

California Assembly Bill 481: Military Equipment Funding, Acquisition, and Use Policy 2025 Annual Update – Community Police Review Board, April 15, 2026

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Agenda

- Assembly Bill 481 Overview
- “Military Equipment” Defined and Categorized
- San Leandro Police Inventory by Category
- How We Used the “Military Equipment”
- Concerns
- Policy Violations



Assembly Bill 481 Overview



- 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, community concerns and internal audits/policy violations





Military Equipment – Defined and Categorized

- 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)
- Area denial electroshock devices, microwave weapons, water cannons, and long-range acoustic devices (Category 13)
- Kinetic energy weapons and munitions (Category 14)
- Any other equipment as determined by a governing body or a state agency to require additional oversight (Category 15)

*Highlighted represents SLPD existing PD Equipment



SLPD Military Equipment - Categorized

Category 1

- Tactical Robot
- Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV, also known as “drone”)

Category 2 & 3

- MedEvac Armored Personnel Carrier (Category 2)
- Battering ram attached to the MedEvac Armored Personnel Carrier (Category 3)

Category 5

- Mobile Command Post
- Mobile Hostage Negotiations Team Operation Command Vehicle

Category 7

- Kinetic Breach Tool



SLPD Military Equipment - Categorized

Category 10

- AR-15 Rifles
- .308 Sniper Rifle
- Rifle Ammunition

Category 11

- Bean Bag Shotgun
- 40MM Launcher

Category 12

- Diversionary Device (Flash Bangs)
- Chemical Agents

Category 14

- 40MM Tactical Launcher
- Bean Bag Shotgun
- Bean Bags

Military Equipment Usage in 2025



* Non-training settings January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025



SLPD Military Equipment – Category I

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

- 65 Deployments
 - Warrant Service
 - Wanted Person
 - Missing Persons
 - Scene Mapping
- Search for:
 - Armed Individuals
 - Assault Suspects
 - Burglary Suspects
 - Theft Suspects
 - Robbery Suspects
 - Attempt/Murder Suspect
 - Evidence Retrieval



SLPD Military Equipment – Category 2 & 3

MedEvac Armored Vehicle

- 19 Tactical Deployments
 - Barricaded Subjects
 - Armed Subject
 - Shooting
 - Warrant Service
- 4 Community Events



SLPD Military Equipment – Category 5

Mobile
Command
Post

- 0 Deployments

Mobile
Hostage
Negotiations
Command
Vehicle

- 3 Deployments
 - Warrant Service



SLPD Military Equipment – Category 12

Bean Bag Shotgun

- 5 Deployments (17 device launches)
 - Assault with a Deadly Weapon Suspect (2 rounds)
 - Warrant Service – Disable Cameras (2 rounds)
 - Warrant Service – Disable Cameras (7 rounds)
 - Barricaded Assault With a Deadly Weapon Suspect – Window Port (3 rounds)
 - Armed Burglary Suspect – Window Port (3 rounds)

Diversionsary Device

- 2 Deployments
 - Warrant Service

Community Complaints or Concerns Received

- None

Military Equipment Related Policy Violations

- None

2025 Acquisitions – Category 7

- (2) Aardvark Kinetic Breaching Tool (KBT) Model: 3-1000
 - AB 481 Approved Purchase in 2025
 - \$28,077.50 (Approx. \$14,039 each)

2025 Removals– Category 7

- (4) Remington 870 Express Breaching Shotguns
 - Royal Arms T.E.S.A.R. -1 Orange Cap Breach Rounds
 - Royal Arms T.E.S.A.R. - 2 Black Cap Breach Rounds

Request for 2025

- None

SLPD Assembly Bill 481 Website

- Current Policy
- Current Inventory
- <https://www.sanleandro.org/1077/Assembly-Bill-481>