# Yuba County Sheriff's Department

# Military Equipment Annual Report

# 2025-2026

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 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 24, 2025, through May 23, 2026.

**Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)**

- The Sheriff's Department currently has seven (8) 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
  - Ten (10) times for calls for service related to SWAT Operations.
  - One Hundred Forty-Eight (148) times for calls for service in Patrol or Investigations.
  - Five (5) times for Search and Rescue.
- Equipment Costs
  - Approximately $19,000 was awarded to the Sheriff's Department through the YWA Bill Shaw Grant and was used to purchase two (2) DJI Mavic 4T drones (UAS) for FY 25-26
  - There was 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-mentioned equipment.
- There were no discoveries of any inappropriate use of the above-mentioned equipment.

- The Sheriff's Department intends to purchase additional unmanned aerial systems from the existing 2026-2027 fiscal budget. The additional equipment will be purchased to replace damaged or inoperable equipment and increase operational capabilities. The additional equipment purchased will be provided in the 2026-2027 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
    - Fifteen (15) times to support Law Enforcement Operations related to community events/demonstrations.
    - Twenty- Eight (28) times to support Law Enforcement Operations related to barricaded subjects and search warrant services.

- MRAP Usage
    - There have been two (2) incidents where the MRAP was used for Law Enforcement Operations related to barricaded subjects or search warrants.

- Equipment Costs
    - The Sheriff's Department spent $229.67 on maintenance and repairs for the Lenco Bearcat during this time.
    - The Sheriff's Department spent $976.08 on maintenance and repairs for the MRAP during this period.

    - There was no training costs associated to this equipment for this time period.
- There were no discoveries of any inappropriate use of the above-mentioned equipment.
- There were no complaints received regarding the use of the above-mentioned 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
    - Two (2) times to assist SWAT with barricaded subjects/high-risk search warrant operations
- SWAT Equipment Vehicle
    - Twenty-Eight (28) times to assist in SWAT related incidents

- Equipment Costs
    - The Sheriff's Department spent $880.26 on equipment, services and repairs for the Mobile Command Vehicle during this period.

- The Sheriff's Department spent $677.37 on equipment and maintenance on the SWAT Equipment vehicle during this time.

- There was no training costs associated with this equipment.

- 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 (75) Combined Systems 40mm Less Lethal Munition 4557 rounds, thirty (10) 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 two (1) incidents where the 40 MM launcher was deployed during a SWAT operation during this period.

- **Equipment Costs**

  - The Sheriff's Department did not have any additional cost on equipment and training during this time.

- 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 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 Military Equipment Annual Report

- Less Lethal Shotguns
- The Sheriff's Department currently has 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. They are also utilized to mitigate any camera systems during SWAT Operations.

- Usage
    - There were Five (5) incidents where these items were used during the time period.

- Equipment Costs
    - The Sheriff's Department spent $5,337.19 on equipment for the above items during this period.
    - The Sheriff's Department acquired 750 additional rounds of less lethal bean bag rounds for the less lethal shotguns during this time period.
    - 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 intends to purchase additional less lethal shotguns and munitions from the 2026-2027 fiscal budget to meet needed inventory requirements. The actual number of lethal shotguns and munitions purchased will be provided in the 2026-2027 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 was no incidents where this item was used during this period.
- Equipment Costs

    - The were no additional costs associated to this item during the time period.
    - 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 (8) 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
  - Thirteen (14) times during the service of a high-risk search warrant.
  - Eleven (10) times during training.
- Equipment Costs
  - The Sheriff's Department spent $2,437.97 on the purchase of an additional Forty-Two distraction devices during this time period.
  - The Sheriff's Department did not have any additional costs associated with the distraction devices as the training is incorporated into SWAT 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 Office SWAT team intends to purchase additional distraction devices from the existing 2026-2027 fiscal budget to meet needed inventory requirements. The actual number of distraction devices purchased will be provided in the 2026-2027 Military Equipment Annual Report.

**Rifles**

- The Sheriff's Department currently has sixty four (64) 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 (3) .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 have been no incidents where these items were used during this time period.
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- Equipment Costs

  - There was 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 does not intend to purchase any additional rifles during the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

**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 (40) 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 four (4) incidents where these items were used during this time period.

- Equipment Costs
    - There the Sheriff's Department spent $475.00 during this time period on purchasing 10 additional baffled CS chemical agent canisters.
    - The Sheriff's Department had no additional training costs associated with this during the time period as the training is incorporated into department 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 intends to purchase additional chemical agents and smoke canisters from the existing 2026-2027 fiscal budget to meet the necessary inventory requirements. The actual number of chemical agents and smoke canisters purchased will be provided in the 2026-2027 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 did not have any additional costs during this period for this equipment.

- 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 Kinetic breaching tools from the existing 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 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.