Yuba County Sheriff's Department

Military Equipment Annual Report

2024-2025

On May 24, 2022, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors adopted Yuba County Ordinance 2.155 under California Assembly Bill No. 481 (AB 481), which was codified under Title II of the Yuba County Ordinance Code. AB 481 is codified under Chapter 12.8, Division 7 of Title 1 of the California Government Code, commencing with section 7070. The legislative intent behind AB 481 was to increase the public transparency by which California law enforcement agencies fund, acquire, and use "military equipment."

Ordinance 2.155 requires the Sheriff's Department to obtain Board of Supervisors approval before taking specific actions relating to the funding, acquisition, and/or use of equipment defined by the ordinance as "military equipment." The term "military equipment," as used in Ordinance 2.155, does not necessarily indicate equipment used by the military. The majority of the equipment defined by this ordinance and possessed by the Sheriff's Department is employed by most law enforcement agencies across the country to enhance citizen and officer safety. In addition, Ordinance 2.155 requires the Sheriff's Department to submit an annual military equipment report to the Board of Supervisors for as long as the military equipment is available for use. The Board of Supervisors approved Sheriff's Department Military Equipment Use Policy 706, which allows the Sheriff's Department to purchase military equipment items outlined in this policy as needed to meet department needs.

The Sheriff's Department shall make each annual military equipment report publicly available on the department website for as long as the military equipment is available for use and hold a community engagement meeting within 30 days of posting the report to the department website. The report shall include the following information for the immediately preceding calendar year:

1. A summary of how the military equipment was used and the purpose for 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 Sheriff's Department Military Equipment Use Policy 706, and any actions taken in response.
4. The total annual cost for each type of military equipment and the source of funds to cover such expenses.
5. The quantity possessed for each type of military equipment.
6. Whether there is intent to acquire additional military equipment in the next year, and if so, the quantity sought for each type of equipment.

As this ordinance was adopted on May 24, 2022, this report shall cover the period From May 1st, 2024, through May 1st, 2025.

Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)

- The Sheriff's Department currently has seven (7) unmanned aircraft systems (UAS). This equipment is utilized by the Sheriff's Department Patrol, Search and Rescue and SWAT team to remotely gain visual/audio data, open doors, and clear buildings without exposing deputies to hazardous and/or dangerous situations. They may be deployed for Search and Rescue operations to assist personnel in rescuing individuals in dangerous conditions and locating missing persons. They may be deployed during high-risk situations such as searches for wanted subjects, barricaded subjects, and hostage rescues. They may also be used to inspect hazardous materials, possible explosive devices, and other hazardous situations.

- Usage
  - **(12)** Twelve times for calls for service related to SWAT Operations.
  - (**126**) One Hundred Twenty-Six times for calls for service in Patrol or Investigations.
  - **(6)** Six times for Search and Rescue.

- Equipment Costs
  - Approximately $1,200 was used to purchase one (1) DJI Avata drone (UAS) for FY 23-24.
  - There were no training costs specifically allotted for this equipment because any cost related to training is incorporated into the existing Patrol training budget.

- There were no complaints received regarding the use of the above listed equipment.
- There were no discoveries of any inappropriate use of the above listed equipment.

- The Sheriff's Department intends to purchase two additional DJI Matrice 4T UAS's from the existing 2025-2026 fiscal budget. The additional equipment will be purchased to replace damaged or inoperable equipment and increase operational capabilities. The additional equipment costs will be provided in the 2025-2026 Military Equipment Annual Report.

Armored Vehicles

- The Sheriff's Department has one Lenco Bearcat armored vehicle. This vehicle is used during critical incidents to support tactical operations and provide safe transport, security, and rescue of department personnel and members of the public. This vehicle may also be used during disaster-related emergencies, search and rescue operations, and terrorism preparedness, protection, and response.

- The Sheriff's Department has one Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicle (MRAP)(acquired via LESO 1033 program). This vehicle is used during critical incidents to

support tactical operations and provide safe transport, security, and rescue of department personnel and members of the public. This vehicle may also be used during disaster-related emergencies, search and rescue operations, and terrorism preparedness, protection, and response.

- Lenco Bearcat Usage
    - Ten (10) times to support Law Enforcement Operations related to community events/demonstrations.
    - Seven (17) times to support Law Enforcement Operations related to barricaded subjects and search warrant services.

- MRAP Usage
    - One (1) instance where the MRAP was utilized during this time period.

- Equipment Costs
- There were no equipment costs on the above vehicles during this time period.
- There were no training costs associated to this equipment for this time period.
- There were no discoveries of any inappropriate use of the above listed equipment.
- There were no complaints received regarding the use of the above listed equipment

Command-and-Control Vehicles

- The Sheriff's Department utilizes three (3) command and control vehicles. These vehicles are deployed during critical incidents, search and rescue operations, and pre-staged events to transport specialized equipment, provide a mobile office, shelter, and access to Sheriff's Office computer systems.

- Usage:
- Mobile Command Vehicle
    - Thirteen (13) times to support Law Enforcement services at the Toyota Amphitheater Concerts.
- Crisis Negotiations Team Trailer
    - Three (2) times to assist SWAT with barricaded subjects/high-risk search warrant operations
- SWAT Equipment Vehicle
    - Seventeen (17) times to assist in SWAT related incidents

- Equipment Costs
    - Approximately $803.35 was spent on equipment, service, and repairs for the SWAT Equipment Truck during this period.
    - The Sheriff's Department spent $14,287.16 on equipment, services and repairs for the Mobile Command Vehicle during this period.
    - There were no training costs associated with this equipment.
    - The annual costs during this period associated with the purchase and maintenance for the above listed equipment derived from the Sheriff's Department budget FY 2024-2025.

- There were no complaints received regarding the use of this equipment
- There were no discoveries of any inappropriate use of this equipment

Less Lethal Launchers and Munitions

- 40/37 MM Less Lethal Launchers and Rounds

- The Sheriff's Department currently has eight (8) 40mm single less lethal launchers, one hundred and twenty five (125) Combined Systems 40mm Less Lethal Munition 4557 rounds, thirty (30) Combined Systems 40mm Liquid CS munition 4330. These launchers are less lethal tools designed to be used from a distance to compel potentially violent suspects to cease dangerous actions and/or comply with arrest.

- The Sheriff's Department currently has one (1) 37mm Sage Multi-launcher, twenty five (25) SAGE CONTROL ORDANANCE, 37MM IMPACT BATON, #KO1

- **Usage**
  - There were no instances where these items were deployed during this period.

- **Equipment Costs**
  - Approximately $945 from the Sheriff's Department fiscal year 2023-2024 budget was spent on purchasing one additional 40mm single launcher. These launchers are to be issued to trained Sheriff's Department personnel in the continued effort to provide additional less lethal tools to assist in de-escalation and to replace aging or broken equipment.

  - The Sheriff's Department spent $1,582.22 on training costs during this time period.

- There were no complaints received regarding the use of this equipment.
- There were no discoveries of any inappropriate use of this equipment.

- The Sheriff's Office intends to purchase additional 40mm rounds for the fiscal 2024-2025 budget. The additional 40mm rounds will be purchased for issuance of rounds used during training or in field operations. The actual number of 40mm rounds purchased will be provided in the 2024-2025 Military Equipment Annual Report

- Less Lethal Shotguns
- The Sheriff's Department currently Fifty one (51) Less Lethal Shotguns. These shotguns are less lethal tools designed to be used from a distance to compel potentially violent suspects to cease dangerous actions and/or comply with arrest.

- Usage
  - There were no instances where the less lethal shotguns were deployed in the

field.

- Equipment Costs
    - There were no new costs related to this equipment.
    - There were no training costs as the training for this equipment is incorporated into the existing department training budget.

- There were no complaints received regarding the use of this equipment.
- There were no discoveries of any inappropriate use of this equipment.

- The Sheriff's Department intend to purchase additional less lethal shotguns and munitions from the 2024-2025 fiscal budget to meet needed inventory requirements. The actual number of lethal shotguns and munitions purchased will be provided in the 2024-2025 Military Equipment Annual Report.

Gas Launching Cups

- The Sheriff's Department currently has one (1) gas launching cup. Gas grenade launching cups are devices designed to attach to the muzzle of a shotgun. They are used to deploy various types of less lethal or special-purpose munitions during crowd control, riot control, and other situations where less-lethal force is required.

- Usage
    - There were no instances of a grenade launching cup utilized during this period.
- Equipment Costs

    - There were no new costs related to this equipment.
    - There were no training costs as the training for this equipment is incorporated into existing SWAT team training.

- There were no complaints received regarding the use of this equipment.
- There were no discoveries of any inappropriate use of this equipment.
- There is no current intent to seek additional equipment in this category.

Distraction Devices (Noise Flash Diversionary Devices)

- The Sheriff's Department SWAT team currently has twenty-five (25) Combined Tactical systems mini flashbangs and ten (10) Combined Tactical System 7290-9 flashbangs. These distraction devices produce a loud "bang" and white light to cause short-term physiological/psychological sensory overload. SWAT teams utilize distraction devices to provide a tactical advantage during critical incidents such as high-risk search warrants, arrests of armed and violent subjects, and hostage rescues.
- Usage
    - Six (6) times during the service of a high-risk search warrant by SWAT.
    - Eleven (11) times during training.
- Equipment Costs
    - There were no new costs related to this equipment.

  - The Sheriff's Department spent $3,114.22 in training costs during this time period.
- There were no complaints received regarding the use of this equipment.
- There were no discoveries of any inappropriate use of this equipment.
- The Sheriff's Office SWAT teams intends to purchase additional distraction devices from the existing 2024-2025 fiscal budget to meet needed inventory requirements. The actual number of distraction devices purchased will be provided in the 2023-2024 Military Equipment Annual Report.

Rifles

- The Sheriff's Department currently has sixty three (63) Colt M4 Carbine EPR (enhanced patrol rifles), fifteen (15) Colt M4 Monolithic LE6940 rifles, eight (8) Colt M4 LE6920 rifles, 18 Colt AR15A2 Government Carbine rifles, five (5) Colt M4 Commando rifles, eight (8) Cobalt CK-Pro rifles and two (2) .308 caliber rifles. These are precision weapons intended to address a deadly threat with more accuracy from a greater distance than a handgun, such as an encounter with an armed barricaded suspect. They also provide greater penetration of soft body armor than a handgun.

- Usage
  - There has been no instances where these rifles were used in the field during this period.
  - These rifles were used in a training capacity only during this time period.

- Equipment Costs

  - There were no additional equipment costs associated during this time period.
  - There were no additional costs associated as additional training for this equipment was incorporated into existing training and range qualifications.

- There were no complaints received regarding the use of this equipment.
- There were no discoveries of any inappropriate use of this equipment.

- The Sheriff's Office intends to purchase approximately five (5) additional Colt M4 Carbine EPR (enhanced patrol rifles) rifles and one (1) additional .308 caliber rifle and rifle optics from the existing 2024-2025 fiscal budget. The additional rifles will be purchased in a continued effort to provide trained deputies with precision weapons to address threats with greater accuracy.

Chemical Agents and Smoke Canisters

- The Sheriff's Department maintains several types of chemical agents and smoke canisters, which are less-lethal tools used to compel violent/armed and barricaded suspects to comply when circumstances are too hazardous for deputies to approach them. Chemical agents and smoke canisters may also be used against members of

riotous crowds and jail-related riots to defend against a threat to life or serious bodily injury or to bring an objectively dangerous and unlawful situation safely and effectively under control. The Sheriff's Department currently has approximately sixty one (61) chemical agent and smoke canisters.

- The Sheriff's Department is in possession of two (2) Tippman Carbine SX Pepper Ball Launchers, eighty seven (87) Live Pepper ball projectiles with 2% PAVA pepper powder, and four hundred and eleven (411) Pepper ball training inert projectiles. These launchers are less lethal tools designed to be used from a distance to compel potentially violent offenders to cease dangerous actions and/or comply with arrest.

- Usage
    - There were no instances of chemical agents or smoke canisters being utilized during this specific period.

- Equipment Costs
    - There were no new costs related to this equipment.
    - The Sheriff's Department spent $4,572.00 on training costs during this time period.
- There were no complaints received regarding the use of this equipment.
- There were no discoveries of any inappropriate use of this equipment.

- The Sheriff's Department SWAT Team intends to purchase additional chemical agents and smoke canisters from the existing 2024-2025 fiscal budget to meet needed inventory requirements. The actual number of chemical agents and smoke canisters purchased will be provided in the 2024-2025 Military Equipment Annual Report.

Kinetic Breaching/Breaching Tools

- The Sheriff's Department has an inventory of specialized 12-gauge copper breaching rounds utilized to breach doors, windows, and other locking components.
- Usage
    - There were no instances of 12-gauge breaching rounds during this period.

- Equipment Costs
    - There were no new costs related to this equipment.
    - The Sheriff's Department spent $1,100.00 on training costs to incorporate this into SWAT team training.

- There were no complaints received regarding the use of this equipment.
- There were no discoveries of any inappropriate use of this equipment.
- The Sheriff's Department SWAT Team did not purchase any additional Kinetic breaching tools with the 2024-2025 budget.

- The Sheriff's Department SWAT Team intends to purchase additional Kinetic breaching tools from the existing 2025-2026 fiscal budget to meet needed inventory requirements for a kinetic breaching program. The actual number of Kinetic breaching tools purchased will be provided in the 2025-2026 Military Equipment Annual Report.

Any other equipment as determined by a governing body or a state agency to require additional oversight.

- The County of Yuba Board of Supervisors has not identified additional items requiring oversight.