



City of
**Mountain
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Assembly Bill 481 2023 Military Equipment PSAB
Presentation / Public Meeting

PSAB | April 25, 2024

Presenter: Mike Canfield, Police Chief



Agenda

1. Background of Assembly Bill 481
2. Review AB 481 Categories
3. Review MVPD Use of Equipment in 2023
4. Summary of Intended Purchases
5. Receive PSAB and Public Comment

- September 30, 2021: AB 481 signed by the Governor
- Requires an ordinance and military equipment policy be approved by the governing body prior to engaging in any of the following (Government Code § 7071):
 - Seeking funding, requesting or acquiring designated 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
- Does not prohibit equipment; rather, it creates a public process for obtaining governing body approval

- May 9, 2023: City Council adopted Ord. No. 7.22, approving MVPD Policy 709: “Military Equipment”
- AB 481 Annual requirements
 - Preparation of an annual report
 - Post Annual Report on-line
 - Conduct a Public meeting
 - City Council review of the annual report and renewal of Ord. No. 7.22
- AB 481 defines “military equipment” in 15 reporting categories
 - MVPD has equipment in 8 of the 15 categories



AB 481 Categories MVPD Does NOT Have

Equipment Category	Item(s)
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.



AB 481 Categories MVPD Does Have

Equipment Category	Item(s)	Purpose
1	Drones, Robot	Remotely gain visualization of a scene or incident.
5	Command and Control Vehicles	Mobile command post at critical incidents, disasters, or special events. These vehicles are also used to transport equipment.
7	Explosive Breaching Equipment / Battering Rams	Creates an entryway into a building during emergency hostage rescue situations.
8, 9, 10	SWAT Rifles, Sniper Rifles, Surplus Rifles and Associated Ammunition	Address threats with more precision at a greater distance.
12, 14	Less Lethal Munitions, Noise Flash Diversionary Devices, Chemical Munitions	Less lethal use of force options and diversionary tools



Considerations for Use of Equipment

- Equipment is highly specialized for specific uses; No single piece of equipment is applicable to all situations
- Use and deploying in the field are covered by a variety of policies and procedures
- Consistent training and practice ensures proper deployment of equipment
- MVPD continually learns from incidents regionally and nationally
- Use of most equipment requires notification to MVPD leadership and specific authorization by the incident commander to deploy
- Equipment can only be deployed in the field by police personnel with specific, regulated, and certified training
- Equipment in inventory is stored at the department.

Summary of 2023 Equipment Use

Deployed in The Field

Category	Equipment	Use
1	Drones, Robot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Search for a wanted subject and evidence Documentation of several scenes
5	Command and Control Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerts and events Command Post Command Post for critical incident and search warrant operation Transporting equipment to concerts, events, critical incidents or pre-planned operations.
10	Specialized Firearms / Ammunition (Less than .50 Caliber)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Search for a wanted subject and SWAT deployment- Not Fired
12	* Noise Flash Diversionary Device and Chemical Munitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWAT deployment – Not Ignited
14	* Kinetic Energy Weapons and Munitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWAT deployment – Not Fired Patrol operations – Not Fired

Used for Training or Certification

Category	Equipment
1	Drones, Robot
5	Command and Control Vehicles
10	Specialized Firearms and Ammunition of less than .50 caliber
7, 12	Battering Rams, Noise Flash Diversionary Device, Explosive Breaching and Chemical Munitions
14	Kinetic Energy Weapons and Specialty Munitions

Summary of 2023 Equipment Use

Not Used

Category	Equipment
8, 9 and 10	Some Specialized Firearms and Ammunition (surplus and .50 Cal)
14	Some Kinetic Energy Weapons and Specialty Munitions (Sage 37 mm)



Summary of Equipment Purchases for 2023

Category	Equipment
1	Replacement Drones (2) \$40,144
1	Additional Drones – Interior (2) \$13,694
12	Chemical Munitions - \$761
14	.68 Caliber Projectiles - \$750



Summary of Equipment Purchase Requests

• <u>Replacement</u> (estimate) of existing equipment for 2024	
• 50 Caliber Ammunition	\$900
• Explosive breaching equipment	\$1,000
• .308 ammunition	\$1,500
• 12-Gauge Bean Bag (Less Lethal) Projectiles	\$3,000
• Noise Flash Diversionary Device	\$5,000
• Chemical Munitions (used/expired)	\$5,000
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$16,400</u>

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Summary of Equipment Purchase Requests

- New Equipment Requests for 2024
 - 40 mm Single Shot Sponge Round Launchers \$50,433
 - 40 mm Sponge Less Lethal Projectiles \$15,700
 - Total** **\$66,133**

- Continual assessment of equipment needs
- In 2023, the equipment was minimally used operationally
 - Predominant use was for training and certification
- No complaints, concerns, and one policy violation resulting in discipline.

- Receive feedback from PSAB and the public
- Deliver AB 481 presentation to City Council May 14, 2024
 - Including PSAB and public comment
- Request City Council adopt Ordinance No. 7.22, approving MVPD Policy 709: Military Equipment