

Military Equipment

708.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the approval, acquisition, and reporting requirements of military equipment (California Government Code §§ 7070, 7071 & 7072). This is further required by Watsonville City Municipal Code Chapter 4-13.

The Watsonville Police Department (WPD) does not possess any tactical equipment that it has obtained from the military and has not acquired any equipment through military surplus programs such as the 1033 Program. Notwithstanding the foregoing, California Government Code § 7071(b) requires that law enforcement agencies submit a proposed Military Equipment Use Policy to their governing board for approval.

California Government Code § 7070 provides a list of equipment types that are considered to be "military equipment" for purposes of this policy requirement, and this Military Equipment Use Policy includes information for any such equipment types that are possessed by the WPD, or reasonably likely to be deployed in Watsonville by other law enforcement partners.

708.1.1 DEFINITIONS

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

Department - The Watsonville Police Department

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 firearms.
- Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles.

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- Noise-flash diversionary devices and explosive breaching tools.
- Munitions containing tear gas or OC, excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray.
- TASER® Shockwave, microwave weapons, water cannons, and long-range acoustic devices (LRADs).
- Kinetic energy weapons and munitions.
- Any other equipment as determined by a governing body or a state agency to require additional oversight.
- "Military Equipment" does not include general equipment not designated as prohibited or controlled by the federal Defense Logistics Agency.

708.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Watsonville Police Department that members of this department comply with the provisions of Government Code § 7071 with respect to military equipment.

708.3 MILITARY EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR

The Chief of Police designates the Professional Standards Division Captain to act as the military equipment coordinator. The responsibilities of the military equipment coordinator include but are not limited to:

- (a) Acting as liaison to the governing body for matters related to the requirements of this policy.
- (b) Identifying department equipment that qualifies as military equipment in the current possession of the Department, or the equipment the Department intends to acquire that requires approval by the governing body.
- (c) Conducting an inventory of all military equipment at least annually.
- (d) Collaborating with any allied agency that may use military equipment within the jurisdiction of Watsonville Police Department (Government Code § 7071).
- (e) Preparing for, scheduling, and coordinating the annual community engagement meeting to include:
 1. Publicizing the details of the meeting.
 2. Preparing for public questions regarding the department's funding, acquisition, and use of equipment.
- (f) Preparing the annual military equipment report for submission to the Chief of Police and ensuring that the report is made available on the department website (Government Code § 7072).
- (g) Coordinating the process for a person to register a complaint, concern, or question about the use of a type of military equipment. The Department will respond promptly. A complaint, concern, or question related to Military Equipment utilization by the Watsonville Police Department can be made:

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1. Via email to: Police@CityofWatsonville.org
2. Via phone call to: (831) 768-3399
3. Via mail sent to: Watsonville Police Department; Attn: Military Equipment Coordinator; 215 Union Street: Watsonville, CA 95076

708.4 APPROVAL

1. The Chief of Police or the authorized designee shall obtain approval from the governing body by way of an ordinance adopting the military equipment policy. As part of the approval process, the Chief of Police or the authorized designee shall ensure the proposed military equipment policy is submitted to the governing body and is available on the department website at least 30 days prior to any public hearing concerning the military equipment at issue (Government Code § 7071). The military equipment policy must be approved by the governing body prior to engaging in any of the following (Government Code § 7071):

- (a) Requesting military equipment made available pursuant to 10 USC § 2576a.
- (b) Seeking funds for military equipment, including but not limited to applying for a grant, soliciting or accepting private, local, state, or federal funds, in-kind donations, or other donations or transfers.
- (c) Acquiring military equipment either permanently or temporarily, including by borrowing or leasing.
- (d) Collaborating with another law enforcement agency in the deployment or other use of military equipment within the jurisdiction of this department.
- (e) Using any new or existing military equipment for a purpose, in a manner, or by a person not previously approved by the governing body.
- (f) Soliciting or responding to a proposal for, or entering into an agreement with, any other person or entity to seek funds for, apply to receive, acquire, use, or collaborate in the use of military equipment.
- (g) Acquiring military equipment through any means not provided above.

2. The military equipment use policy, and any amendments thereto, shall be approved by the governing body in accordance with Chapter 12.8 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code, if the governing body determines all of the following (Government Code § 7071(d)(1)):

- (a) The military equipment is necessary because there is no reasonable alternative that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety.
- (b) The proposed military equipment use policy will safeguard the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties.
- (c) If purchasing the equipment, the equipment is reasonably cost effective compared to available alternatives that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety.

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- (d) Prior military equipment use complied with the military equipment use policy that was in effect at the time, or if prior uses did not comply with the accompanying military equipment use policy, corrective action has been taken to remedy nonconforming uses and ensure future compliance.
3. The military equipment use policy shall be reviewed and approved by the governing body at least annually through the adoption of a resolution. In the absence of such review and approval, the military equipment use policy shall expire one (1) year from the last approval date.
4. As part of the annual review, or from time to time as may be needed, the military equipment use policy may be amended through the adoption of a resolution by the governing body.

708.5 COORDINATION WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Military equipment used by any member of this Department shall be approved for use and in accordance with this Departmental policy. Military equipment used by other jurisdictions that are providing mutual aid to this Department, or otherwise engaged in a law enforcement operation in this jurisdiction, shall comply with their respective military equipment use policies in rendering mutual aid.

708.6 ANNUAL REPORT

Upon approval of a military equipment policy, the Chief of Police or the authorized designee should submit a military equipment report to the governing body for each type of military equipment approved within one year of approval, and annually thereafter for as long as the military equipment is available for use (Government Code § 7072).

The Chief of Police or the authorized designee should also make each annual military equipment report publicly available on the department website for as long as the military equipment is available for use. The report shall include all information required by Government Code § 7072 for the preceding calendar year for each type of military equipment in department inventory.

708.7 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Within 30 days of submitting and publicly releasing the annual report, the Department shall hold at least one well-publicized and conveniently located community engagement meeting, at which the Department should discuss the report and respond to public questions regarding the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment.

708.8 MILITARY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

The attached list is divided into two sections.

Section One - lists qualifying equipment that is owned and/or utilized by the Watsonville Police Department

Section Two - lists qualifying equipment that the Watsonville Police Department will be procuring, with anticipated dates of procurement.

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

Attachments

WPD Military Equipment Inventory.pdf

Section One – Lists qualifying equipment that is owned and/or utilized by the Watsonville Police Department.**1. Section 1 – Unmanned, remotely piloted, ground vehicle (updated 4/6/22)****a. Description, quantity, capabilities, and purchase cost:**

Throwbot XT. Cost: \$15,000. Quantity: 1. The 1.2-Lb Micro-Robot provides both video and audio reconnaissance capabilities. The Throwbot XT is a throwable, mobile micro-robot that provides both audio and video reconnaissance of dangerous environments.

b. Purpose:

To quickly gain situational awareness during high-risk operations. To help locate armed subjects, confirm the presence of hostages or innocent civilians, and reveal the layout of rooms.

c. Authorized Use:

This device may be used when a subject is barricaded or hiding, when hostages are present, or when it would be unsafe for an officer to enter a structure to obtain tactical information.

d. Expected Lifespan:

10-15 years.

e. Fiscal Impact:

The only fiscal impact would be replacement or repair cost. WPD has had this device since 2017 and have no related costs.

f. Training:

All operators must complete user training. Operators must demonstrate the ability to operate it safely and effectively.

g. Legal and Procedural Rules:

It is the policy of this agency to utilize the Throwbot only for official law enforcement purposes, and in a manner that respects the privacy of our community, pursuant to State and Federal law.

2. Section 10 – Specialized Firearms and Ammunition**a. Description, quantity, capabilities, and purchase cost:**

The Department Issued Colt LE6920 Carbine is a Gas Operated Semi-Auto rifle.

Cost: \$1,200 each. Quantity: 17. This rifle is chambered in 5.56 NATO (M4), with adjustable stock, featuring a monolithic upper receiver, 16" barrel, Surefire flash hider and Surefire sound suppressor. These rifles are standard issue service weapons for our officers and therefore exempted from this Military Equipment Use Policy per California Government Code §7070(c)(10). They have been included in this document in the interest of transparency.

b. Purpose:

Situations where the officer reasonably anticipates an armed encounter. When an officer is faced with a situation that may require the delivery of accurate and effective fire at long range.

c. **Authorized Use:**

Officers may deploy the patrol rifle in any circumstance where the officer can articulate a reasonable expectation that the rifle may be needed. Examples of some general guidelines for deploying the patrol rifle may include, but are not limited to:

- Situations where an officer reasonably expects the need to meet or exceed a suspect's firepower.
- When an officer reasonably believes that there may be a need to deliver fire on a barricaded suspect or a suspect with a hostage.
- When an officer reasonably believes that a suspect may be wearing body armor.
- When authorized or requested by a supervisor.
- When needed to euthanize an animal.

d. **Expected Lifespan:**

10 years

e. **Fiscal Impact:**

Yearly maintenance and repair cost averages \$2000.

f. **Training:**

Officers must complete a CA POST certified 16-hour patrol rifle course and semi-annual department firearms training and qualifications as required by law and policy. WPD provides a 20-hour CA POST certified training.

g. **Legal and Procedural Rules:**

WPD Policy 300, 432

3. **Section 10 – Specialized Firearms and Ammunition**

a. **Description, quantity, capabilities, and purchase cost:**

Spartan Precision Bolt Action Rifle .308 cal. Cost: \$5,550.00 each. Quantity: 4. The rifle is a bolt-action .308 caliber rifle used by the Special Response Unit sniper team.

b. **Purpose:** To be used as precision weapons to address a threat with more precision and/or greater distances than a handgun, if present and feasible.

c. **Authorized Use:** Officers may deploy the patrol rifle in any circumstance where the officer can articulate a reasonable expectation that the rifle may be needed. Examples of some general guidelines for deploying the patrol rifle may include, but are not limited to:

- Situations where an officer reasonably expects the need to meet or exceed a suspect's firepower.
- When an officer reasonably believes that there may be a need to deliver fire on a barricaded suspect or a suspect with a hostage.
- When an officer reasonably believes that a suspect may be wearing body armor.
- When authorized or requested by a supervisor.

d. **Expected Lifespan:**

15 years

e. **Fiscal Impact:**

Annual maintenance cost of approximately \$100 per rifle. \$400.

f. **Training:** Prior to using a rifle, officers must be certified by POST instructors in the operation of the rifle by attending a 40-hour training course. Additionally, all members that operate this rifle are required to pass a range qualification four times each year.

g. **Legal and Procedural Rules:**

Use is established under WPD's Policy 300. It is the policy of this agency to utilize rifles only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force.

4. **Section 10 – Specialized Firearms and Ammunition**

a. **Description, quantity, capabilities, and purchase cost:**

Daniel Defense V3 Semi-Auto Rifle .308 cal. Cost: \$0 each (retained for Department use from Evidence Unit). Quantity: 1. The rifle is a semi-automatic .308 caliber rifle used by the Special Response Unit sniper team.

b. **Purpose:**

To be used as precision weapons to address a threat with more precision and/or greater distances than a handgun, if present and feasible.

c. **Authorized Use:**

Officers may deploy the patrol rifle in any circumstance where the officer can articulate a reasonable expectation that the rifle may be needed. Examples of some general guidelines for deploying the patrol rifle may include, but are not limited to:

- Situations where an officer reasonably expects the need to meet or exceed a suspect's firepower.
- When an officer reasonably believes that there may be a need to deliver fire on a barricaded suspect or a suspect with a hostage.
- When an officer reasonably believes that a suspect may be wearing body armor.
- When authorized or requested by a supervisor.

d. **Expected Lifespan:**

15 years

e. **Fiscal Impact:**

Annual maintenance cost of approximately \$100 per rifle. \$100.

f. **Training:**

Officers must complete a CA POST certified 16-hour patrol rifle course and semi-annual department firearms training and qualifications as required by law and policy. WPD provides a 20-hour POST certified training.

g. **Legal and Procedural Rules:**

Use is established under WPD's Policy 300. It is the policy of this agency to utilize rifles only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force.

5. **Section 10 – Specialized Firearms and Ammunition**

a. **Description, quantity, capabilities, and purchase cost:**

Hornady 308 168gr AMAX TAP 20 250. Cost: \$19.50 x box of 20. Quantity: 1800. The 168 gr. A-MAX® bullet is a traditional match grade bullet with the performance advantages of a polymer tip. This bullet demonstrates an increase in penetration and retained weight over the 155 gr. A-MAX® bullet. Standard barrier performance is exemplary and this load demonstrates controlled and impressive soft tissue expansion without over penetration. The Hornady® 168 gr. A-MAX® TAP Precision® offers industry

leading all-around performance for law enforcement precision marksmen providing the ability to stop a threat.

b. Purpose:

To be used with precision weapons to address a threat with more precision and/or greater distances than a handgun, if present and feasible.

c. Authorized Use:

Use is established under WPD's Policy 300. It is the policy of this agency to utilize rifles only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force.

d. Expected Lifespan:

No expiration date.

e. Fiscal Impact:

No annual maintenance cost. Replacement cost for training is about \$640 each year.

f. Training:

Officers must complete a CA POST certified 16-hour patrol rifle course and semi-annual department firearms training and qualifications as required by law and policy. WPD provides a 20-hour POST certified training.

g. Legal and Procedural Rules:

Use is established under WPD's Policy 300. It is the policy of this agency to utilize rifles only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force.

6. Section 10 – Specialized Firearms and Ammunition

a. Description, quantity, capabilities, and purchase cost:

Federal Cartridge .308 Win Tactical Bonded Tip 168 Grain Duty Ammunition. Cost: \$69.99 x box of 20. Quantity: 400. Federal Cartridge .308 Win Tactical Bonded Tip 168 Grain Duty Ammunition is made exclusively for law enforcement and achieves accuracy and terminal performance unmatched by any other ammunition. Designed to defeat the toughest barriers with minimal deflection, Tactical Bonded Tip ammo has quickly become the choice for some of the most intense conditions.

b. Purpose:

To be used with precision weapons to address a threat with more precision and/or greater distances than a handgun, if present and feasible

c. Authorized Use:

Use is established under WPD's Policy 300. It is the policy of this agency to utilize rifles only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force

d. Expected Lifespan:

No expiration date.

e. Fiscal Impact:

No annual maintenance cost. Replacement cost for training is about \$280 each year.

f. **Training:**

Officers must complete a CA POST certified 16-hour patrol rifle course and semi-annual department firearms training and qualifications as required by law and policy. WPD provides a 20-hour POST certified training.

g. **Legal and Procedural Rules:**

Use is established under WPD's Policy 300. It is the policy of this agency to utilize rifles only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force.

7. **Section 11 – Firearm or firearm accessory that is designated to launch explosive projectiles**

a. **Description, quantity, capabilities, and purchase cost:**

Remington 870, pump action shotgun. Cost: \$454. Quantity: 2. This shotgun deploys a frangible 12-gauge round. The Remington Model 870 Pump Shotgun is a reliable 12-gauge with double-action bars for smooth pump operation. A steel-lined/grooved fore-end provides a stronger grip, while the Flexitab feeding system provides positive and easier cycling.

b. **Purpose:**

These are used to quickly dislodge hinges from doors / frames during critical incidents in order to gain entry and provide tactical advantage

c. **Authorized Use:**

Circumstances justifying the use of the breaching shotgun may include, but not be limited to:

- Barricaded subject and/or hostage situations
- High-risk warrant services
- Situations wherein the Incident Commander or on-scene Supervisor deems their use necessary to safely resolve the incident.

d. **Expected Lifespan:**

25 years

e. **Fiscal Impact:**

No yearly maintenance is required. Replacement cost would be the only fiscal impact.

f. **Training:**

Special Response Team (SRT) members receive 8-hours of training from certified trainers. Yearly training and qualifications.

g. **Legal and Procedural Rules:**

Use is established under WPD's Policy. It is the policy of this agency to utilize these devices only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force, including the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

8. **Section 11 – Firearm or firearm accessory that is designated to launch explosive projectiles**

a. **Description, quantity, capabilities, and purchase cost:**

Combined Systems Technology Launching cup. Cost \$180 per cup, quantity: 2. Designed for 5200 series grenades. Cups can be attached to any 12-gauge shotgun and the munition launched with our model 2600 launching cartridge.

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- b. **Purpose:**
To limit the escalation of conflict where employment of lethal force is prohibited or undesirable
 - c. **Authorized Use:**
Tear gas may be used for crowd control, crowd dispersal or against barricaded suspects based on the circumstances. Only the Incident Commander may authorize the delivery and use of tear gas, and only after evaluating all conditions known at the time and determining that such force reasonably appears justified and necessary.
 - d. **Expected Lifespan:**
5 Years
 - e. **Fiscal Impact:**
Annual replacement cost varies based on usage for training and critical incidents. On average about \$360 each year.
 - f. **Training:**
Special Response Team (SRT) members receive 8-hours of training from certified trainers. Yearly training and qualifications.
 - g. **Legal and Procedural Rules:**
Use is established under WPD's Policy. It is the policy of this agency to utilize chemical agents only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force. WPD Policy 308.
9. **Section 12 – Noise-flash diversionary devices and explosive breaching tools**
- a. **Description, quantity, capabilities, and purchase cost:**
BP2 NFDD (Non-Firing Distraction Device) Straight Delivery Pole with Clamp Head Delivery. Cost: \$1050. Quantity: 1
 - b. **Purpose**
The Pole allows a diversionary device to be mounted to it allowing department members to breach door handles from a relatively safe distance.
 - c. **Authorized Use:**
Circumstances justifying the use of BP2 NFDD may include, but not be limited to:
 - Barricaded subject and/or hostage situations
 - High-risk warrant services
 - Situations wherein the Incident Commander or on-scene Supervisor deems their use necessary to safely resolve the incident.
 - d. **Expected Lifespan:**
25+ years.
 - e. **Fiscal Impact:**
No fiscal impact is anticipated.
 - f. **Training:**
Special Response Team (SRT) members receive 8-hours of training from certified trainers. Yearly training and qualifications.
 - g. **Legal and Procedural Rules:**
Use is established under WPD's Policy. It is the policy of this agency to utilize these devices only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal

law regarding the use of force, including the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

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

a. Description, quantity, capabilities, and purchase cost:

Defense Technology 11-gram, low roll II, non-reloadable distraction device. Cost: \$48.25 each, Quantity: 44. A Noise Flash Diversionary Device (NFDD) is a device that creates a bright flash and loud sound to temporarily divert the attention of subjects in the immediate area.

b. Purpose:

NFDD are used to distract and temporarily incapacitate dangerous suspects by overwhelming their senses of vision and hearing. The distraction allows officers to seize a moment of opportunity to take control of high-risk situations. They produce atmospheric overpressure and brilliant white light and, as a result, can cause short-term (6 - 8 seconds) physiological/psychological sensory deprivation to give officers a tactical advantage.

c. Authorized Use:

Circumstances justifying the use of flash/sound diversionary devices may include, but not be limited to:

- Barricaded subject and/or hostage situations
- High-risk warrant services
- Discouraging dangerous animals from attacking
- Riotous situations
- Circumstances wherein distraction of violent and/or emotionally disturbed persons and/or those under the influence of alcohol/drugs is believed necessary to facilitate apprehension/custody
- Situations wherein the Incident Commander or on-scene Supervisor deems their use necessary to safely resolve the incident.

d. Expected Lifespan:

5 years

e. Fiscal Impact:

Annual replacement cost varies based on usage for training and critical incidents. On average about \$200 each year.

f. Training:

Special Response Team (SRT) members receive 8-hours of training from certified trainers. Yearly training and qualifications.

g. Legal and Procedural Rules:

Use is established under WPD's Policy. It is the policy of this agency to utilize these devices only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force. WPD Policy 415.

11. Section 12 - Munitions containing tear gas or OC, excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray.**a. Description, quantity, capabilities, and purchase cost:**

Combined Tactical Systems Buffeted Riot CS Smoke. Cost: \$33.49 each. Quantity: 19. The Combined Systems Technology Baffled Riot CS Smoke (Model #5230B) is a pyrotechnic grenade designed for indoor/outdoor use delivering a maximum amount of irritant smoke throughout multiple rooms with minimal risk of fire. It can be hand thrown or launched. CS (2-Chlorobenzylidene Malononitrile) is an irritating agent and lachrymator (irritates the eyes and causes tears to flow).

b. Purpose:

To limit the escalation of conflict where employment of lethal force is prohibited or undesirable.

c. Authorized Use:

Tear gas may be used for crowd control, crowd dispersal or against barricaded suspects based on the circumstances. Only the Incident Commander may authorize the delivery and use of tear gas, and only after evaluating all conditions known at the time and determining that such force reasonably appears justified and necessary.

d. Expected Lifespan:

5 years

e. Fiscal Impact:

Annual replacement cost varies based on usage for training and critical incidents. On average about \$100 each year

f. Training:

Special Response Team (SRT) members receive 8-hours of training from certified trainers. Yearly training and qualifications.

g. Legal and Procedural Rules:

Use is established under WPD's Policy. It is the policy of this agency to utilize chemical agents only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force. WPD Policy 308.

12. Section 12 - Munitions containing tear gas or OC, excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray.**a. Description, quantity, capabilities, and purchase cost:**

Defense Technology Stinger CS Rubber Ball Grenade. Cost: \$47.20. Quantity: 6. Maximum effect device that delivers 4 stimuli for psychological and physiological effects; rubber pellets, light, sound, and CS. CS (2-Chlorobenzylidene Malononitrile) is an irritating agent and lachrymator (irritates the eyes and causes tears to flow).

b. Purpose:

To limit the escalation of conflict where employment of lethal force is prohibited or undesirable. Situations for use of the less lethal weapon systems may include, but are not limited to: Self-destructive, dangerous and/or combative individuals, riot/crowd control and civil unrest incidents, and department training exercises.

c. Authorized Use:

Only SRT members who have received training by certified instructors in the use of chemical agents are authorized to use them. Tear gas may be used for crowd control, crowd dispersal or against barricaded suspects based on the circumstances. Only the Incident Commander may authorize the delivery and use of tear gas, and only after evaluating all conditions known at the time and determining that such force reasonably appears justified and necessary.

d. Expected Lifespan:

5 years

e. Fiscal Impact:

Annual replacement cost varies based on usage for training and critical incidents.

f. Training:

Special Response Team (SRT) members receive 8-hours of training from certified trainers. Yearly training and qualifications.

g. Legal and Procedural Rules:

Use is established under WPD Policy. It is the policy of this agency to utilize chemical agents only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force. WPD Policy 300, 415.

13. Section 14 – Projectile Launch Platforms

a. Description, quantity, capabilities, and purchase cost:

Defense Technology 40MM Tactical Single Shot Launcher. Cost: \$920.65 each. Quantity: 25. The 40MM launchers are a single shot break-open frame launcher with a fixed stock. These launchers are used to launch soft foam projectiles and chemical agent projectiles to resolve critical incidents involving barricaded persons.

b. Purpose:

The launcher is used to launch soft foam projectiles or chemical agent projectiles during high-risk incidents to resolve the conflict with less lethal measures. The soft foam projectiles can be further used to port windows after chemical agents have been deployed. To reduce the potential for violent confrontations. Projectiles, when used properly, are less likely to result in death or serious physical injury and can be used in an attempt to de-escalate a potentially deadly situation.

c. Authorized Use:

Circumstances appropriate for deployment include, but are not limited to, situations in which:

- The suspect is armed with a weapon and the tactical circumstances allow for the safe application of approved munitions.
- The suspect has made credible threats to harm him/herself or others.
- The suspect is engaged in riotous behavior or is throwing rocks, bottles or other dangerous projectiles at people and/or officers.
- There is probable cause to believe that the suspect has already committed a crime of violence and is refusing to comply with lawful orders.

d. Expected Lifespan:

25 years

- e. **Fiscal Impact:**
No annual maintenance. Fiscal impact would be for additional devices or replacement.
- f. **Training:**
Patrol officers utilizing the 40mm launcher are required to attend a 4-hour certified training course.
- g. **Legal and Procedural Rules:**
Use is established under WPD Policy. It is the policy of this agency to utilize 40mm launchers only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force. WPD Policy 308.

14. Section 14 – Projectile Launch Platform and Munition (updated 4/8/22)

- a. **Description, quantity, capabilities and purchase cost:**
Defense Technology, Exact Impact 40 MM Standard Range Sponge Round. Cost: \$26 each. Quantity: 171. This is a point-of-aim, point-of-impact direct-fire round. This lightweight, high-speed projectile consisting of a plastic body and sponge nose that is spin stabilized via the incorporated rifling collar and the 40 mm launcher's rifled barrel. The round utilizes smokeless powder as the propellant, and therefore, have velocities that are extremely consistent.
- b. **Purpose:**
The launcher is used to launch soft foam projectiles during high-risk incidents to resolve the conflict with less lethal measures. The soft foam projectiles can be further used to port windows after chemical agents have been deployed. To reduce the potential for violent confrontations. Projectiles, when used properly, are less likely to result in death or serious physical injury and can be used in an attempt to de-escalate a potentially deadly situation.
- c. **Authorized Use:**
Circumstances appropriate for deployment include, but are not limited to, situations in which:
- The suspect is armed with a weapon and the tactical circumstances allow for the safe application of approved munitions.
 - The suspect has made credible threats to harm him/herself or others.
 - The suspect is engaged in riotous behavior or is throwing rocks, bottles or other dangerous projectiles at people and/or officers.
 - There is probable cause to believe that the suspect has already committed a crime of violence and is refusing to comply with lawful orders.
- d. **Expected Lifespan:**
5 years
- e. **Fiscal Impact:**
Annual replacement cost varies based on usage for training and critical incidents. On average about \$200 each year.
- f. **Training:**
Patrol officers utilizing the 40mm launcher are required to attend a 4-hour certified training course.

g. Legal and Procedural Rules:

Use is established under WPD Policy. It is the policy of this agency to utilize 40mm launchers only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force. WPD Policy 308.

15. Sections 12/14 - Munitions containing tear gas or OC, excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray. Projectile Launch Platforms.

a. Description, quantity, capabilities and purchase cost:

The Ferret 40mm is filled with a CS powder chemical agent. Cost: \$19.66 each Quantity: 15. The frangible projectile that is spin stabilized utilizing barrel rifling. It is non-burning and designed to penetrate barriers. Primarily used to dislodge barricaded subjects.

b. Purpose:

To limit the escalation of conflict where employment of lethal force is prohibited or undesirable.

c. Authorized Use:

The Ferret round may be used against barricaded suspects based on the circumstances. Only the Incident Commander may authorize the delivery and use of Ferret rounds, and only after evaluating all conditions known at the time and determining that such force reasonably appears justified and necessary.

d. Expected Lifespan:

5 years

e. Fiscal Impact:

Annual replacement cost varies based on usage for training and critical incidents. On average about \$60 each year.

f. Training:

Special Response Team (SRT) members receive 8-hours of training from certified trainers. Yearly training and qualifications.

g. Legal and Procedural Rules:

Use is established under WPD's Policy. It is the policy of this agency to utilize chemical agents only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force. WPD Policy 308.

Section Two: Qualifying Equipment to be procured by the Watsonville Police Department

- No anticipated purchases for the remaining fiscal year.