

California Assembly Bill 481: Military Equipment Funding, Acquisition, and Use

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Staff Introductions



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Agenda



- What is Assembly Bill 481?
- “Military Equipment” Defined and Categorized
- San Leandro Police Inventory by Category
- How We’ve Used the “Military Equipment”
- The Impact of Assembly Bill 481 on San Leandro
- Recommendation



What is Assembly Bill 481?



- Signed into law by Governor Newsom on September 30, 2021
- Increases transparency, accountability and oversight for funding, acquisition and use of specified equipment
- Provides safeguards to protect public welfare, safety, and civil liberties
- Defines and categorizes “military equipment”
- Requires law enforcement agencies possessing “military equipment” to seek City Council approval for the procurement and continued use of such equipment
- Requires an annual report to summarize usage, updates and internal audits





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- Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles (Category 1)
- Mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicles or armored personnel carriers (Category 2)
- 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 (Category 3)
- Tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection to their occupants (Category 4)
- Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units (Category 5)
- Weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind (Category 6)
- Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature (Category 7)
- Firearms of .50 caliber or greater (Category 8) |
- Ammunition of .50 caliber or greater (Category 9)
- Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber (Category 10)
- Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles (Category 11)
- Noise-flash diversionary devices and explosive breaching tools, munitions containing tear gas or OC, excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray (Category 12)
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SLPD Military Equipment - Categorized

Category 1

- Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles
 - Tactical Robot
 - Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

Category 2 & 3

- Mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicles or armored personnel carriers (Cat 2)
 - MedEvac Armored Personnel Carrier
- 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 (Cat 3)
 - Battering ram attached to the MedEvac Armored Personnel Carrier

Category 5

- Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units
 - Mobile Command Post
 - Mobile Hostage Negotiations Team Operation Command Vehicle

Category 7

- Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature
 - Breaching Shotguns
 - Breaching Rounds



SLPD Military Equipment - Categorized

Category 10

- Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber
 - AR-15 Rifles
 - .308 Sniper Rifle
 - Rifle Ammunition

Category 11

- Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles
 - Bean Bag Shotgun
 - 40MM Launcher

Category 12

- Noise-flash diversionary devices and explosive breaching tools, munitions containing tear gas or OC, excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray
 - Flash Bangs
 - Chemical Agents

Category 14

- Kinetic energy weapons and munitions
 - 40MM Tactical Launcher
 - Bean Bag Shotgun
 - Bean Bags

How We've Used Military Equipment





Assembly Bill 481 Impact on San Leandro

- **With City Council approval:**
 - The Department will continue to have access and utilize the resources and equipment currently in our possession
 - Current policies and procedures would remain in effect
 - Staff will be required to implement all provisions of Assembly Bill 481
- **Without City Council approval:**
 - The Department will be required to stop using equipment outlined in Assembly Bill AB 481
 - The Department will be required to redesign policies, procedures and responses to critical incidents, including providing mutual and emergency aid
 - Public safety will be negatively impacted

Recommendation



- Approve and adopt the Military Equipment Funding, Acquisition, and Use Policy
- Add Chapter 4-42 “Military Equipment Funding, Acquisition, and Use Policy to Title 4. “Public Welfare” of the Municipal Code