



Military Equipment Report

ATWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Military Equipment Report per CA AB481 and Inventory per CA Gov't Code §7070(c):

Introduction: This report provides an overview of military equipment categorized under California Assembly Bill 481 (AB481), along with our agency's inventory of such equipment. AB481 defines various categories of military equipment subject to additional oversight.

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Categories of Military Equipment per AB481:

1. Unmanned, Remotely Piloted, Powered Aerial or Ground Vehicles
 - **Inventory: N/A, Approved by Council Action 2023 for 2024 deployment**
2. Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected Vehicles or Armored Personnel Carriers
 - **Inventory: N/A**
3. High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV), Trucks, or Wheeled Vehicles with Breaching Apparatus
 - **Inventory: N/A**
4. Tracked Armored Vehicles Providing Ballistic Protection
 - **Inventory: N/A**
5. Command and Control Vehicles for Operational Control
 - **Inventory: 1**
Description: 24 ft. command post/crime scene vehicles
Purpose: Management and coordination of emergency response efforts.
6. Weaponized Aircraft, Vessels, or Vehicles
 - **Inventory: N/A**
7. Explosive Breaching Apparatuses
 - **Inventory: N/A**

8. Firearms and Ammunition of .50 Caliber or Greater

- **Inventory: N/A**

9. Specialized Firearms and Accessories, Inc. Assault Weapons (Category 9)

Description: Firearms and accessories designated as assault weapons under Penal Code. Precision weapons for addressing threats with more precision and/or greater distances.

Inventory: 36 AR-15 Patrol Rifle, Semi-Automatic, Caliber 5.56

- Authorized Users: Members with completed POST certified patrol rifle class.

Inventory: 1 M4 Rifle, Select Fire, Caliber 5.56

- Authorized Users: Members with completed POST certified patrol rifle class and assigned to Merced County SWAT team.

Inventory: 2 Semi-Auto Training Rifles

- Authorized Users: Range and armorer staff for officer and evidence safety training.

Inventory: 1 40mm single shot launcher

- Authorized Users: Members with completed POST certified patrol rifle class

Inventory: 1 37mm single shot launcher

- Authorized Users: Members with completed POST certified patrol rifle class

10. Firearm Accessories Designed to Launch Explosive Projectiles

- **Inventory: N/A**

11. Noise-Flash Diversionary Devices and Explosive Breaching Tools

- **Inventory: N/A**

12. Munitions Containing Tear Gas or OC

- **Inventory: N/A**

13. TASER® Shockwave, Microwave Weapons, Water Cannons, and Long-Range Acoustic Devices

- **Inventory: N/A**

14. Kinetic Energy Weapons and Munitions

Description: Weapons and munitions utilizing kinetic energy for impact.

Inventory: 4 Less Lethal Shotgun.

- Authorized Users: Only members that have completed service training are authorized to use a less lethal shotgun.

15. Other Equipment Determined by Governing Bodies or State Agencies

- Description: Equipment not explicitly listed but deemed to require additional oversight.
- Purpose: Ensuring appropriate use and regulation of specialized equipment.
 - ❖ Maintenance of Military Use Supply Levels: The Department may order up to 50% of stock in a calendar year without city council approval to maintain essential availability for the Department's needs when stocks have reached significantly low levels or have been exhausted.

2023 Deployment of Military Equipment by Outside Agency/Mutual Aid Request

On August 21, 2023, at 1637 hrs. the Atwater Police Department communication center received multiple 911 calls reporting shots being fired near Hemlock Avenue and High Street. Officers at the scene also heard shots from different areas.

In response to the situation, we sought assistance from the Merced County Sheriff's Office, and the following equipment was provided:

1. Lenco Bearcats
2. Drones

These resources were employed in line with our existing guidelines and Policy 710.7, with the goal of ensuring public safety and handling the situation as efficiently as possible.

Conclusion: This report provides a comprehensive overview of military equipment as defined by California Assembly Bill 481, along with our agency's inventory. Adhering to regulations and maintaining appropriate levels of oversight is essential for the responsible use of military equipment in public safety and law enforcement operations.