



Los Angeles Port Police

Military Equipment Use Report

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SUMMARY

This statutory annual report provides the Harbor Department Board of Commissioners a comprehensive overview of the Port Police's military equipment and usage. 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.

Assembly Bill 481 (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; therefore, the reporting period covered in this document is from October 2022 to September 2023.

Since the Harbor Department Board of Commissioners approved the Port Police's policy regarding the Funding, Acquisition, and Use of Military Equipment, we are pleased to report that additional mechanisms for tracking use, complaints, and auditing have been established consistent with AB 481 requirements. LAPP Form No. 4/2-03.66 has been created and implemented to help improve purchasing processes. Additionally, we have updated our budget forms to indicate if the item being purchased is considered Military Equipment and subject to Harbor Department Board of Commissioner's approval.

In 2017, we began to overhaul existing equipment tracking and inventory systems. Armorlink was a software Port Police procured to digitally track all weapons owned by the Department, which helps streamlining and automating equipment inventory and tracking, replacing manual and paper-intensive systems. This system is utilized to track inventory of weapons and less lethal equipment. It was helpful in establishing the policy and implementing requirements of AB 481.

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 report and body worn camera reviews to ensure policy was adhered to. AB 481



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equipment usage was low in contrast to the number of incidents the Port Police's staff responded to or proactively initiated during this reporting period. The Port Police had approximately 5,480 incidents for service by the community and proactive law enforcement activity during the reporting period. There were only 29 uses across approved equipment categories (except drones or training aides) during this reporting period (or a 0.00565% usage rate). None of the deployments resulted in a personnel complaint for the involved officer. While running a 24/7 operation with a large population of over 171,000, it is the position of the Port Police that this equipment defined under AB 481 is vital in the resolution of critical incidents and violent confrontations to keep the public and our staff safe. Possession of the equipment helps to assist Port Police with accomplishing the mission statement of the Harbor Department and be successful in meeting the objectives outlined in the Strategic Plan.

Port Police submits their annual budget to the Harbor Department which includes several accounts that help to support military equipment use and operations including training, inventory tracking, software, licensing, and procurement of additional equipment. All money that is utilized to purchase Military style equipment is completed thru the Harbor Department procurement process and funding is requested as part of the annual budget adoption process.

Port Police is intending to hold a public meeting as required by AB 481. This public meeting is scheduled on February 28, 2024 at the 10:00 am. 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 including Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council, Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council, Wilmington Neighborhood Council, and Chamber President's Meeting. Information pertaining to the public meeting will also be posted to the 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 the military 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. At this time, Port Police does not have any audit findings or active personnel complaints that conclude that usage was not within policy.

While the Port Police Department's inventory of military 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 military equipment options can greatly assist incident commander, officers, and specialized units in bringing those incidents to a swift resolution, in a safe manner. The use of military equipment is restricted for use only in certain instances and in some cases certain officers, based on training. Certain items of military equipment, particularly consumables (ammunition,



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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 (basic certificate) courses include instruction on the policy for the Use of Force and how to operate the standard issued Less-Lethal devices. Every two years, sworn Department personnel receive training on the Use of Force Policy in general.

Additional required training include:

- New Officer Training (for newly hired employees)
- Return from Leave of Absence Refresher Training
- Urban Patrol Rifle (UPR) Manipulations Test Only
- UPR Introductory Class
- Bi-Annual UPR Training
- UPR Zero Verification
- UPR Maintenance Training
- Off Shore Shoot Unstable Shooting Platform Training
- 4-Hour POST Tactical Firearms Course
- Quarterly Firearm Qualification
- 40mm Training Recertification
- Pepperball Certification
- OC Certification
- Chemical Munition Certification
- Pistol Mounted Optic Transition Training
- Pistol Optic Zero Handgun Training
- Marksmanship Training
- Diversionary Device Certification
- Pilot Licenses for Drone usage



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

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)	13
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 107 times for situational awareness and infrastructure monitoring. 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 scheduling. Port Police will apply for an iTEUP with Harbor Department for all training flights that are conducted. Additionally, Port Police is working to initiate an Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) policy in order to address areas of operation that will assist Port Police Officers in their daily duties and use of robot type equipment that fall under this category. 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 (26) twenty-six days.



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Intended Acquisition in FY 23/24:

Port Police is requesting the approval to procure two additional drones to assist with Patrol operations. Details provided on LAPP Form No. 4/2-03.66 for Harbor Department Commission approval. All funding has been previously identified during the annual Harbor Department budget process. Two drones in current inventory will be salvaged and replaced with the requested model noted on the inventory request form.

Equipment Type	Cost Per Unit	Quantity Sought
Drones/Unmanned Aerial System (various types)	\$5,998 initial kit cost; Intelligent Flight Batteries \$209; Speaker \$159; Tundra Automoving Lighting Solutions \$1,690	2

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. 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 (4) three occasions as noted below:

Incident #PP2209-1676

On September 12, 2022, Port Police responded to a call of a 415M (male causing a disturbance) at 3800 Stephen M. White Drive in Cabrillo Beach. Upon arrival to the location, Port Police made contact with the lifeguard that reported the individual at the location that had attempted to swing a golf club and hit another citizen with the club. A 40mm Kinetic Energy Launcher was deployed and fired at the subject upon the subject failing to adhere to the officers commands and being uncooperative. The subject was taken into custody and transported to Little Company of Mary Hospital, who later refused any medical treatment.



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Incident #PP-2212-2463

On December 24, 2022, Port Police responded to a call of a 415M (male causing a disturbance) at Avalon Freight Services located at 385 E. Swinford. Upon arrival to the location, Port Police made contact with the individual who was brandishing a box cutter to officers on-scene. A 40mm Kinetic Energy Launcher was deployed at the subject while officers attempted to de-escalate the situation and gain compliance of the subject. The subject was taken into custody and later transported to Harbor UCLA Hospital without incident or use of the weapon.

Incident #PP-2305-0778

On May 6, 2023, Port Police responded to a call of a pedestrian on the Vincent Thomas Bridge. Citizens calling in indicated that he may possibly be suicidal as he was standing on the ledge of the bridge. When officers arrived on-scene, the subject was non-compliant with their verbal requests. While attempting to de-escalate the situation, the subject made an abrupt move and reached for his waistband. A Port Police Officer deployed a 40mm Kinetic Energy Launcher at the subject to gain advantage of the situation. The subject was taken into custody with no use of the weapon. Los Angeles Police Department and California Highway Patrol were other law enforcement agencies also on-scene.

Incident #PP-2306-0690

On June 6, 2023, Port Police responded to a call 415M3 (male disturbing the peace including firearm) at 3600 Shoshonean Rd in Cabrillo Beach. Upon arrival to the location, the officers were able to locate the subject that matched the description; however, he was inside of his vehicle. Due to the nature of the call, the Port Police Officer approached the location with a 40mm Kinetic Energy Launcher and Colt Patrol Rifle deployed. After making contact with the individual and having him exit the vehicle, the subject was detained without incident or use of the weapon. No other agencies were on-scene of the call.



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Intended Acquisition in FY 23/24:

Port Police is requesting the approval to procure replacement equipment based on training usage for FY 23/24. Details provided on LAPP Form No. 4/2-03.66 for Harbor Department Commission approval. 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 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 23/24, Port Police budgeted \$23,800.

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 23/24:

Port Police is not requesting any purchases for this category for FY 23/24.

Total Annual Costs:

There is no annual costs for this category for FY 23/24.



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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:

Firearm items noted above have been deployed for usage during a call for service on (1) one occasion as noted below:

Incident #PP-2306-0690

On June 6, 2023, Port Police responded to a call 415M3 (male disturbing the peace including firearm) at 3600 Shoshonean Rd in Cabrillo Beach. Upon arrival to the location, the officers were able to locate the subject that matched the description; however, he was inside of his vehicle. Due to the nature of the call, the Port Police Officer approached the location with a 40mm Kinetic Energy Launcher and Colt Patrol Rifle displayed. After making contact with the individual and having him exit the vehicle, the subject was detained without incident or use of the weapon. No other agencies were on-scene of the call.

Intended Acquisition in FY 23/24:

Port Police is requesting the approval to procure two additional types of firearms to assist with Patrol operations. Details provided on LAPP Form No. 4/2-03.66 for Harbor Department Commission approval. All funding has been previously identified during the annual Harbor Department budget process.



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Equipment Type	Cost Per Unit	Quantity Sought
HK Patrol Rifle 308 cal. (ON-HOLD)	\$6,000 per unit	10
Benelli 12 Gauge cal. (ON-HOLD)	\$850 per unit	5

Total Annual Costs:

HK Patrol Rifle 308 cal. is anticipated to cost \$60,000 for the initial purchase and \$300 for annual maintenance. The Benelli 12 Gauge is anticipated to cost \$4,250 for the initial purchase and \$150 for annual maintenance.

Port Police launched a Private Purchase Program for employees to purchase Department approved equipment for on-duty use. All weapons approved for purchase are only the types of firearms noted above. Inventory will be kept in Armorlink for easy reconciliation. This equipment is provided by the employee at no cost to the Department. The employee is required to successfully complete the Department qualification and manipulation training for the weapon they selected to provide. They are authorized to get pre-approval from Professional Development and Training Group prior to making the purchase. All information noted above does not include the inventory for this Private Purchase Program as this program was recently approved by Harbor Department Commission during this annual report review. Inventory will be added to the next annual report.



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CATEGORY 5 – AMMUNITION OF .50 CALIBER OR GREATER

Inventory:

Equipment Type	Quantity
Patrol Rifle Duty / Training Ammunition (various types)	354,020

Use Reporting:

During this report period, only ammunition utilized was in the training environment.

Intended Acquisition in FY 23/24:

Port Police is requesting the approval to procure replacement ammunition to assist with Patrol operations. Details provided on LAPP Form No. 4/2-03.66 for Harbor Department Commission approval. All funding has been previously identified during the annual Harbor Department budget process.

Equipment Type	Cost Per Unit	Quantity Sought
Patrol Rifle Duty/Training Ammunition	\$200,000 (annually)	180,000 to 240,000

Total Annual Costs:

Due to an increase in training requirements and the creation of the Maritime Tactical Team, we will be replenishing existing ammunition during various times in the FY, contingent on the training calendar. This provides Port Police with a cost savings by purchasing in a large quantity. Replenishments will occur at the rate of 180,000 to 240,000 units per FY. For FY 23/24, Port Police budgeted \$294,502 to ensure we plan for increase in costs.