




**Assembly Bill (AB) 481:
Military Equipment
Funding, Acquisition and
Use**

Item # 7; RTC 22-1582

March 8, 2022

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Why AB 481

- September 30, 2021 – Gov. Newsom signed 8 police reform bills, including Assembly Bill 481: Military Equipment Funding, Acquisition and Use
 - Increase transparency, accountability, oversight for acquisition and use of equipment
 - Provide safeguards to protect public’s welfare, safety, civil rights and liberties

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POST MEETING MATERIAL



AB 481 Requirements

- Post a draft Policy and Department equipment inventory online 30-days prior to a Public meeting
 - Create a Public forum for community input
 - Seek Governing Body approval of a Policy and Ordinance, and prepare an Annual Report to include:
 - how equipment is being used
 - maintenance and use costs
 - internal audits
 - community feedback on use
- * SCPD's first annual report is planned for May 2023*
- AB 481 requires approval for the acquisition of funds associated with “military” equipment

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Community Engagement Activities

- January 10, 2022 – Meeting notice on SCPD website and social media
 - Full text of AB 481
 - AB 481 defined list of military equipment currently in SCPD's possession
 - SCPD's summary of AB 481
 - Draft Lexipol Policy 706
- January 24, 2022 – Chief's Advisory Committee presentation
- February 2, 2022 – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion police subcommittee presentation
- February 7 and 10, 2022 – Distributed reminder of pending meeting on SCPD website and social media
- February 10, 2022 – Virtual Community meeting
- February 28, 2022 – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force meeting
- March 4, 2022 – Publicized details of March 8 City Council meeting
- March 8, 2022 – Present to City Council to gain approval and recommendations

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SCPD's Equipment Inventory

Equipment Category	Item(s)	Funding Source for Acquisition	Prior Council Approval	In Use by SCPD Since
1	Robot and Unmanned Aircraft	Federal grant	Yes	2005
3	Armored Rescue Vehicle	Federal grant	Yes	2010
5	Crisis Negotiation van, SWAT van, Crime Scene Investigation van	Grant, General Fund and City's disposal/reuse program	Yes	2002
7	Breaching equipment	Grant, Asset Forfeiture and General Fund	Yes	2007
10	Rifles, bullets	Grant, Asset Forfeiture and General Fund	Yes	1975
12	Noise flash diversionary device, tear gas and pepperball	Grant, Asset Forfeiture and General Fund	Yes	2000
14	40mm less lethal platform, sponge round	Grant, Asset Forfeiture and General Fund	Yes	1999

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Recommendation

- Waive First Reading and Introduce an Ordinance Approving a Military Equipment Funding, Acquisition and Use Policy Pursuant to Assembly Bill 481; and Note and File Recommendation submitted by the Task Force on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion to Adopt AB481 Policy and Ordinance

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