



City of  
**Mountain  
View**

Presentation on the Mountain View Police  
Department Assembly Bill 481, Military Equipment  
2023 Annual Report  
April 27, 2023



# Presentation Overview

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- September 30, 2021: AB 481 signed by the Governor
- May 10, 2022: City Council adopted Ord. No. 7.22, approving MVPD Policy 709: Military Equipment
- AB 481 requires the
  - Preparation of an annual report reviewed at a community engagement meeting
  - Council review of annual report and renewal of Ord. 7.22
- This PSAB item serves as the community engagement meeting

- In accordance with AB481, City Ordinance No. 7.22, and MVPD Policy 709, the military equipment policy must be approved (reviewed and renewed) by the governing body prior to engaging in any of the following (Government Code § 7071):
  - Requesting equipment
  - Seeking funding
  - Acquiring equipment
  - Collaborating with and/or deploying equipment with other law enforcement agencies
  - Soliciting, responding to a proposal or entering into an agreement
  - Acquiring equipment by other means



## AB 481 Reporting Categories

- AB 481 defines “military equipment” and differentiates the equipment by category
- AB 481 does not prohibit equipment; rather, it creates a public process for obtaining approval
- MVPD has equipment in eight of the 15 categories

## 2022 MVPD Equipment Inventory Summary

Equipment Category	Item(s)	Purpose
<b>1</b>	Drones, Robot	Remotely gain visualization of a scene or incident.
<b>5</b>	Command and Control Vehicles	Mobile command post at critical incidents, disasters, or special events
<b>7</b>	Explosive Breaching Equipment	Creates an entryway into a building during emergency hostage rescue situations.
<b>8, 9, 10</b>	Patrol Rifles, Sniper Rifles, and Associate Ammunition	Address threats with more precision at a greater distance.
<b>12, 14</b>	Less Lethal Munitions	Less lethal use of force options and diversionary tools



## AB 481 Categories MVRPD Does NOT Have

2. Mine-resistant, ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers
3. High-mobility multi-purpose wheeled vehicles
4. Tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection to their occupants and utilize a tracked system instead of wheels for forward motion.
6. Weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind.
11. Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles.
13. Taser Shockwave, microwave weapons, water cannons, and the Long-Range Acoustic Device (LRAD).
15. Any other equipment as determined by a governing body or a State agency to require additional oversight.





## Considerations for Use of Equipment

- Equipment is highly specialized for specific uses; No single piece of equipment is applicable to all situations
- Consistent training and practice ensures proper deployment of equipment
- MVPD continually learns from incidents regionally and nationally
- Equipment requires notification to MVPD leadership and specific authorization by the incident commander to deploy
- Most equipment can only be deployed by police personnel with specific, regulated, and certified training
- Equipment in inventory is stored at the department, except patrol rifles (which are locked in each patrol car)



# Summary of 2022 Equipment Use

## Used Operationally

Category	Equipment	Use
1	Drones, Robot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Search for a subject and evidence</li> <li>• Documentation of several scenes</li> </ul>
5	Command and Control Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerts and events Command Post</li> <li>• Command Post for officer shooting, search warrant operation</li> </ul>
10	* Specialized Firearms and Ammunition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allied agency SWAT assist</li> <li>• SWAT search warrant operation</li> <li>• Patrol operations</li> </ul>
14	* Kinetic Energy Weapons and Munitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allied agency SWAT assist</li> <li>• Patrol operations</li> </ul>

\* Firearms were deployed operationally but not fired.

## Used for Training or Certification

Category	Equipment
<b>1</b>	Drones, Robot
<b>5</b>	Command and Control Vehicles
<b>8, 9, 10</b>	.50 Caliber Rifle and Ammunition, Specialized Firearms and Ammunition,
<b>12</b>	Noise Flash Diversionary Device and Chemical Munitions
<b>14</b>	Kinetic Energy Weapons and Specialty Munitions

# Summary of 2022 Equipment Use

## Not Used

Category	Equipment
<b>7</b>	Battering Rams, Slugs, and Explosive Breach Apparatuses
<b>10</b>	Specialized Firearms and Ammunition
<b>14</b>	Kinetic Energy Weapons and Specialty Munitions

## Summary of Equipment Purchases

- Replacement of drones at end of useful life (\$44,576)
- New indoor drones (\$13,694)
- Replacement of equipment used in operations and training
  - Explosive breaching equipment \$1,000
  - .50 Caliber Ammunition \$900
  - .308 ammunition \$1,500
  - .223 ammunition \$25,000
  - Noise Flash Diversionary Device \$4,000
  - CTS 6340 OC Vapor canisters \$600
  - Specialty Munitions \$3,000

## Conclusion

- Continual assessment of equipment needs
- In 2022, the equipment was minimally used, mostly for training and certification
- No complaints, concerns or violations
- Future purchases of two replacement drones and two for indoor use
- All other purchases are for replacement of materials used during training or operationally



## Next Steps

- May 9 City Council meeting
  - Presentation of 2022 AB 481 Annual Report and Ordinance No. 7.22
  - Will include comments from the PSAB meeting
  - Consideration of renewal of Ord. No. 7.22