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On September 30, 2021, California Governor Gavin Newsom approved Assembly Bill 481, requiring law enforcement agencies to obtain approval from the applicable governing body, by adoption of a military equipment use policy. The Madera County District Attorney's Office is required to seek Board of Supervisors approval of their military equipment use policy at a regular open meeting prior to taking certain actions relating to the funding, acquisition, and use of military equipment.

Assembly Bill 481 allows the governing body to approve the funding, acquisition, and use of military equipment within its jurisdiction, only if it determines that the military equipment meets specified standards. The military equipment use policy is subject to the Board of Supervisors review to determine whether the standards set forth in Assembly Bill 481 have been met, based upon annual military equipment use report.

Finally, assembly Bill 481 requires publication of military equipment use policy and the annual military equipment use report on the department's website.

Assembly Bill 481

California Government Code section 7072 states the following:

- a) A law enforcement agency that receives approval for a military equipment use policy pursuant to Section 7071 shall submit to the governing body an annual military



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equipment report for each type of military equipment approved by the governing body within one year of approval, and annually thereafter for as long as the military equipment is available for use. The law enforcement agency shall also make each annual military equipment report required by this section publicly available on its internet website for as long as the military equipment is available for use. The annual military equipment report shall, at a minimum, include the following information for the immediately preceding calendar year for each type of military equipment:

- 1) A summary of how the military equipment was used and the purpose of 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 military equipment use policy, and any actions taken in response.
- (4) The total annual cost for each type of military equipment, including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs, and from what source funds will be provided for the military equipment in the calendar year following submission of the annual military equipment report.
- 5) The quantity possessed for each type of military equipment.



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(6) If the law enforcement agency intends to acquire additional military equipment in the next year, the quantity sought for each type of military equipment.

(b) Within 30 days of submitting and publicly releasing an annual military equipment report pursuant to this section, the law enforcement agency shall hold at least one well publicized and conveniently located community engagement meeting, at which the public may discuss and ask questions regarding the annual military equipment report and the law enforcement agency's funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment.

In addition to maintaining the highest levels of public safety, The Madera County District Attorney's Office is committed to transparency, public trust, community partnerships, and compliance with the law. As such, the Department has authored the following Annual Military Equipment Use Report in accordance with annual reporting requirements set forth in California Government Code section 7072.

This section outlines the military equipment usage from January 1st to December 31st, 2024. Certain items of military equipment, particularly consumables (ammunition, UAS batteries, etc.) are used throughout the year on a regular basis for training to maintain proficiency. Training usage is not captured in this section. This section only provides data for the operational use of military equipment listed within this Annual Military Equipment Use Report.



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Outreach and Community Engagement

The Madera County District Attorney's Office is committed to improving the trust and confidence between the DA's Office and the community it serves. The Madera County District Attorney's Office uses select military equipment, including UAS, during outreach and community events, as a means of public awareness, transparency, and education. Military equipment may also be displayed during community events as a means of providing a safe environment for the public to enjoy.

This annual military equipment use report outlines a summary of military equipment usage guidelines, inventory, fiscal impact, complaints, and reported concerns from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

The following is the data for Military Equipment Use by category:

Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)

Unmanned Aircraft Systems were utilized a total of seventy-six (76) times from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

Authorized usages:

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

- search for missing persons.
- natural disaster management.
- crime scene photography.



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- SWAT, tactical or other public safety and life preservation missions.
- In response to specific requests from local, state, or federal
- fire authorities for fire response and/or prevention.

Unauthorized usages:

- There have been zero (0) reported violations of the military equipment use policy from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

Carbine Rifle Firearm

Carbine Rifle Firearm was utilized during zero (0) calls for service between January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

Authorized usages:

- The Carbine Rifle firearm is capable of accurately stopping an armed subject at various distances. The Carbine Rifle is a light weight, air-cooled, magazine fed, shoulder fired weapon, designed for semi-automatic and selective fire.

The Carbine Rifle does not have an expiration but will need to be serviced or replaced when the rifle fails or breaks. The .223 cartridges are used as lethal options designed to stop a violent encounter.

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



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Unauthorized usages:

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Inventory by Equipment Type

January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024

Note: The inventory of certain items of consumable military equipment (i.e. ammunition, etc.) frequently fluctuates throughout the year due to operational usage, training usage, operational wear, and/or manufacturer recommended replacement guidelines. While the Madera County District Attorney's Office strives to provide accuracy in its inventory reporting, this report reflects approximations of certain consumable items of military equipment during the period listed above.

Equipment Name and Model/Manufacturer/Quantity

Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)

DJI, Mavic 3E, 1

Carbon Rifle Firearm

- Colt Match Target(Fixed Stock), .223/5.56mm grain, 1
- Colt Match Target (Collapsible Stock), .223/5.56mm grain, 1



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- Colt Sporter (Collapsible Stock), .223/5.56mm grain, 1
- Pending purchase contract with Fowler Police Department for 14- Smith & Wesson, M&P-15 carbon rifles.

FISCAL IMPACT

Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)- Combined annual maintenance, warranty, battery replacement cost, memberships and licenses for all UAS's are approximately \$600.00. This includes the annual \$100.00 drone operator membership, and the semi-annual Federal Aviation Administration licensing fees.

Carbon Rifle Firearm- Combined annual maintenance and ammunition for all are approximately \$1000.00. The Madera County DA'S Office, is actively working on a purchase contract for additional Carbon Rifle Firearms from the City of Fowler. There is a total of 14-S&W rifles, at \$350.00 per rifle, totaling \$4900.00. This \$4900.00 is a one-time purchase cost, and there is no impact on the general fund budget. This will outfit all DA Investigators with proper firearm equipment.

Training Cost Year 2024- Military Equipment Use Training Cost

The use of certain items of military equipment and related special tactics are perishable skills that require ongoing training to maintain proficiency. The courses attended by investigators



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can vary year to year depending on operational needs. Funding sources for training are from the existing shared training budget.

The following are training classes attended by investigators in 2024 and associated costs related to military equipment covered in the annual equipment report:

Mutual Aid Drone Operation

Course Presenter: Fresno County Sheriff's Office

Course Content: This course provides the knowledge, skills, and abilities to instruct drone operators tactics on aerial flights, indoor flying scenarios, following vehicles, and operating as a team function (i.e. Operator vs Spotter).

Cost: No cost, provided by County Law Enforcement Partner

Drone Operation

Course Presenter: Madera County Justice Partners

Course Content: This course provides the knowledge, skills, and abilities to instruct drone operators tactics on aerial flights, indoor flying scenarios, and guidelines for new operators.

Cost: No cost, provided to County Law Enforcement Partners

Firearms/Tactical Rifle

Course Presenter: Madera County Sheriff's Office

Course Content: This course provides the knowledge, skills, and abilities in the deployment and operation of the Tactical Rifle.

Cost: No cost, provided by County Law Enforcement Partner



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Firearms Instructor

Course Presenter: Fresno City College

Course Content: This course provides the knowledge, skills, and abilities to instruct their department members in the use and training of firearms.

Cost: \$129.00/investigator (1- Investigator attended-existing shared training budget)

Arrest/Control/Firearms- PSP

Course Presenter: Fresno PD

Course Content: This course provides the knowledge and abilities of perishable skills deployment in First Aid, CPR, driving, communication, arrest and control and firearms. This course is a bi-annual requirement for Perishable Skills, for the POST 2- year training cycle. This course is required for all sworn staff below Peace Officer Managers. There are exemptions granted for peace officer that transfer to the DA's Office mid- training cycle. The number of investigators attending per cycle, varies based on agency turnover/exemptions.

Cost: \$593.00/investigator (2-investigators attended from the existing shared training budget, totaling \$1186.00).

Maintenance Costs

Maintenance of Military Equipment Supply Levels

The Department may order up to 25% of the existing inventory of consumable items on this list in a calendar year, without Board approval, to maintain a stock available for Department needs. Consumable items include:



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1. .223/.556 ammunition
2. UAS battery replacement
3. UAS software maintenance updates, warranty renewal
4. FAA Semi-annual licensing fees
5. One time Purchase of 14- surplus Carbon Rifle Firearms from the City of Fowler.



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