

The County of Yuba

Sheriff-Coroner



TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Sheriff-Coroner: Ordinance - Hold public hearing, waive second reading, and adopt ordinance reaffirming Chapter 2.155 adopting a Military Equipment Use Policy to Title II (Administration) of the Yuba County Ordinance Code, and receive annual report for 2023. (Roll Call Vote) (Five minute estimate)

DATE: July 23, 2024

NUMBER: 375/2024

Recommendation:

Adopt Yuba County Sheriff's Office Military Equipment Use Annual Report for 2023. The Military Equipment Use Annual Report was placed on the Yuba County Sheriff's Office website for public comment on May 23, 2024. A public meeting will be held June 20th at 1600 hours at the Yuba County Sheriff's Office Community room for public comment.

Reaffirm the Military Equipment Use Policy (706) of the Yuba County Sheriff's Office. The Policy is continuously posted to the Yuba County Sheriff's Office website for public comment.

Background & Discussion:

Assembly Bill 481, codified at Government Code sections 7070 through 7075 requires a law enforcement agency (LEA) to obtain approval from the applicable governing body, via adoption of a "military equipment" use policy (the Policy) by ordinance (the Ordinance), prior to the LEA funding, acquiring, or using military equipment. The Assembly Bill also requires an annual report of the use of "military equipment". The Yuba County Sheriff's Office (YCSO) seeks the County Board of Supervisors adoption of the attached Military Equipment Annual Report as required by the government code and Yuba County Sheriff's policy.

YCSO is committed to using the most up to date tools and equipment to safeguard the citizens of Yuba County. Many of items deemed to be "military equipment" by AB 481 are in fact employed by YCSO,

and LEA's across the country, in order to specifically reduce risk to community members. These items provide peace officers with the ability to safely resolve volatile situations which otherwise might rise to the level of a lethal force encounter. To that end, the items at issue in this report, and accompanying Military Equipment Use Policy, also provide Yuba County Sheriff's Office personnel with vital tools that facilitate compliance with its stringent use of force policy.

Policy Considerations: The County of Yuba has a long-standing commitment of ensuring the Yuba County Sheriff's Office has equipment necessary to safeguard the lives of the citizens of Yuba County.

Economic Impacts: None.

Environmental Considerations: Not applicable.

Sustainability: There are no sustainability considerations associated with this report.

Commission/Committee Action: N/A

Rationale for Recommendation: There is significant interest in ensuring that law enforcement continues to have access to equipment that will provide peace officers as many options as possible to safeguard lives, ensure safety, and protect civil liberties. The use of the tools identified below are vital to YCSO's mission and will continue to be strictly regulated through internal processes and oversight.

Committee Action:

None. This request is brought directly to the full Board of Supervisors for consideration.

Fiscal Impact:

No funding commitment at this time.

Attachments:

375/2024 Ordinance

375/2024 Yuba County Sheriff's Policy 706 Military Equipment

375/2024 Annual Report 2023