

Law Enforcement Equipment Annual Report

California Assembly Bill 481



CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Police Commission

July 17, 2024



California Assembly Bill 481, codified at Government Code sections 7070-7075, requires law enforcement agencies in California to obtain approval from the applicable governing body, of a Law Enforcement Use of Equipment Policy as specified, by ordinance. An ordinance is legislation that amends municipal codes and makes laws

Defines categories of certain types of law enforcement equipment
Requires California law enforcement agencies to submit a Use Policy relating to the AB 481 defined categories of equipment
Requires governing body review and approval of Use Policy by way of ordinance.
Ordinance was signed by Mayor: December 22, 2022
Ordinance Effective Date: January 22, 2023
Mandates Annual Review by Police Commission and BOS

AB 481 Public Hearings

Between the date of submission in May 2022 and the final approval in December 2022, there were 11 public hearings.

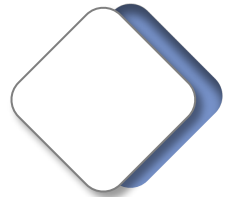
The Department captured over 43 policy recommendations through the public hearing process.

The Department presented to Police Commission in February 2023.

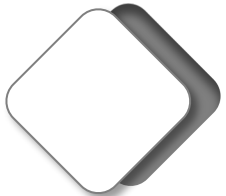
SFPD AB 481 Inventory Categories

Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered ground vehicles
Mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers
Wheeled vehicles that have a breaching or entry apparatus attached
Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate operational control and direction during public safety units
Breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature
Flashbang grenades and pepper balls, excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray
Long-Range Acoustic Device (LRAD)
Specialized firearms less than .50 caliber with the exception of standard issue service weapons
Projectile launch platforms and their associated munitions: 40mm bean bag or rubber bullets

Annual Report Requirements



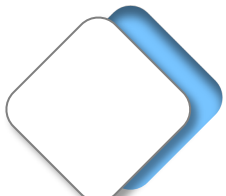
A summary of how the covered equipment was used and purpose of use.



A summary of any complaints or concerns received.



The results of any internal audits, or info about violations of the equipment use policy.



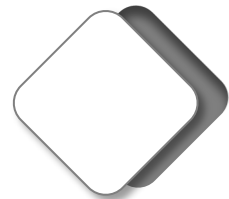
Total annual cost for each type of equipment, including training, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and source of funds.



The quantity possessed for each type of equipment.



SFPD intentions to acquire additional equipment subject to the provisions of AB 481 in the next year, the quantity sought for each type of equipment.



The Department opted to also include information about whether injuries were sustained during the use of each type of equipment.

Why we are here & next steps

- Inaugural Annual Report was publicly posted on SFPD website on June 11, 2024
- Within 30 days of publicly releasing the annual report, SFPD shall have at least one public meeting through the Police Commission where the general public can ask questions regarding the funding, acquisition or use of equipment listed in the report
- The BOS shall determine, based on review of the annual report, whether each type of equipment listed in the use policy complied with the standards set forth in Gov Code 7071(d)
- If BOS determines SFPD has not complied with Gov Code 7071(d) standards, they may vote to disapprove a renewal or require modifications to the use policy
- Department considering holding additional public meetings through Station Captain town halls

Questions?

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