

# Military Equipment

## 705.1 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).

### 705.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include (Government Code § 7070):

**Governing body** – The elected or appointed body that oversees the 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.
- TASER® Shockwave, microwave weapons, water cannons, and long-range acoustic devices (LRADs).
- Kinetic energy weapons and munitions.
- Any other equipment as determined by a governing body or a state agency to require additional oversight.

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### **705.2 POLICY**

It is the policy of the Mono County Sheriff's Department that members of this office comply with the provisions of Government Code § 7071 with respect to military equipment.

### **705.3 MILITARY EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR**

The Sheriff should designate a member of this office 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 office equipment that qualifies as military equipment in the current possession of the Office, or the equipment the Office 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 Mono County Sheriff's Department (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 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 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 Office will respond in a timely manner.

### **705.4 MILITARY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY**

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

[See attachment: Military Equipment Inventory Attachment.pdf](#)

### **705.5 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 office website at least 30 days prior to any public hearing concerning the military equipment at issue (Government Code § 7071). The military

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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 office.
- (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.

### **705.6 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.

### **705.7 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 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 office inventory.

### **705.8 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Within 30 days of submitting and publicly releasing the annual report, the Office shall hold at least one well-publicized and conveniently located community engagement meeting, at which the Office should discuss the report and respond to public questions regarding the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment.

## Attachments

## Military Equipment Inventory Attachment.pdf

### **Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (drone)**

Description, quantity, capabilities, and purchase cost:

DJI Mavic 2 Enterprise (Dual) Unmanned Aerial System (1)

UAS with a secondary camera for either infrared light or 2x Optical Zoom. Capable of attaching an audible loudspeaker and/or spotlight. Weighs 899g with approximately 25-30 minutes of flight time.

Cost: \$3,500

Purpose:

To be deployed when its view would assist with the following situations, which include but are not limited to:

- i. Major collision investigations.
- ii. Search for missing persons.
- iii. Natural disaster management.
- iv. Crime scene photography.
- v. SWAT, tactical or other public safety and life preservation missions.
- vi. In response to specific requests from local, state, or federal fire authorities for other incidents such as, but not limited, fire response and/or prevention.

Authorized Use:

Authorized uses of the UAS include, but not limited to:

- i. Response to a public safety emergency
- ii. Search and Rescue
- iii. Investigating suspicious or explosive devices
- iv. Natural disaster response and management
- v. Crime scene documentation
- vi. Recovery of decedent
- vii. Qualifying law enforcement mutual aid

Expected Lifespan:

3-5 years

Fiscal Impact:

Total ongoing yearly cost for equipment used in the program is estimated to be \$500.

Training:

All Sheriff's Office UAS pilots must obtain a FAA Part 107 (Remote Pilot) license before being allowed to operate a UAS. The Sheriff's Office facilitates approximately 8 hours of ongoing monthly training for UAS pilots.

Legal and Procedural Rules:

Use is established under Sheriff's Office Policy 606 and FAA Regulation 14 CFR Part 107.

It is the policy of this agency to utilize UAS only for official law enforcement purposes, and in a manner that respects the privacy of our community, pursuant to State and Federal law.

### **Ammunition**

Description, quantity, capabilities, and purchase cost:

The Sheriff's Office utilizes the following patrol rifle ammunition

- i. Winchester "Ranger" Centerfire Cartridges, .223 55gr (10,340 rounds)  
primary duty round  
Cost: \$1.13 per round
- ii. Winchester "Ranger" Centerfire Cartridges, 5.56 caliber 62gr (680 rounds)  
primary duty round  
Cost: \$1.13 per round

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### Purpose:

To be used as precision weapons to address a threat with more precision and/or greater distances than a handgun, if present and feasible.

### Authorized Use:

The procedural rule for ammunition is listed in Sheriff's Office Policy 306.3.7.

### Expected Lifespan:

No expiration dates

### Fiscal Impact:

No annual cost to maintain

### Training

Prior to using a rifle, officers must be certified by POST instructors in the operation of the rifle. Additionally, all members that operate any rifle are required to pass a range qualification annually.

### Legal and Procedural Rules

Use is established under Sheriff's Office Policy. It is the policy of this agency to utilize rifles only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force.

## **Specialized Firearms**

### Description, quantity, capabilities, and purchase cost:

The Sheriff's Office utilizes the following rifles

- i. Colt M4 CQB Semi-Automatic .223 Rem / 556 NATO (24)  
Patrol rifle  
Cost: \$1,275 each
- ii. Colt M4 Commando Semi-Automatic .223 Rem / 556 NATO (2)  
Patrol rifle  
Cost: \$1,200 each
- iii. Colt AR-15 Semi-Automatic .223 Rem / 556 NATO (4)  
Patrol rifle  
Cost: \$1,000 each
- iv. SOCOM 2 Series Sound Suppressor, Caliber 5.56mm  
Sound suppressor  
Cost: \$950 each

### Purpose:

To be used as a precision weapon to address a threat with more precision and/or greater distance than a handgun or shotgun.

### Authorized Use:

The procedural rules for firearms are listed in Sheriff's Office Policy 306.

### Expected Lifespan:

15 years

### Fiscal Impact:

Annual maintenance cost of approximately \$100 per rifle

### Training

Prior to using a rifle, officers must be certified by POST instructors in the operation of the rifle. Additionally, all members that operate any rifle are required to pass a range qualification twice a year.

### Legal and Procedural Rules

Use is established under Sheriff's Office Policy 306. It is the policy of this agency to utilize rifles only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force.

**Firearms or Firearm Accessory**

Description, quantity, capabilities, and purchase cost:

Def-Tech (Defense Technologies) 40 MM Launchers (4)

40MM launchers are a single shot break-open frame launcher with a fixed stock. These launchers are used to launch soft foam projectiles and chemical agent projectiles.

Cost: \$1,000 each

Purpose:

The launcher is used to launch chemical agent projectiles during high-risk incidents to resolve the conflict with less lethal measures. The soft foam projectiles can be further used to port windows after chemical agents have been deployed.

Authorized Use:

Deputies utilizing the 40mm launcher are trained in their use by POST certified chemical agent instructors.

Expected Lifespan:

25 years

Fiscal Impact:

No annual maintenance

Training

Deputies utilizing the 40mm launchers are trained in their use by POST certified chemical agent instructors annually.

Legal and Procedural Rules

Use is established under Sheriff's Office Policy. It is the policy of this agency to utilize 40mm launchers only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force.

**Firearms or Firearm Accessory**

Description, quantity, capabilities, and purchase cost:

Tippmann 98 Custom Platinum Series Pepper Ball Launcher (3) and associated ammunition System that uses high pressure air to deliver powder projectiles (similar to a paint ball delivery system). It is a non-lethal option to deliver chemical agents and kinetic energy impacts to subjects in a potentially violent encounter.

Cost: \$170 each

Purpose:

To limit the escalation of conflict where employment of lethal force is prohibited or undesirable. Situations for use of the less lethal weapon systems may include but are not limited to:

- i. Self-destructive, dangerous and/or combative individuals.
- ii. Riot/crowd control
- iii. Circumstances where a tactical advantage can be obtained.

Authorized Use:

Only those who have been trained in the use of Pepper Ball launchers are authorized to use the Pepper Ball launchers.

Expected Lifespan:

20 years

Fiscal Impact:

No annual maintenance

Training

Correctional Officers and deputies utilizing Pepper Ball launchers are trained in their use by POST certified less lethal and/or chemical agent instructors on an annual basis.



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### Legal and Procedural Rules

Use is established under Sheriff's Office Policy. It is the policy of this agency to utilize Pepper Ball launchers only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force.

### **Flashbangs**

#### Description, quantity, capabilities, and purchase cost:

Distraction Device Low Roll Reloadable (10)

A Noise Flash Diversionary Devices (NFDD) is a device that creates a bright flash and loud sound to temporarily divert the attention of subjects in the immediate area. NFDD are used to distract and temporarily incapacitate dangerous suspects by overwhelming their senses of vision and hearing. The distraction allows deputies to seize a moment of opportunity to take control of high-risk situations.

Cost: \$100 each

#### Purpose:

To produce atmospheric over-pressure and brilliant white light, which, as a result, can cause short-term (6 - 8 seconds) physiological/psychological sensory deprivation to give deputies a tactical advantage. To be used as a less lethal measure to gain compliance during high risk operations.

#### Authorized Use:

Diversionary Devices shall only be used:

- i. By deputies who have been trained in their proper use.
- ii. In hostage and barricaded subject situations.
- iii. In high-risk warrant (search/arrest) services
- iv. During other high-risk situations where their use would enhance officer safety.
- v. During training exercises.

#### Expected Lifespan:

5 years

#### Fiscal Impact:

No annual maintenance.

#### Training

Deputies utilizing the Flashbangs are trained in their use by POST certified instructors.

### Legal and Procedural Rules

Use is established under Sheriff's Office Policy. It is the policy of this agency to utilize these devices only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force.

### **Tear Gas**

#### Description, quantity, capabilities, and purchase cost:

Chemical agent munitions, which are commonly referred to as "tear gas," are used as a non-lethal tool to disperse rioting suspects and on barricaded suspects. This agency uses chemical agents which are used by law enforcement across the United States: CS (2-Chlorobenzylidenemalononitrile), CN (chloroacetophenone). and OC (Oleoresin Capsicum). CS and CN are irritating agents and lachrymator (irritates the eyes and causes tears to flow). OC is an inflammatory agent which causes involuntary closure of eyes (open in 2-5 minutes) and respiratory inflammation (subsides in approximately 2 minutes).

- i. CS Han Ball Grenade (21)
- ii. OC Rubber Ball Grenade (26)
- iii. CS Rubber Ball Grenade (14)

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- iv. CN Rubber Ball Grenade (30)
- v. CS Spede Heat (24)
- vi. CS Red Smoke (2)
- vii. CS Flameless Tri Chamber (2)
- viii. OC Flameless Expulsion (10)
- ix. CS Instantaneous Blast (1)
- x. OC Instantaneous Blast (1)
- xi. OC Direct Impact (orange top) 40MM (60)
- xii. OC Exact Impact (blue top) 40MM (40)
- xiii. OC 40MM Ferret (8)
- xiv. CS Liquid 40MM (22)
- xv. CS Powder 40MM (83)

### Purpose:

To limit the escalation of conflict where employment of lethal force is prohibited or undesirable. Situations for use of the less lethal weapon systems may include, but are not limited to:

- i. Self-destructive, dangerous and/or combative individuals.
- ii. Riot/crowd control and civil unrest incidents.
- iii. Circumstances where a tactical advantage can be obtained.
- iv. Potentially vicious animals.
- v. Training exercises or approved demonstrations.

### Authorized Use:

Only officers who have received POST certification in the use chemical agents are authorized to use them.

### Expected Lifespan:

Each of the described items has a life expectancy of 5 years.

### Fiscal Impact:

There are no annual maintenance costs. Items are replaced as they expire. Pricing is dependent on how many units need to be replaced but will average approximately \$1,000 per year.

### Training

Deputies utilizing chemical agents are trained in their use by POST certified instructors.

### Legal and Procedural Rules

Use is established under Sheriff's Office Policy. It is the policy of this agency to utilize chemical agents only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force.