
Military Equipment

707.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the approval, acquisition, and reporting requirements of military equipment (Government Code § 7070; Government Code § 7071; Government Code § 7072).

707.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include (Government Code § 7070):

Governing body – The elected or appointed body that oversees the Department.

Military equipment – Includes but is not limited to the following:

- Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles.
- Mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers.
- 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.
- Tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection to their occupants.
- Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units.
- Weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind.
- Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature. This does not include a handheld, one-person ram.
- Firearms and ammunition of .50 caliber or greater, excluding standard-issue shotguns and standard-issue shotgun ammunition.
- Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including firearms and accessories identified as assault weapons in Penal Code § 30510 and Penal Code § 30515, with the exception of standard-issue service weapons.
- Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles.
- Noise-flash diversionary devices and explosive breaching tools.
- Munitions containing tear gas or OC, excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray.
- Area denial electroshock devices, microwave weapons, water cannons, long-range acoustic devices (LRADs), acoustic hailing devices, and sound cannons.
- Kinetic energy weapons and munitions.
- Any other equipment as determined by a governing body or a state agency to require additional oversight.

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707.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement Division that members of this department comply with the provisions of Government Code § 7073 with respect to military equipment.

707.3 MILITARY EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES

The Chief of Law Enforcement or designee should ensure the following conditions are met:

- (a) Identifying department equipment that qualifies as military equipment in the current possession of the Department, or the equipment the Department intends to acquire.
- (b) Conducting an inventory of all military equipment at least annually.
- (c) Collaborating with any allied agency that may use military equipment within the jurisdiction of California Department of Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement Division (Government Code § 7073(a)(4)).
- (d) Publish the military equipment use policy on the department website (Government Code § 7073(c)(1)).
- (e) Provide a copy of the military equipment use policy to the Governor or the Governor's designee (Government Code § 7073(c)(2)).
- (f) Review all complaints, questions and concerns about the Law Enforcement Division's use of military equipment, and respond in a timely manner. Complaints, questions and concerns may be received via emails, phone calls or letters directed to the Department.

707.4 MILITARY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

The Department's current inventory consists of commercially available equipment or military equipment modified for law enforcement uses.

The following constitutes a list of qualifying equipment for the Department pursuant to Government Code § 7070(d):

- [See attachment: Military Equipment Inventory 10.2.25.pdf](#)