



2024

Annual Military Equipment Report

San Fernando Police Department

Military Equipment Use AB 481 Compliance Requirements:

- Approval of the Military Use Policy (Completed 2022, Policy 706)
- Publishing the Policy (Completed 2022)
- Annual Report (See Below)

Annual Report Description:

Assembly Bill 481 requires the Department to report annually on the inventory, procurement, use, and misuse of covered military equipment items. The annual report also provides an account of the current inventory possessed by the Department for each category of military equipment.

Per AB 481, the annual report must include the following:

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

San Fernando Ordinance No. 1711 Military Equipment Policy

As required by AB 481, the San Fernando City Council reviewed this section as an ordinance to approve a military equipment use policy. The City Council's approval shall remain effective for a period of one-year, which approval may be revoked, extended, renewed, modified or amended by ordinance of the City Council. Within a year of the initial approval, and at least annually thereafter, the City Council will review this Ordinance. The City Council may, by ordinance, make amendments, modifications or revisions to the military equipment use policy adopted by the Department. The ordinance must be reviewed and renewed annually.

A. The City Council has made the following determinations:

1. The military equipment inventoried and presented to the City Council is necessary because there is no reasonable alternative that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety.
2. The proposed military equipment use policy (SFPD Policy 706) will safeguard the public welfare, safety, civil rights and civil liberties (said Policy is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated by this reference).
3. The equipment is reasonably cost-effective compared to available alternatives that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety (if any).
4. Prior military equipment use complied with the applicable equipment use policy (which included equipment now defined as military equipment) that was in effect at the time, or if prior uses did not comply with the accompanying military equipment use policy, corrective action has been taken to remedy nonconforming uses and ensure future compliance.

Equipment Usage for 2024:

On May 25, 2024, a 40mm less-lethal launcher was deployed and utilized in response to an active shooter situation in the 1900 block of Warren Street. Three 40mm rubber projectiles were discharged; the initial two rounds failed to hit the suspect, while the third round struck the suspect, who was not adhering to the officers' directives to surrender peacefully following the shooting of several individuals and on a police helicopter.

Summary of Complaints for 2024:

The Department did not receive any complaints concerning military equipment from January through December 2024.

Violations of Policy 706:

The Department conducted an internal audit and determined that there were no violation(s) of the Policy for calendar year 2024.

Total Annual Cost for Military Equipment:

The estimated annual cost for the maintenance of the military equipment in the current inventory was assessed to be zero. This includes the cost of replacement parts, cleaning supplies, and the staff time to conduct inspections on the equipment.

Acquire Additional Military Equipment:

The Department does not intend to acquire any additional military equipment for the calendar year 2025.

CURRENT MILITARY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY LIST:

1. Specialized Firearms and Ammunition [Category 10]

This equipment is typically used to address potentially deadly threats with more precision, handle close-quarter situations/confined spaces, and/or deployment at greater distance than a handgun. According to State and Federal law, the Department's policy is to utilize the equipment only for official law enforcement purposes. Those operating specialized firearms receive POST certified training and complete annual training to maintain certification. The Department possesses the following specialized firearms:

- A. Colt AR-15 M4 Submachine Rifles (4)
 - i. Acquisition Cost: \$3,000
 - ii. Estimated Annual Cost: \$0-\$2,000
 - iii. Actual Annual Operating Cost: \$0
 - iv. Life Span: No expiration

- B. HK MP-5 Submachine Guns (8)
 - i. Acquisition Cost: \$3,600
 - ii. Estimated Annual Cost: \$0-\$2,000
 - iii. Actual Annual Operating Cost: \$0
 - iv. Life Span: No expiration

- C. Sniper Rifles (2)
 - i. Acquisition Cost: \$16,400
 - ii. Estimated Annual Cost: \$0-\$2,000
 - iii. Actual Annual Operating Cost: \$0
 - iv. Life Span: No expiration

- D. 308 Winchester 168 Grain Rifle Cartridges (50)
 - i. Acquisition Cost: \$200
 - ii. Estimated Annual Cost: \$0-\$200
 - iii. Actual Annual Operating Cost: \$0
 - iv. Life Span: No expiration

2. PepperBall Launcher and Projectiles [Category 11]

This non-lethal equipment is typically used to de-escalate conflicts where lethal force is prohibited or undesirable. Situations where this equipment may be deployed include dealing with combative individuals, riots or civil unrest, potentially vicious or dangerous animals, and training exercises or demonstrations. In accordance with State and Federal law, the Department's policy is to utilize the equipment only for official law enforcement

purposes. Only those trained as operators or instructors or designated by the Police Chief are authorized to use the PepperBall system. The Department possesses the following Pepperball launcher equipment:

- A. PepperBall Launchers (3)
 - i. Acquisition Cost: \$3,500
 - ii. Estimated Annual Cost: \$0-\$2,000
 - iii. Actual Annual Operating Cost: \$0
 - iv. Life Span: No expiration

- B. Bean Bag Shotgun (3)
 - i. Acquisition Cost: \$8,000
 - ii. Estimated Annual Cost: \$0-\$2,000
 - iii. Actual Annual Operating Cost: \$0
 - iv. Life Span: No Expiration

3. Tear Gas [Category 12]

This non-lethal chemical agent munitions equipment is typically used to limit the escalation of conflict where use of lethal force is prohibited or undesirable. Situations in which this equipment may be used include dealing with combative individuals, riots or civil unrest, potentially vicious or dangerous animals, and training exercises or demonstrations.

In accordance with State and Federal law, the Department's policy is to utilize the equipment only for official law enforcement purposes. Only those who are POST certified or designated by the Police Chief are authorized to use this equipment. The Department possesses the following tear gas equipment:

- A. CS Liquid Direct Impact 40mm Munition (9)
 - i. Acquisition Cost: \$400
 - ii. Estimated Annual Cost: \$0-\$400
 - iii. Actual Annual Operating Cost: \$0
 - iv. Life Span: 5 years from date of manufacture

- B. CS Speed-Heat Long Range 40mm Munitions (35)
 - i. Acquisition Cost: \$800
 - ii. Estimated Annual Cost: \$0-\$800
 - iii. Actual Annual Operating Cost: \$0
 - iv. Life Span: 5 years from date of manufacture

- C. Smokeless Powder Bean Bag 40mm Munitions (67)
 - i. Acquisition Cost: \$2,000
 - ii. Estimated Annual Cost: \$0-\$2,000
 - iii. Actual Annual Operating Cost: \$0
 - iv. Life Span: 5 years from date of manufacture

- D. CS Ferret 40mm Munitions (38)
 - i. Acquisition Cost: \$800
 - ii. Estimated Annual Cost: \$0-\$800
 - iii. Actual Annual Operating Cost: \$0
 - iv. Life Span: 5 years from date of manufacture

- E. CS Muzzle Blast 40mm Munitions (7)
 - i. Acquisition Cost: \$270
 - ii. Estimated Annual Cost: \$0-\$270
 - iii. Actual Annual Operating Cost: \$0
 - iv. Life Span: 5 years from date of manufacture

- F. CS Liquid Ferret 12 Gauge (140)
 - i. Acquisition Cost: \$600
 - ii. Estimated Annual Cost: \$0-\$600
 - iii. Actual Annual Operating Cost: \$0
 - iv. Life Span: 5 years from date of manufacture

- G. OC Liquid Ferret 12 Gauge (111)
 - i. Acquisition Cost: \$600
 - ii. Estimated Annual Cost: \$0-\$600
 - iii. Actual Annual Operating Cost: \$0
 - iv. Life Span: 5 years from date of manufacture

- H. CS Stinger Grenades (24)
 - i. Acquisition Cost: \$850
 - ii. Estimated Annual Cost: \$0-\$850
 - iii. Actual Annual Operating Cost: \$0
 - iv. Life Span: 5 years from date of manufacture

- I. PepperBall Projectiles (3,000)
 - i. Acquisition Cost: \$1,000
 - ii. Estimated Annual Cost: \$0-\$1,000
 - iii. Actual Annual Operating Cost: \$0

iv. Expect Life Span: 5 years from date of manufacture

4. Projectile Launcher Platforms and Associated Munitions [Category 14]

This non-lethal kinetic energy weapons equipment is typically used to limit the escalation of conflict where use of lethal force is prohibited or undesirable. Situations in which this equipment may be used include dealing with combative individuals, riots or civil unrest, potentially vicious or dangerous animals, and training exercises or demonstrations. According to State and Federal law, the Department's policy is to utilize the equipment only for official law enforcement purposes. Only those who are POST certified or designated by the Police Chief are authorized to use this equipment. The Department possesses the following projectile launcher equipment:

- A. Tactical 40mm Single Shot Launcher (1)
 - i. Acquisition Cost: \$2,000
 - ii. Estimated Annual Cost: \$0-\$2,000
 - iii. Actual Annual Operating Cost: \$0
 - iv. Life Span: No expiration

- B. Multiple Shot 40mm Tactical 4-Shot Launcher (1)
 - i. Acquisition Cost: \$4,000
 - ii. Estimated Annual Cost: \$0-\$2,000
 - iii. Actual Annual Operating Cost: \$0
 - iv. Life Span: Not Expiration

- C. Direct Impact 40mm Sponge Munition (142)
 - i. Acquisition Cost: \$4,000
 - ii. Estimated Annual Cost: \$0-\$2,000
 - iii. Actual Annual Operating Cost: \$0
 - iv. Life Span: No expiration

- D. Bean Bag 12 Gauge Munition (510)
 - i. Acquisition Cost: \$3,000
 - ii. Estimated Annual Cost: \$0-\$3,000
 - iii. Actual Annual Operating Cost: \$0
 - iv. Life Span: No expiration

- E. Rubber Ball Stinger 12 Gauge (450)
 - i. Acquisition Cost: \$2,700
 - ii. Estimated Annual Cost: \$0-\$2,700

iii. Actual Annual Operating Cost: \$0

iv. Life Span: No expiration

Although deployed as an option during certain occasions, the aforementioned equipment was utilized on only one occasion during the calendar year 2024. The Department is providing this disclosure pursuant to the requirements of AB 481. In addition, the Department did not receive any complaints or concerns about the aforementioned equipment. Nor does the Department foresee the acquisition of any additional military equipment at this time.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There were no new purchases of military equipment in 2024. The Department does not intend to purchase any new military equipment in 2025.

There is no budget impact associated with receiving this informational report. Military equipment identified in the Policy is purchased through the Department's annual operating budget as adopted by the City Council.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that the City Council accept, file, and approve the AB 481 Military Equipment use Policy Annual Report.