



Los Angeles Port Police Military Equipment Use Report Annual Report – October 2023 to December 2024

SUMMARY

This statutory annual report provides the Harbor Department Board of Commissioners a comprehensive overview of the Port Police's military equipment and usage in compliance with Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481). The format of this report was crafted in a manner that conforms to California Government Code section 7072(a) to include the following information:

- 1) A summary of the military equipment uses and the purpose;
- 2) A summary of any complaints or concerns concerning the military equipment;
- 3) The results of any internal audits, information on any violations, and actions taken in response;
- 4) The total annual cost for each type of equipment by fiscal year (FY);
- 5) The quantity possessed of each type of equipment; and
- 6) The intent to acquire additional equipment and quantity sought.

AB 481 was implemented on May 1, 2022 and the Harbor Department Board of Commissioners formally approved the Port Police's policy and equipment inventory on September 22, 2022. Port Police conducted the required public meeting for the period of October 2022 to September 2023 on February 28, 2024 in the Harbor Administration Building's Board Room. The reporting period covered in this document is from October 2023 to December 2024.

A webpage including a one-click email connection was established to help the community submit any questions and/or concerns they may have regarding the Port Police's policy and equipment inventory. To date, there are no general or specific complaints made to the Office of the Chief of Police (OCOP) regarding the use of or possession of any of the outlined equipment. Additionally, all uses of this equipment were audited to include reports and body worn camera footage reviews to ensure policy compliance. None of the deployments of equipment that falls into this category resulted in injuries to anyone, nor did we receive any complaints from the community.

The Port Police is tasked with safeguarding the busiest port complex in the Western Hemisphere. A coordinated terrorist attack would cripple the supply chain across the world and have devastating impacts on our Nation's economy. Our port complex is frequently the target for large scale protests for a variety of reasons, with stopping the movement of commerce through our port a main goal of many of those protests. For these, and other safety reasons, we believe it is imperative that the Port Police maintain and deploy, when appropriate, the equipment that falls into the categories covered in AB 481.

Port Police submits their annual budget to the Harbor Department, which includes several accounts that help to support this equipment use and operations including training, inventory tracking, software, licensing, and procurement of additional equipment. All money that is utilized to purchase AB 481 included equipment is funded through the Harbor Department procurement process.



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As mandated by AB 481, the Port Police will hold a public meeting within 30 days of posting this report. This meeting will be posted to our Military Equipment Use webpage as well as advertised by Port Police's Community Resource Officers at City of Los Angeles Commission Meetings they attend. Those meetings include the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council, the Wilmington Neighborhood Council, and the Chamber President's Meeting. Information pertaining to the public meeting will also be posted to the Port Police webpage related to this matter.

Port Police Patrol supervisors are responsible for conducting random audits of body worn camera footage per Port Police Policy Manual § 450. Additionally, body worn camera footage is reviewed by the Professional Standards Section for any deployments and use of this specific equipment to ensure that the employees are within policy for the use of the equipment. Audit findings are then reviewed by Chain of Command supervision, Professional Standards Section staff, Professional Development and Training Division staff, and Watch Commanders to ensure that policy compliance is met. During this reporting period, the Port Police audits determined that all uses of the equipment contained within this report were within policy.

While the Port Police Department's inventory of this equipment is varied, the mere possession of the equipment does not warrant its use for every incident. The Port Police recognizes that critical incidents are unpredictable and can be very dynamic in nature. A variety of specialized equipment options can greatly assist incident commander, officers, and specialized units in bringing those incidents to a proper or appropriate resolution, and most importantly, bring them to conclusion in a safe manner. The use of this equipment is restricted for use only in certain instances, and in some cases, only certain officers are authorized, based on their specialized training. Furthermore, some equipment or tactics are only authorized with appropriate of command approval. Certain items of this equipment, particularly consumables (ammunition, diversionary devices, pepper balls, chemical agents, etc.) are used throughout the year on a regular basis for training in order to maintain proficiency. Training usage is not captured in the following report. Only operational use/deployment is contained in the information noted below.

Port Police's POST certified training courses include instruction on the policy for the Use of Force and how to operate the standard issued weapons, including the Less-Lethal devices. Every two years, sworn Department personnel receive Post mandated training on the Use of Force Policy in general.

Additional required training include:

- Police Academy for all new sworn officers
- Additional New Officer Training
- Return from Leave of Absence Refresher Training
- UPR POST mandated Introductory Class



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- Bi-Annual UPR Training
- Offshore Shoot Unstable Shooting Platform Training
- 4-Hour POST Tactical Firearms Course
- Quarterly Firearm Qualifications
- 40mm Training Recertification
- Pepperball Certification
- OC Certification
- Chemical Munitions Certification
- Marksmanship Training
- Diversionary Device Certification
- Pilot Licenses for Drone usage

In closing, we are committed to transparent reporting and responsible use of the equipment, keeping our stakeholders, employees, and community safe while remaining a proactive and trusted community policing agency.



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CATEGORY 1 – VEHICLES (INCLUDING DRONES/UAS)

Inventory:

Equipment Type	Quantity
Ballistic Sport Utility Vehicle	1
Squad Packable Utility Robot (SPUR)	1
Ballistic Engineered Armored Response Vehicle (BEAR)	1
2011 Matthews Diesel Powered 45 ft. Mobile Incident Command Center	1
Drones/Unmanned Aerial System (various types)	14
Klein Side Can Sonar	5

Use Reporting:

Port Police operates drones to help improve traffic flow congestion, obtain an aerial view of critical incidents, provide immediate situational awareness when unable to access an area, weekly infrastructure checks, monitoring of rail theft, and special events or high-profile requests from OCOP or Harbor Department's General Manager. In total, Port Police utilized the drones 480 times for situational awareness, hazardous material monitoring, and infrastructure monitoring. This includes (1) once for training operations. An event is generated in Port Police Dispatch to document the usage including the requestor, the operator, and mission of the flight. All requests are approved by OCOP prior to deploying. Both the BEAR and Ballistic Sport Utility Vehicle are used during Fleet Week, a Harbor Department event held annually in May. Additionally, both these vehicles are used during training on an as needed basis. During this reporting period, they were utilized a total of (8) eight days for each vehicle.



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Intended Acquisition in FY 24/25:

Port Police will be presenting to the Board of Harbor Commissioners on March 27, 2025, a board package seeking the approval to accept grant funding from the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Port Security Grant Program, Award No. EMW-2024-PU-05077. In this grant package, it was identified that Port Police will accept funding to help purchase drones as part of the First-Responder/Rail Security UAS Program. If the grant funding is approved and accepted by Harbor Department, Port Police will be utilizing the grant funds to purchase an additional (5) five drones to add to Port Police inventory.

Total Annual Costs:

Drones/UAS require the operator to obtain and maintain a Federal Aviation Administration License. This cost is \$1,000 per license and Port Police has 8 certified employees. Total bi-annual cost is \$8,000 to maintain compliance. This is for all drones and not for each type of drone. All other vehicles require annual maintenance conducted by Construction and Maintenance on an as needed basis. The sonar equipment requires \$3,000 annually for software updates to remain effective.



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CATEGORY 2 – LESS LETHAL

Inventory:

Equipment Type	Quantity
Magnetic Audio Device	4
12 Gauge Launching Cup for Pocket Tactical Grenades (OC/CS/SMOKE)	2
12 Gauge Launching Cup for Pocket Tactical Grenades Cartridges (OC/CS/SMOKE)	50
37mm Energy Projectiles (liquid munition)	40
37mm Kinetic Energy Launcher	2
37mm Energy Projectiles (long range)	50
37mm Energy Projectiles (training liquid munition)	50
40mm Kinetic Energy Projectiles	225
40mm Kinetic Energy Marking Projectiles	200
40mm Kinetic Energy Projectiles (training plastic-tip)	16,000
40mm Kinetic Energy Projectiles (foam-tipped)	1,500
40mm Kinetic Energy Launchers (24 single shot, 6 (4) shot, 2 (6) shot launchers)	32
40mm Kinetic Energy Projectiles (oc foam-tipped)	140
12 Gauge Kinetic Energy Launcher (concerted Remington 870 shotgun)	15
CS Chemical Munition Variety (various types)	129
Infrared Weapons Training System	1



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Equipment Type	Quantity
OC Chemical Munition (aerosol vapor)	30
OC Chemical Munition (hand deployed)	30
Pepperball Launcher	19
Pepperball Munitions (various types)	30
40mm 12 Gauge Flares (various types)	600
Simunition Training Cartridges (various types)	39,000
Simunition Conversion Kits (various types)	47
Tactical Smoke	150
12 Gauge Kinetic Energy Projectiles	2,500
Ultimate Training Munitions	13

Less lethal items noted above have been deployed for usage during a call for service on (3) three occasions as noted below:

Incident #PP-2312-1674

On December 8, 2023, Port Police responded to Newmarks Yacht Centre for report of possible gun shots fired in the area. Upon arrival, Port Police found a vehicle that fit the description of an involved vehicle. Port Police Officers approached the vehicle, with their standard issued patrol duty weapons and a 40mm less lethal launcher pointed at the vehicle. The officers were able to gain control of the situation without firing the weapons.



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Incident #PP2402-4794

On February 29, 2024, Port Police responded to the Fenix Marine Terminal at 614 Terminal Way for a burglary in progress with two suspects possibly at the scene. Two outstanding suspects were located by arriving officers. Officers from the Los Angeles Police Department were assisting to locate the suspects utilizing the Air Ship. Two Port Police Officers pointed their standard issued patrol duty weapons and one Port Police Officer pointed the 40mm less lethal launcher in the direction of the suspects while attempting to gain control of the situation. Once the suspects were on the ground, the weapons were placed back in the holsters as the situation was no longer a threat to the officer's safety. No weapons were fired by officers in this incident.

Incident #PP2403-4301

On March 27, 2024, Port Police identified an illegally parked vehicle with two occupants inside. The vehicle was parked on Harbor Boulevard, near Bloch Field. The vehicle's license plate returned with a felony warrant issued to the vehicle's owner. The primary officer requested additional officers to the location. Until additional officers could arrive, the 40mm less lethal launcher was deployed until the situation was under control. Both subjects were given verbal commands to exit the vehicle, which they both did without incident. Displaying of the weapon to gain control of the situation was within policy and the weapon was not fired as the subjects were compliant. One of the subjects was arrested for an outstanding \$30,000 warrant for Penal Code 459 (Burglary).



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Intended Acquisition in FY 24/25:

Port Police procured replacement equipment based on training usage for FY 24/25. All funding has been previously identified during the annual Harbor Department budget process. The ammunition numbers are estimated and include amounts used for training as well as amounts deployed in the field for operational use, therefore, the quantity potentially changes daily.

Equipment Type	Cost Per Unit	Quantity Sought
Simunition 9mm Cartridges	\$186.50 per 500 rounds	2,500
Tactical Smoke	\$19.07 per canister	40
12 Gauge Kinetic Energy Projectiles	\$5.50 per unit	2,500
40mm Kinetic Energy Launchers (single shot)	\$868.00 per unit	20
40mm Kinetic Energy Marking Projectiles	\$18.52 per unit	100
40mm Kinetic Energy Projectiles	\$18.50 per unit	100
40mm Kinetic Energy Projectiles (foam-tipped)	\$18.50 per unit	500
40mm Kinetic Energy Projectiles (oc foam-tipped)	\$18.50 per unit	40
40mm 12 Gauge Flares (various types)	\$14.15 to \$17.80 per unit	500
OC Chemical Munition (hand deployed)	\$48.99 per unit	20
OC Chemical Munition (aerosol vapor)	\$37.22 per unit	150
Pepperball Munitions (various types)	Various	10



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Total Annual Costs:

As less lethal munitions are mostly used in a training environment, it is difficult to provide an exact financial cost. All purchases for less lethal munitions are made based on available budget and expended munitions to replenish current inventory based on training schedule. For FY 24/25, Port Police budgeted \$23,800 for this equipment.



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CATEGORY 3 – BATTERING RAMS, SLUGS, AND BREACHING APPARATUSES

Inventory:

Equipment Type	Quantity
12 Gauge TKO Tactical Breaching Rounds	100
Distraction Device (various types)	542
4.5” Tactical Mini Breaching and Rescue Kit	1

Use Reporting:

Port Police has no usage to report at this time.

Intended Acquisition in FY 24/25:

Port Police is not requesting any purchases for this category for FY 24/25.

Total Annual Costs:

There is no annual costs for this category for FY 24/25.



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CATEGORY 4 – FIREARMS

Inventory:

Equipment Type	Quantity
Colt Patrol Rifles 5.56mm/223 cal.	251
Colt Sub-Compact Patrol Rifle 5.56mm/223 cal.	2
HK MP5 Patrol Rifle 9mm cal.	19
HK UMP40 Patrol Rifle 40mm cal.	12

Use Reporting:

During this reporting period, no firearm in this category was deployed in a tactical situation and pointed at a suspect in a Port Police action.

Intended Acquisition in FY 24/25:

Port Police is not requesting the approval to procure any new firearm platforms at this time.

Total Annual Costs:

All purchases for firearms are made based on available budget. For FY 24/25, Port Police spent \$29,652.60 for this equipment.



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CATEGORY 5 – AMMUNITION OF .50 CALIBER OR GREATER

The Los Angeles Port Police does not have any weapons platforms in this category.

End of report