



Watsonville Police Department

AB 481 – Military Equipment

Annual report January 1 – December 31, 2024

California Assembly Bill (AB) 481

California Assembly Bill (AB) 481 requires California law enforcement agencies to obtain approval of a Military Equipment Use Policy by their applicable governing body prior to taking certain actions related to the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment as defined by the legislature.

Community Meeting

A community meeting was held on May 8th in the City of Watsonville Community Room from 5pm-6pm.

The purpose of this community meeting is to provide transparency and an opportunity for meaningful public input on the Watsonville's Police Department funding, acquisition and use of military equipment.

About 10 people from our community attended the meeting and had the opportunity to ask questions and provide input. Several clarifying questions were asked by the attendees, but no input was provided as to the funding, acquisition, or the use of the military equipment listed in this report.

Watsonville Police Department Annual Report

Purpose

- Provide transparency related to the funding, acquisition, and use of military equipment.

Report covers six areas for each piece of equipment

1. How the equipment was used
2. Summary of any complaint or concerns
3. The result of any internal audits, violations, and actions taken in response
4. Cost
5. Quantity possessed
6. Intent to acquire additional equipment

Section 1

Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial, ground vehicle

Equipment

- Axon Air, DJI Avata Pro-View Combo
- Axon Air, Skydio 2+ Enterprise
- Axon Air, DJI Matrice 30T SP Plus
- Axon Air, DJI Mavic 3 Thermal SP Plus
- Throwbot XT (not used)

1. The drones have been a vital asset to WPD as they have been deployed during many different situations. The drones have helped increase operational efficiency by reducing the amount of personnel needed to accomplish a mission. The drones have increased both officer and public safety.

2. No complaints or concerns

3. No internal audits or concern about violations

4. This drone is one of four included in a 5-year contract with Axon in the amount of \$114,740.70. The contract began in September 2023.

5. One of each

6. No intent to acquire additional equipment

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Section 10

Specialized Firearms and Ammunition

Equipment

- 17 carbine standard issues patrol rifles

1. We conducted two department qualifications involving about 50 officers/sergeants. Rifle Training and annual qualifications take approximately 10 hour @ avg \$66/hr = \$33,000. Source funds come from General Fund and Measure Y. Seven (7) academy recruits completed the 16-hour Patrol Rifle Familiarization Course @ \$59/hr = \$6,608. Source funds come from General Fund and Measure Y. Special Response Team (SRT) conducted Range Training four times. Combined 40 hours of training by 28 at \$66/hr = \$73,920. Source funds come from General Fund and Measure Y.
2. No complaints or concerns.
3. No internal audits or concern about violations
4. 20,000 practice rounds were purchased in 2024 for a total cost of \$10,861. Source funds came from Specialized Department Equipment Budget. Annual inspections of the rifle, approximately 1 hour per rifle, total of 17 hours @ \$71/ hour = \$1,207. Source funds come from General Fund and Measure Y.
5. Seventeen (17)
6. See Section II - replacement

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Section 10 (continued)

Specialized Firearms and Ammunition

Equipment

- Spartan Precision Bolt Action .308 caliber rifles
- Daniel Defense semi-auto .308 caliber rifle – (not used)
- Hornady .308 168gr AMAX TAP 20 250
- Federal Cartridge .308 Win Tactical Bonded Tip 168 Grain Duty Ammunition

1. One (1) officer attended the Basic Sniper School. Two (2) officers attending five (5) five (5) hours training exercises for a total of twenty-five (25) hours per officer.
2. No complaints or concerns
3. No internal audits or concern about violations
4. Two (2) officers attended Five (5) additional training exercises for five (5) hours avg. \$95/hr = \$2,375. Source funds come from General Fund and Measure Y. Total cost of this school was \$2,006. Source funds come from General Fund and Measure Y.
5. Four (4) rifles. About 2700 rounds (Hornady) & about 300 rounds (Federal)
6. No intent to acquire additional equipment

Section 11

Firearm or firearm accessory that is designated to launch explosive projectiles

Equipment

- Remington 870, pump action shotgun
- Combined Systems Technology Launching Cup

1. Six (6) officers received one (1) hour of training during one training exercise.
2. No complaints or concerns
3. No internal audits or concern about violations
4. Three (3) officers for one (1) hour x avg. \$95/hr = \$285. Three (3) officers for one (1) hour x avg. \$65/hr = \$195. Source funds come from General Fund and Measure Y.
5. Two (2) – combined equipment
6. No intent to acquire additional equipment

Section 12

Noise-flash diversionary devices (NFDD) and explosive breaching tools

Equipment

- BP2 NFDD (Non-Firing Distraction Device) Straight Delivery Pole with Clamp Head Delivery – (not used)
- Defense Technology 11-gram, low roll II, non-reloadable distraction device

1. One (1) NFDD was successfully deployed on an operation in May 2024. The NFDD was collected and properly documented in a police report. Approximately seven (7) NFDD devices were used during an SRT training exercise.

2. No complaints or concerns

3. No internal audits or concern about violations

4. Training for three (3) officers x five (5) hours x avg. \$95/hr = \$1,425 and avg. four (4) officers x five (5) hours x \$65/hr = \$975. Source funds come from General Fund and Measure Y.

5. One (1) delivery pole and Thirty-seven (37) NFDD's

6. See section II

Section 12 (continued)

Munitions containing tear gas or OC

Equipment

- Combined Tactical Systems Buffeted Riot CS Smoke
- Ferret 40 MM is filled with CS powder chemical agent (not used)

1. Seven (7) officers received five (5) hours of training during one training exercise.

2. No complaints or concerns

3. No internal audits or concern about violations

4. Training exercise was five (5) hours x four (4) officers x avg. \$65/hr = \$1,300. Training exercise with additional three (3) officers x five (5) hours x avg. \$95/hr = \$475.00. Source funds come from General Fund and Measure Y.

5. Fifteen (15) CTS CS smoke and Fifteen (15) Ferret 40MM

6. Forty (40) CTS 5230B CS Smoke @ \$47.50 = \$1900 plus tax and shipping. Source funds come from General Fund.

Section 14

Projectile launch platform and munitions

Equipment

- Defense Technology 40MM Tactical Single Shot Launcher
- Defense Technology, Exact Impact 40 MM Standard Range Sponge Round

1. *Seven (7) police officer trainees during two separate trainings each fired one (1) to two (2) live rounds each.*
2. No complaints or concerns
3. No internal audits or concern about violations
4. *Training exercise is two (2) hours x eight (8) officers (including instructor) x avg. \$66/hr = \$1,056. Source funds come from the General Fund and Measure Y.*
5. Twenty-six (26) launches and one-hundred forty (140) sponge rounds
6. Department training scheduled for 2025. Approximately one hundred twenty (120) new duty rounds at \$35 each = \$4,200 and three (3) fifty (50) round reloadable practice ammo kits at \$325 each = \$975 will need to be purchased to replace ammo used during training courses for 2025.

SECTION II

Qualifying equipment to be procured by WPD

1. Section 14- Projectile launch platforms and their associated munitions: specialty impact munition (SIM) weapons.

- a. Pepperball FTC launcher for LIVE and INERT projectiles.
 - Cost about \$730.

2. Sections 12 - Munitions containing tear gas or OC, excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray.

- a. Pepperball projectiles - LIVE and INERT projectiles.
 - 90 LIVE projectiles estimated cost \$287.
 - 375 INERT projectiles estimated cost \$371.

3. Section 10 – Specialized Firearms and Ammunition

- a. Thirty (30) new patrol rifles (.223 caliber) to replace the current seventeen (17) patrol rifles which are about 20 years old.
 - Estimated cost for rifle, rifle optics, white lights, slings and muzzle device is about \$83,000.

4. Section 12 – Noise-flash diversionary devices and explosive breaching tools

- a. Add Vulcan II Munitions Pole manufactured by Kaiser Precision LLC
 - Estimated cost \$3,100

5. Section 12 – Noise-flash diversionary devices and explosive breaching tools

- a. Replace current NFDD with CTS 7290M mini flashbang.
 - Estimated cost for eighty-four (84) is \$4168.92
- b. Request to purchase additional tactical NFDD as needed.
 - Estimated cost for twelve (12) CTS three bang tactical NFDD is \$1,624.08
 - Estimated cost for twelve (12) CTS six bang tactical NFDD is \$1,861.44



Questions?