CORONER-PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR AND RIVERSIDE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY This summary is presented pursuant to California Government Code Section 25124(b). A certified copy of the full text of Ordinance No. 970.2 may be examined at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, located at 4080 Lemon Street 1st Floor, Riverside, California 92501. Pursuant to the Government Code Section 7070 et seq. and California Assembly Bill 481, on May 6, 2025, the Board of Supervisors (the "Board of Supervisors") of the County of Riverside held a public hearing, introducing and amending a comprehensive Military Equipment Use Policy for the Riverside County Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator and District Attorney offices. The policy governs the funding, acquisition, deployment, and oversight of specialized police equipment, referred to as "Military Equipment," to ensure transparency, accountability, and

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I am a citizen of the United States. I am over the age of eighteen years and not party to or interested in the above-entitled matter. I am an authorized representative of THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published daily in the County of Riverside, and which newspaper has been adjudicated a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Riverside, State of California, under date of April 25, 1952, Case Number 54446, under date of March 29, 1957, Case Number 65673, under date of August 25, 1995, Case Number 267864, and under date of September 16, 2013, Case Number RIC 1309013; that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in said newspaper in accordance with the instructions of the person(s) requesting publication, and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

06/04/2025

I certify (or declare) under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: June 4, 2025.

At: Riverside, California



Signature

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 970.2
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 970, A MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY, OTHERWISE REFERRED TO HEREIN AS A SPECIALIZED POLICE EQUIPMENT USE POLICY, PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 481 AND GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7070 FOR THE OFFICES OF THE RIVERSIDE SHERIFF-CORONER-PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR AND RIVERSIDE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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Key provisions include: 1) Definitions of Military Equipment categories subject to oversight; 2) Requirements for public input through hearings before adoption of the Use Policy; 3) Description of types of equipment, authorized uses, fiscal impacts, training requirements, and enforcement mechanisms related to Military Equipment; 4) Annual review and renewal process by the Board of Supervisors based on Annual Equipment reports; and 5) Procedures for public complaints and questions regarding Military Equipment use. This ordinance amendment aims to balance law enforcement needs with the community's rights and safety, mandating ongoing transparency and independent oversight.

Alternative formats available upon request to individuals with disabilities. If you require reasonable accommodation, please contact Clerk of the Board at (951) 955-1069.

Please send all written correspondence to: Clerk of the Board, 4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor, Post Office Box 1147, Riverside, CA 92502-1147 or email cob@rlvco.org

Dated: May 29, 2025
By: Kimberly Rector, Clerk of the Board
Naomy Sicra, Clerk of the Board Assistant

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Military Equipment

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 firearms.
- Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles.
- Noise-flash diversionary devices and explosive breaching tools.
- Munitions containing tear gas or OC, excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray.
- Area denial electroshock devices, microwave weapons, water cannons, long-range acoustic devices (LRADs), acoustic hailing devices, and sound cannons.
- Kinetic energy weapons and munitions.
- Any other equipment as determined by a governing body or a state agency to require additional oversight.

Military Equipment

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 Investigator 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 Investigator 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 Investigator 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 Investigator 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 Code § 7071).

Military Equipment

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 Investigator 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 Investigator 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.

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 (Government Code § 7070):

Governing body – The elected or appointed body that oversees the Sheriff's Office.

Military equipment – Includes but is not limited to the following:

- Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles.
- Mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers.
- High mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles (HMMWV), two-and-one-half-ton trucks, five-ton trucks, or wheeled vehicles that have a breaching or entry apparatus attached.
- Tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection to their occupants.
- Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units.
- Weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind.
- Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature. This does not include a handheld, one-person ram.
- Firearms and ammunition of .50 caliber or greater, excluding standard-issue shotguns and standard-issue shotgun ammunition.
- Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including firearms and accessories identified as assault weapons in Penal Code § 30510 and Penal Code § 30515, with the exception of standard-issue firearms.
- Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles.
- Noise-flash diversionary devices and explosive breaching tools.
- Munitions containing tear gas or OC, excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray.
- Area denial electroshock devices, microwave weapons, water cannons, long-range acoustic devices (LRADs), acoustic hailing devices, and sound cannons.
- Kinetic energy weapons and munitions.
- Any other equipment as determined by a governing body or a state agency to require additional oversight.

Military Equipment

712.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Riverside County Sheriff's Office that members of this Sheriff's Office 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 Sheriff's Office equipment that qualifies as military equipment in the current possession of the Sheriff's Office, or the equipment the Sheriff's Office 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 Office (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 Sheriff's Office'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 Sheriff's Office 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 Sheriff's Office will respond in a timely manner.

712.4 MILITARY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

The following constitutes a list of qualifying equipment for the Sheriff's Office:

[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 Sheriff's Office 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.

Military Equipment

712.6 COORDINATION WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS

The Riverside Sheriff's Office provides law enforcement services to the unincorporated portions of Riverside County as well as 16 contract cities and Sovereign Tribal Nation(s). The Sheriff's Office 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 Sheriff's Office 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 Sheriff's Office 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 Sheriff's Office 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 Sheriff's Office inventory.

712.8 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Within 30 days of submitting and publicly releasing the annual report, the Sheriff's Office shall hold at least one well-publicized and conveniently located community engagement meeting, at which the Sheriff's Office 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

Riverside Sheriff's Department Specialized Equipment Inventory

- **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

Riverside Sheriff's Department Specialized Equipment Inventory

- **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

Exhibit A: Quantity

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	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)	124
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)	34
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	12
Any other equipment as determined by a governing body or a state agency to require additional oversight	0

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
37mm Projectile Launchers	The LMT single shot launcher is a lightweight, shoulder fired system utilizing standard 37mm less than lethal munitions.	\$16,799.92	20	Used to safely disarm and control an aggressive suspect by using less than lethal means.	LMT Defense / 1425
37mm Less than lethal munitions	Less than lethal projectile that is launched from a 37mm launcher.	\$19,628.00	1,402	Used to safely disarm and control an aggressive suspect by using less than lethal means.	Defense Technology
40mm Ferret CS	Non burning liquid and powder projectiles suitable for indoor use that emits non lethal CS gas.	\$36,996.69	1,233	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 than lethal munitions	Less than lethal projectile that is launched from a 40mm launcher.	\$267,560.00	13,378	Used to safely disarm and control an aggressive suspect by using less than lethal means.	Defense Technology / Models 6325LE, 6320 LE, 6322 LE, 6326 LE, 6325
40mm Projectile Launchers	The LMT single shot launcher is a lightweight, shoulder fired system utilizing standard 40mm less than lethal munitions.	\$161,279.21	192	Used to safely disarm and control an aggressive suspect by using less than lethal means.	LMT Defense / 1425
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.	\$22,701.78	1,357	The purpose of CS gas is to minimize the risks of 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.	\$57,000.00	38	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 / Mavic Mini
Drones	A small remote control drone that is capable of flying for 20 minutes and recording video footage. Designed specifically for searching indoors.	\$25,500.00	17	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.	DJI / Avata
Drones	A small remote control drone that is capable of flying for 20 minutes and recording video footage.	\$11,000.00	1	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.	Skydio / X2
Drones	A small remote control drone that is capable of flying for 30 minutes and recording video footage. Designed specifically for searching indoors.	\$19,650.00	2	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.	Aardvark / 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.	\$210,000.00	30	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.	\$204,000.00	17	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
PepperBalls	PepperBall projectile, a hard plastic frangible sphere that is designed to burst upon impact, releasing a powdery irritant.	\$118,745.00	187 containers	The purpose of the powdery irritant is to minimize the risks to all parties through temporary discomfort of potentially violent or dangerous subjects.	PepperBall / Live-X

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
Simunition Pistols	Modified Handguns, that shoot non-lethal paint marking projectiles.	\$8,100.00	18	Used to safely train law enforcement in realistic scenarios and force on force encounters.	Simunitions
Simunition Ammunition	Non-lethal ammunition for the Simunition pistols.	\$16,937.50	13,550	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.	\$17,693.88	51	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.	\$4,000.00	8	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.	\$19,812.50	15,850	To safely train law enforcement in realistic situations and force on force encounters.	Ultimate Training Munition marking rounds
Stingball Grenades	The Stingball Grenade is a maximum effect device that delivers three stimuli for psychological and physiological effects: rubber pellets, light and sound.	\$1,530.00	30	The Stingball Grenade is used to minimize the risks of all involved parties through pain compliance, and temporary discomfort of potentially violent or dangerous subjects.	Defense Technology, CTS, ALS
Tasers	The Taser is a handheld device that incapacitates a person by transmitting a 50,000-volt electric shock. The Taser fires two small darts, connected to the device with thin wires, up to a distance of approximately 11 meters (35 feet).	\$1,299.00	1	The Taser is designed to incapacitate attackers for 5 seconds per trigger pull, providing single-fire/multi-cycle capabilities. It is used to safely gain compliance of a combative suspect in order to accomplish a peaceful apprehension.	Axon X2
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	\$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	Oshkosh Defense
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
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	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.	Colt / G. M. Corporation / Harrington & RichardsonM16A2
.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	\$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
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	\$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
Command Post Vehicles	Vehicles equipped with computers, monitors, radios, and bathrooms.	\$2,941,497.48	3	Used to provide a single point where the incident commanders can gather information and monitor the progress of large scale operations or natural disasters.	Custom built on a Freightliner chassis
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
Water Cannon	Bumover 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	\$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	\$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	\$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

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Date: June 19, 2025.

At: Riverside, California



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I HEREBY CERTIFY that at a

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NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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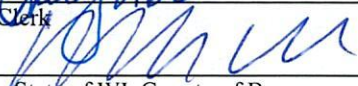
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